

heads and completed what rum had begun. After many invectives against the Christians, they concluded that they should not suffer any one thus to prefer their society to that of the real Iroquois ; that it was a slur on the whole nation, and that Stephen must be compelled to return to the village, or be tomahawked if he refused, in order to intimidate any who might be tempted to follow his example.

Immediately three gave chase to the neophyte, whom they soon overtook, and approached, tomahawk in hand. "Retrace your steps," they cried, "and follow us; you die if you resist; we have the orders of the sachems to tomahawk you." The generous Christian meekly replied that they were masters of his life; but that he preferred losing it to risking his faith and his salvation; that he was going to Sault Saint Louis, resolved to end his days there, if he was so happy as to reach it. As he saw that after this distinct statement, these brutes prepared to kill him, he begged them to give him a few moments to pray. They granted his request, and the holy young man kneeling down tranquilly offered up his devotions. He thanked God for the grace bestowed on him of dying a Christian and a martyr; he prayed for his infidel relations, and especially for those who now turned his executioners, and who that very instant clove open his head. These details were learned from some Mohawks, who subsequently came to settle at Sault Saint Louis.

HEROIC ACTION OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

I close by a trait well adapted to show with what fervor God was served by the Iroquois of Sault Saint Louis. Paul, one of these Indians, had a daughter who passed among the Indians for a beauty; his wife, no less virtuous than himself, begged him to join her in asking God to deprive their child of an advantage which might imperil her innocence. He consented with joy; they joined in prayer and were heard. A cataract formed in one of their daughter's eyes, deforming her greatly. She soon after became consumptive, and died at the age of seventeen, in her mother's arms, exhorting her with her last breath to persevere in the faith. Her virtuous parents, deeming her salvation assured by such a holy death, rendered sincere thanksgiving to God.