

MISSION AMONG THE IROQUOIS CALLED SONNON-
TOUANS.

FATHERS Pierron, Raffeix, and Garnier, who labor in three different villages, are compelled, as it were, ever to bear their lives in their hands; for they are in almost continual danger of being murdered by those barbarians.

In fact, since the Sonnontouans have utterly defeated the Andastogués, their ancient and most redoubtable foes, their insolence knows no bounds; they talk of nothing but renewing the war against our allies, and even against the French, and of beginning by the destruction of fort Catarokoui. Not long ago, they had resolved to break Father Garnier's head, by making him pass for a sorcerer.

He who was to strike the blow was not only designated, but was also paid for it; and we would no longer have had that missionary, had not God preserved him by a very special providence.

All these insolent acts do not prevent the Fathers from performing their duties with heads erect; or from teaching in the cabins and in their chapels, wherein they have baptized over one hundred persons within a year; and they find that fifty, both children and adults, die each year after baptism.

Nevertheless, if those barbarians take up arms against us, as they threaten to do, our Missions are in great danger of being either ruined or at least interrupted while the war lasts.