

Child of an unfortunate race, her life had been spent from early youth, in an unremitted effort to acquire a knowledge of the English language and its literature, for the purpose of enabling her, in conjunction with her brother and sisters, to diffuse civilization and the principles of our Christian faith, among the people of their nation in Canada.

The Reservation where the family reside, is known as The Mohawk Woods, township of Thayendanegea, on the Salmon river, which empties into the bay of Quinte, extending along both sides of that river, twelve miles in length, and eight in width. Although there are many of the Mohawk nation to be found on the other Reservations in Canada, on this one are found exclusively Mohawks of unmixed blood, direct descendants of those who under the influence of the GREAT THAYENDANEGEA, (BRANT,) left the valley of the Mohawk river, soon after the breaking out of the revolutionary war. At that time the mother of this unfortunate girl left Canajoharie, the place of her birth, in company with the rest of her tribe, and has since then lived in Canada, and reared a family; at all times expressing a most ardent wish for the civilization and Christian education of her children. The Indian name of the mother, is the same as that of the youngest daughter—YA-GO-WE-A. At the time of the last departure of her three children from home, they left their aged, and now more than widowed mother, in the care of an elder married sister.

In the efforts of the deceased to acquire an education, she was guided by the encouraging example of her brother and the elder sister. The school which those two attended having been at a distance of eight miles from their home, it was only by daily and constant exertion, fatigue and exposure of health, that they acquired a knowledge sufficient for them to direct their next younger sister, SA-SA-NA, successfully, in her earnest efforts to comprehend the abstruse elementary principles