

CHAP. X.

OF THE MISSION SURNAMED "OF THE APOSTLES," TO
THE KHIONONTATERONONS.

THE Khionontateronons, who are called "the nation of the Tobacco," from the abundance of that plant there, are distant from the country of the Hurons — whose language they speak — about twelve or fifteen leagues toward the West. These nations formerly waged cruel wars against one another; but they are now on very good terms, and have recently renewed their alliance, and made a new confederation against some other peoples, their common enemies.

We have taken this opportunity to announce the gospel to them, and to plant there, if we can, the standard of Jesus Christ. [165] This, which we have named the mission of the Apostles, has been the fifth of our missions. The lot for it fell to Father Charles Garnier and to Father Isaac Jogues. Here are the names which they have given to nine villages that they have encountered there: saint Pierre and saint Paul,⁶ saint André, saint Jacques, saint Thomas, saint Jean, saint Jacques and saint Philippe, saint Barthelemy, saint Matthieu, saint Simon and saint Jude.

This mission has been the richest of all, since the crosses and the sufferings have been most abundant therein. Here is what our Fathers write to me of their beginnings in it.

"Here we have at last arrived, thank God, at the