

## CHAPTER V.

OF THE MISSION OF SAINT MICHEL AMONG THE  
TAHONTAENRAT.

LAST year we received the first news from Quebec through two Hurons who, after wintering there, returned up here at the end of the spring, landed at our doors, and handed us some packages of letters that they had saved from a wreck in which they lost all their own property. "But," they said, "we have not lost what we value more than our property and our lives. Father Brebeuf has been our master. The Faith has found [94] entrance to our hearts. The examples of the French and converted Algonquins that we have seen; the zeal and charity of those holy women, the Nuns; the love borne to the Christians by the French Captains, and by those women of great courage who have crossed the seas to hasten the moment of our conversion; the support that Onontio gives to the Faith" (that is, Monsieur de Montmagny, our Governor) "and the esteem that he manifests for it above all things; his virtue, that we saw as often as his face,—all these," said they, "are proofs which have compelled us to admit that the truths announced to us by so many people deserve above all things to be adored; and that the God of the Christians must, in truth, be all-powerful, since so many persons of merit exert themselves so holily in his service. In a word," they