

ory is still in benediction. Father Dablon had but just arrived from France, and rapidly acquired a high reputation for wisdom and virtue. These two laborers set out from Quebec, September 19, 1655, with the deputies of Onondaga who had come to invite them, attended by a great number of Indians of the same nation. They did not even wait till they reached their missionary destination before commencing the labors of the apostolate.¹

The first deputy was accompanied by his wife, who was extremely delighted with all that she saw among the Christians, especially in the two communities of nuns. She incessantly questioned Father Chaumonot as to our ceremonies and mysteries. Seven or eight Iroquois united with her to receive instructions. They were touched by the missionary's words, and on reaching their country were in a condition to receive baptism, which was administered to them with great pomp. What the examples of French piety had produced in the heart of the Iroquois woman just mentioned, the fervor and zeal of the Huron captives produced in the different towns in which they had been dispersed, and the missionaries everywhere found a sincere appreciation of Christianity and hearts disposed to embrace it.²

They reached that canton on the 5th of November, and they had every reason to augur well for the future from the reception extended to them in the principal town. The presents which they bore, in the name of Mr. de Lauzon, were accepted with respect, and presents delivered in return.³ A site was then assigned to the missionaries for a residence; and as soon as they were lodged, the Fathers

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a mission.

¹ Copie de deux Lettres, p. 3; Relation de la N. F., 1656, p. 7; Creuxius, Historia Canadensis, p. 748.

² They set out from Quebec, Sept. 19, 1655; left Montreal, Oct. 7; and reached Onondaga, Nov. 5: Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1656, pp. 7-12. This full diary is in English

in the N. Y. Documentary History, i. The woman referred to is Teotonharason: Relation, 1656, pp. 15, 23; Creuxius, Hist. Canad., p. 761; Lettres Historiques, p. 241.

³ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1656, p. 15; Creuxius, Historia Canadensis, p. 761.