

learned, from some of our men who had been among the Hurons, that at least one of these lads had an excellent disposition, and that, up yonder in his own country, he was a frequent visitor at our house or cabin. For although we are very glad to get Seminarists, yet, as we cannot keep a great many of them, it is expedient not to take any of bad temper. This is what caused us to refuse one who presented himself very willingly; but, as *Teouatirhon* warned us secretly that he was at times possessed by some demon, or a sort of black melancholy, we dismissed him, lest he might have a bad influence on the others.

Besides these young plants, came two others from the village of *Teanosteal*. But alas! the poor children were captured on the way, [230 i.e., 226] with their parents, by their cruel enemies, the Hiroquois. When I saw them pictured among the number of captives, as I shall relate in the journal, it made my heart bleed.

At the time when I write this we are expecting three others from *Ossosandué* [*Ossossané*], and five or six from various other places, all of whom have given their word to our Fathers. Indeed, even the Chief of *Khiondaësahan*,⁷ seeing that the boys from various places were preparing to come and live with the French, told Father Pierre Pijart that he wished to participate in this movement, and that he would send us boys from his village. An old proverb says that "misfortune is good for something;" the Epidemic and the mortality itself — and perhaps even the report of war, which will, perchance, prevent these people from coming down and from bringing their children to the Seminary — will be a bene-