

PREFACE.

THE lapse of ages has rendered it difficult to trace the origin of the Wyandotts. Nothing now remains to tell whence they came, but a tradition that lives only in the memory of a few among the remnant of this tribe. Of this I will endeavour to give a sketch as I had it from the lips of such, and from some of the tribe who have since passed away.

My sketch reaches back about three centuries and a half, and commences from what is now Montreal.

A remnant of the Hurons or Wyandotts are still living at their ancient homes, within the vicinity of Quebec, and whose ancestors were among the inhabitants of the country along the St. Lawrence, when it was first discovered by the French in the year 1535. Beyond that period all trace of them has been engulfed in the tide of oblivion.

It was in the year 1701 that the first colony of Europeans pitched their tents on the bank of Detroit river, where the city of Detroit now stands, and they were the first French colony the Wyandotts ever met with in this part of the country.

It is no easy task to write a work of this kind, having no chronological guide during the first and second