

CHAPTER V.

OF THE MISSION OF THE APOSTLES TO THE KHIONONTATEHRONONS OR TOBACCO NATION.

FATHER Charles Garnier and Father Pierre Pijart have had care of this Mission, in the instruction of which they have neglected nothing that could be expected of good workers. The difficulties are so much the greater in this Mission, as this Nation is not of the number of those that go down for the Huron trade,—those who claim the trade for themselves not permitting it, as we have already said. This causes them to look upon us as strangers, and as persons with [40] whom they have no connection. But, besides the ordinary calumnies of those among whom we live, which fill their ears and minds continually, they look upon us only with an eye suspicious of some misfortune that we have come to bring them; for which reason, they put forthwith a bad construction on everything that they see us do, and above all on the most holy acts; nevertheless they bring forward no other motive for their mistrust, than the cause that the Hurons give them for it by their conversation.

In order to soothe and calm these minds, we judged it would be fitting that the Fathers when they went on their Mission this year, should do their best to hold there some general meeting of the chief men of the country, in order duly to inform them of our intentions. And since they saw no better means