

in all haste, while there was a hope that he would not be sustained by the other cantons. Accordingly, so many detachments were sent out, that they finally succeeded in inspiring those savages with alarm ; and nothing, perhaps, contributed to this more than the exploit of an Algonquin squaw of Sylleri. She was in the field with her husband and children, when five Mohawks suddenly started up, rushed on her unsuspecting husband, and bound him. The children were too small to escape, and for the same reason they neglected to bind the woman. The Mohawks paid dearly for this confidence. At a moment when they least expected it, the courageous Christian seized a hatchet, drove it into the head of the chief of the party, and then tomahawked another who ran up to his assistance. The remaining three, astonished at such boldness, at once fled, leaving our heroine with her husband, whose bonds she cut, and her children, whom she took back in triumph to the village.<sup>1</sup>

These reverses disgusted the Mohawks. They once more solicited peace, and this time without any restriction ; and as they were very earnest to have a missionary, and Father le Moyne still more earnest to obtain permission to go among them, their wishes were gratified.<sup>2</sup> The missionary was well received, and this was sufficient to convince him that the Mohawks really wished to live on good terms with all the world. He was not disabused, even after one of these savages, taking the part of a maniac or possessed person, ran the whole night long through the various cabins, tomahawk in hand, yelling that he meant to kill Ondesson. This was the missionary's Iroquois name, and had been borne by Father Jogues before him.<sup>3</sup>

This madman would, apparently, have carried out his threat, had he found minds at all disposed to approve it ; but

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<sup>1</sup> Copie de deux Lettres, 1655, p. 2 ; Creuxius, Hist. Canad., p. 743.

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<sup>3</sup> Ondessonk : Relation, 1639, p. 53.

It was also the Huron name of Tessouat or le Borgne de l'Isle : Relation, 1637, p. 146.