

locations at least every ten years. These two nations term each other "brother" and "sister," in the councils and assemblies. They are the [6] most populous, through having, in the course of time, adopted more families; and as these adopted families always retain the names and memories of their founders, they are still distinct little Nations in those where they have been adopted,—preserving thereof the general name, and community of some minor special interests, together with a dependence upon their two special Captains, one of war and the other of council, to whom the public affairs of their community are reported.

But let us come to the name "Huron," applied originally to these principal nations of whom we have just spoken.

It is about forty years since these peoples for the first time resolved to seek some safe route by which to come themselves, and trade with the French, of whom they had some knowledge,—particularly through the reports of some of their number, who, going to engage in war against their enemies, had occasionally been at the place where the French were at that time trading with the other barbarians of these countries. Arriving at the French settlement, some Sailor or Soldier seeing for the first time this [7] species of barbarians, some of whom wore their hair in ridges,—a ridge of hair one or two fingers wide appearing upon the middle of their heads, and on either side the same amount being shaved off, then another ridge of hair; others having one side of the head shaved clean, and the other side adorned with hair hanging to their shoulders,—this fashion of wearing the hair making their heads look to him