

a stone he was holding in his right hand. I do not know what prevented the harm he desired to do; however this latter, perceiving that his act had not succeeded as he had expected, ran for a hatchet and raised it to let it fall upon the Father. But at this point, Father Daniel, his companion, and a few Hurons came in haste and kept back the arm and the blow. One of our Christians in this village, seeing Father Chaumonot in this condition, undertook to care for him and to heal him. Having actually found only a bruise and swelling in the injured part, he scarified it with a stone, breathed thereon, and moistened it with saliva; then he applied to it the gum of certain roots, by which he was enabled to return to us the next day. As for the murderer, the punishment which [86] followed him was, that some of his nearest relatives told him that he had no sense. We beseech our Lord to become the Father of these poor blind creatures, and that they may at last be his heirs, and our fellow heirs and brothers.