

should give the departed their tears, without disturbance, a friendship which was founded on religion alone. 1690.

The Great Mohawk was not less deplored by the French than by his countrymen, and it was the missionaries who most of all regretted this loss. This neophyte was himself a zealous missionary; and, on the plan which he adopted, would perhaps, had his life been spared a few years, have converted his whole canton. His conversion to Christianity had been the work of God alone. He did not yet know any Jesuit, and had scarcely heard our religion spoken of, when, by an impulse over which he seemed to have no control, he felt moved to visit his brethren, who had settled at La Prairie de la Magdeleine. Yet he would not go alone: he imparted his design to several Mohawks, and as many as fifty volunteered to accompany him.<sup>1</sup>

They were extremely surprised to see their countrymen transformed, so to speak, into other men; all that they observed in the town charmed them, and they declared that they would not leave it. They were instructed; the word of God found in them docile hearts, and they were baptized. Their example and words drew many others; and the Great Mohawk, especially, was so penetrated with the holy fire that makes apostles, that, down to his death, he never ceased laboring to obtain adorers for the true God. Heaven blessed his labors, even beyond his hopes. Yet with this he ever maintained the high reputation he had acquired in war; and it was out of esteem for his personal merit, and still more for his virtue, that the French gave him the name, under which alone he is known, in the memoirs of that period.

The Abénaquis and Algonquins, whose error had such fatal results, had quite recently arrived from Acadia, where they had been greatly distinguished in an expedition, no

<sup>1</sup> De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, i., pp. 271-347-9; *Relation de la N. F.*, 1672-3, (De la Potherie, p. 347), and is p. 53;—1673-9, p. 142; *Mission de St. Xavier des Près.*, 1674, Ms.; accounts.