

1643. presents and put in the hands of an Abénaquis, who led him back to his village.<sup>1</sup>

This man not only avowed openly his obligations to the French, but also induced his tribe to send and ask Father Jogues from the Mohawks. Deputies were appointed, who supported their request with presents. These deputies were well received and their presents accepted. They, in fact, no longer doubted the success of their negotiation, because there is nothing more sacred among the Indians than the obligation incurred by such an acceptance. Nevertheless, when the time came for explanation, the Mohawks declared bluntly that they were determined not to restore the missionary to liberty.<sup>2</sup>

He learns  
that his  
death is de-  
cided.

About the month of July, this same year, the village where the servant of God was sent off a large party to fish. He had changed masters, and was now in the hands of an old woman, on whose treatment he had reason to congratulate himself. As she resolved to go with the party, he was obliged to attend her. He had scarcely reached the destination, when he heard that some Huron prisoners had been brought down to the village he had left, and burned. He experienced a poignant grief at having been unable to be present and attend them in death; and fearful that the scene should be renewed in his absence, he sought and obtained permission to return.<sup>3</sup>

On his way he passed a Dutch settlement, which he entered, and was there assured that he would be infallibly burned on his arrival in the village. The proof alleged for this was the fact, that an Iroquois party having been again repulsed at Fort Richelieu, this check was attributed to him; because a Huron had deserted from that party

<sup>1</sup> Relation de la N. F. 1643, pp. 44, 77. The Sokokiois (Soquakiaks, those of the Southernland), were an Algonquin tribe, lying between the Mohegans and the Abénakis. The Connecticut (Kunateguk, Longriver) is styled by Druilletes (Narré du Voyage) the river of the Sokokis, Maurault, Hist. des Ab., p. 5, 132.

<sup>2</sup> Relation de la N. F., 1643, p. 77.

<sup>3</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1467, p. 33; 1643, p. 75.