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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 10 requesting references to works on the Iroquois Indians, I would recommend that you consult the papers by J. N. B. Hewitt in the Twenty-first and Forty-third Annual Reports of the Bureau and the article "Iroquois" and the related articles under the several tribal names in the Handbook of American Indians, Bulletin 30 of the Bureau. For early sources, we would suggest the works of Cartier, Champlain, Charlevoix, Lafitau, LaHontan, and the Jesuit Relations. An index to the latter work entitled "The Indians of North America, from 'The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents...1610-1791, edited by R. G. Thwaites,'" was compiled and edited by Edna Kenton and published in two volumes by Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1927.

The classic work is "The League of the Ho-de-no-sau-nee, or Iroquois", by Lewis H. Morgan, Rochester, New York; and Boston, 1851 (reprinted New York, 1904). We would also suggest "A History of the New York Iroquois" by William M. Beauchamp, Bulletin 78 of the New York State Museum, Albany, 1905; "The Iroquois" by B. Quain in "Cooperation and Competition among Primitive Peoples" by Margaret Mead, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York and London, 1937; papers by Arthur C. Parker in Bulletins 144, 163 and 235 of the New York State Museum, Albany, 1910, 1913 and 1920; and "Outline of Seneca Ceremonies" by William N. Fenton, New Haven, 1936.

A good map and sources for westward Iroquois conquests following 1670 will be found in "Indian Tribes of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes" by Emma H. Blair, Cleveland, 1911-12.

Very truly yours,

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