

1667. he found the Hurons: and although he was extremely fatigued with a journey of five hundred leagues that he had made with two Indians, he at once put his hand to the work, and had the consolation of not laboring in vain.¹ Thence he resumed his course to Chagoimigon, and having formed the design of establishing a fixed mission here, he joined a great convoy of Ottawas, who were going to carry their furs to Montreal: thence he proceeded to Quebec, where he arrived in the month of August of the following year.²

He remained there only two days, and set out again with Father Louis Nicolas, whom he had induced to accompany him and share the hardships of his painful mission, a brother, and four mechanics. At Montreal they found the Ottawas, who were about to depart; but when they proposed to embark, these savages would receive into their canoes only the two missionaries, who did not hesitate to abandon themselves into their hands, alone, without provisions, without any prospect of deriving aid from their conductors, and with little to rely upon but Providence. We shall see in due time the result of their voyage.³

Missionaries among the Iroquois.

Meanwhile, the Iroquois cantons of Mohawk and Oneida had at last deemed that the wisest course for them was to make terms with the French. Soon after the departure of the Marquis de Tracy, they sent to Mr. de Courcelles deputies, who made their submission to that general, and solicited missionaries.⁴ He obtained this favor for them,

¹ He set out May 6, 1667, and reached the Nipissing town on the lake, June 3: Relation de la N. F., 1667, pp. 25-6.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1667, p. 26, though Le Mercier, in his Journal, says Aug. 4: M. Marie de l'Incarnation, Lettres, p. 621.

³ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1667, p. 26. Father Louis Nicolas entered the Society of Jesus, in the province of Toulouse, Sept. 16, 1654;

arrived in Canada May 1, 1664; labored in the West and in New York, and returned to France in 1675: Martin in Carayon, Documents Inédits, xiv., p. 115.

⁴ The deputies arrived July 6, and made their presents on the 8th: Le Mercier, Journal. They were received by de Tracy (Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1667, p. 28), who did not sail till August 28: Le Mercier, Journal.