

we have seen them exercise against pastors and their flocks. Yet it was in this very canton that the Gospel made most rapid progress and the most abundant harvest. A church was soon beheld there composed of fervent neophytes, who subsequently founded those flourishing missions at Sault St. Louis¹ and the Mountain,² so fruitful in saints, and from which the colony has derived such great advantage. To conclude, it was this same canton that gave to New France the Genevieve of North America, that illustrious Catharine Tegahkouita, whom Heaven continues for nearly seventy years to render illustrious by miracles, whose authenticity will bear the test of the most severe and critical scrutiny.³

1668.

Iroquois
missions in
Canada.

The Oneidas were then much less docile than the Mohawks; and the Cayugas, who had till then appeared so well disposed, corresponded but poorly to the care bestowed by Father Stephen de Carheil to Christianize them. They treated him, however, very well, and rendered justice to his superior talents and eminent virtue. Nothing shows more clearly that the holiest men, most estimable for personal qualities, are in God's hand but instruments with which he can dispense, and mere useless servants, than what befell this missionary, whom I left at Quebec in 1721,⁴ full of vigor and vivacity. He had sacrificed the greatest talents which can do honor to a man of his profession;

Character
and
opinions of
Father de
Carheil.

¹ This mission was founded at L'aprairie, opposite Montreal, in 1670 (Rel. 1671, p. 12), and removed in 1676 to Sault St. Louis or Caughnawaga, below the rapids.

² The mission of the Mountain was founded in 1677, by Mr. Belmont, of St. Sulpice, and was removed to Sault au Recollet in 1704, and to the Lake of the Two Mountains in 1720.

³ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1669, p. 26; 1670, p. 23, &c.; 1671, p. 13; 1672, p. 18; Vie de la Bonne Catherine, MS.; Cholenec, Lettres

Edifiantes; Kip, Jes. Missions, p. 115; De la Potherie, Hist. de l'Amérique Septentrionale, i., p. 351.

⁴ Father Stephen de Carheil was born at Vienne, Nov. 20, 1633, entered the Society of Jesus, Aug. 30, 1652, arrived in Canada Aug. 6, 1666. He labored first at the Huron mission, then at Cayuga from 1668 to 1684, then on the Ottawa mission till the early part of the next century. He wrote treatises on the Huron and Iroquois languages. He died in Canada July 27, 1726; Carayon, Documents Inédits, xiv.