

## [74] CHAPTER VII.

## OF THE MISSION TO THE TIONNONTATEHERONNONS.

“THE Tionnontateheronnons of the present day are the same people who were formerly called the Hurons of the tobacco nation. They, like the rest, were forced to leave their country to escape from the Hydroquois, and to retire to the head of this great Lake, where distance and scarcity of game furnish them an asylum against their foes.

“They formerly constituted a part of the flourishing Church of the Hurons, and had as Pastor the late Father Garnier, who gave his life so courageously for his dear flock; [75] therefore they cherish his memory with very marked veneration.

“Since their country's downfall, they have received no Christian nurture; whence it results that they are Christians rather by calling than by profession. They boast of that fair name, but the intercourse which they have so long had with infidels has nearly effaced from their minds all vestiges of Religion, and has made them resume many of their former customs. Their village is at no great distance from our abode, which has enabled me to apply myself to this Mission with greater assiduity than to the other more distant ones.

“I have, accordingly, tried to restore this Church to its pristine state by [76] Preaching the word of God, and administering the Sacraments. I conferred Baptism upon a hundred children during the first winter