

on whom the storm fell.¹ On his return from Sault Ste. Marie he had received orders to go down to Quebec, for a matter which admitted of no delay.² He was not ignorant of the dangers that beset the way; he obeyed, nevertheless, without a reply, and embarking on the 13th of June, 1642, he arrived at Quebec, without any untoward circumstance. On the 1st of August³ he set out to return, with a convoy of thirteen canoes, well armed, and manned by brave men.

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Several are
taken by
the Iro-
quois.

The strength of this escort was, apparently, the cause of its ruin, by inspiring all in it with overweening confidence. It was afterwards ascertained, from the letters of Father Jogues, that the chiefs of this band, which consisted mostly of Christians or proselytes, thought far less of guarding against any sudden attack of the enemy, than of exhorting their men to suffer for Christ; and most of them manifested sentiments which filled him with confusion. The wonder is that they persevered till death in these heroic dispositions. It is not astonishing that He, who can turn even crime to good, sometimes, for his own glory, permits men to stray from the laws of prudence.

Be that as it may, the Hurons were not more than fifteen or sixteen leagues from Quebec,⁴ when, on the day after

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1642, p. 2.

² The main authority for the captivity of Father Jogues is his Latin letter, of Aug. 5, 1643, written at Rensselaerswyck. It is published in Alegambe, *Mortes Illustres*, and in Tanner, *Societas Militans*, p. 511, although with variations from a sworn copy of the original, preserved at Montreal. It is given by Father Bressani, in Italian, in his *Breve Relatione*, p. 77; in French, in Martin's Bressani, p. 188; and in English, in the Jogues Papers (N. Y. Historical Society Coll., series II., vol. ii.), and Shea's *Perils of the Ocean and Wilderness*, p. 16. Not to mul-

tiply citations, the references will be to Tanner, except where the manuscript differs. Besides this paper, which the Relations give in substance only, there are letters and accounts in those volumes, and a narrative from his lips, by Father Buteux, still unpublished. Creuxius (*Historia Canadensis*) gives Jogues' captures and sufferings, pp. 338-54, 378-93.

³ Aug. 2, according to the letter of Aug. 5, 1643, MS. (see Martin's Bressani, p. 190); although the Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1647, p. 18, says they left Three Rivers Aug. 1.

⁴ From Three Rivers: Mary of the Incarn., letter Sept. 29, 1642.