

told his master that if he kept René he would kill the whole village with his spells.

1642.

Father Jogues, who had admired his virtue in life, did not scruple to invoke him, after so precious a death, as a confessor of Christ. He even expected to share his crown. He witnessed the execution, and not doubting but that they had also resolved to make way with him, he was about to kneel at the murderer's feet to receive his death-blow in that posture; but the Indian bade him rise, because, though he deemed him as guilty as his comrade, he had no power of life or death over him. The apostolic man, again disappointed in his hope of martyrdom, thought thence forward only of sanctifying his chains, and rendering his bondage useful to those who had done him so much evil.¹

At first he was rather closely watched, but in the sequel he had a little more liberty, and he even traversed, unopposed by his master, the whole Mohawk canton in which he was, and the only one which, till then, had openly declared against us. In one of his excursions an event occurred which gave him great consolation. As he went from cabin to cabin, in a village near his own, to see whether he could find any dying children on whom he could confer baptism, he heard a voice at a distance calling him; he ran to the spot, and entering the cabin from which the sound came, he beheld a sick man, who looked at him steadily and asked whether the missionary did not recognize him. He replied that he did not recollect having seen him. "And I," said the Indian, "recognize you well. Do you recollect the day when you were hung up by the arms with ropes, that cut deep into you and gave you such intense pain?" "I remember it well," replied the missionary. "And I," continued the Indian, "was the one who took pity on you and cut you down."²

Father Jogues profits by his captivity to make the true God known to the Iroquois. Wonderful conversions.

¹ Jogues, *Novum Belgium* . . . et Notice sur René Goupil, pp. 22-44; Tanner, p. 518. René was killed on St. Michael's day, Sept. 29.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1647, p. 32; 1643, p. 81; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 381.