1642.   of the maxim so universally received, that " misery loves company."

How all are treated. The first thing the captors did, when they no longer feared pursuit, was to inform their prisoners not to expect any quarter. Couture, at the commencement of the attack,[1] having killed an Iroquois, was a marked man, and the first to feel the rage of the savages. They first crushed all his fingers, after tearing out the nails with their teeth. Then they ran a sword through his right hand. Father Jogues could not behold him mutilated in this way without being moved to his heart's core; he ran to embrace the young man, and as he wished to encourage him by the thought of the eternal truths, he found him in sentiments which charmed him, and more absorbed, he says, in his Saviour's sufferings than in his own.

At that moment three or four Iroquois, rushing with a kind of fury on the missionary, rained down on his head and naked body—for they had begun by stripping all the prisoners—so many blows with their clubs and stones, that they thought they had killed him. He lay for a considerable time, indeed, senseless. He had scarcely begun to recover when they tore out all his nails and gnawed off his two forefingers with their teeth.[2] Another Frenchman, named René Goupil, quite an able surgeon, who had been recently received by the Jesuits as a brother,[3] was treated in the same way; but nothing was done, that day, to the other prisoners.

Some time after the booty was divided, and the captives, twenty-two in number, were also distributed, contrary to custom; this allotment being generally made in the village from which the war-party sets out. At last they took up

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[1] He killed a great chief, on his way back to join the missionary : Relation de la N. F., 1647, p. 19.

[2] Tanner, p. 513.

[3] Jogues (Notice sur René Goupil, p. 23) says he was a native of Angers, had entered the novitiate of the Society, but was forced by ill health to leave. He then came to Canada and became a *donné* of the mission. He had some surgical knowledge, which proved useful.