

confused noise of people running in all directions, exclaiming, "They are killing us!" There was scarcely anybody in the village at the time but old men, women, and children. The enemy, informed of this, had made his approach by night, and attacked at daybreak. At the first alarm given by the cries of the dying, the chapel was deserted. The priest had time only to terminate the sacrifice, lay aside the sacerdotal vestments, shut them up with the sacred vessels, and run to the quarter from which the cries proceeded.¹

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A Huron town destroyed by the Mohawks.

No sooner had he reached it than the most sad and painful spectacle met his eyes: his beloved neophytes massacred unresistingly; the enemy, like a pack of famished wolves who find a sheepfold open, giving no quarter to the most tender age or feeble sex; old men, almost decrepit, gathering a remnant of strength from despair, fighting with no probability of success; no one able to make sufficient effort to arrest the first onset of the assailants. He approached those who seemed disposed to die, at least, with arms in their hands, and warned them that these enemies, who could deprive them of bodily life, had no power over their souls, and that eternity depended on their dying in the sentiments which he had so often inculcated upon them.²

He beheld himself at the same time surrounded by women and children, whom they pursued, tomahawk in hand, and who conjured him to take pity on them. Pagans even, whose obstinacy he had failed to overcome, threw themselves at his feet, and implored baptism.

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1649, p. 3; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 525; Gobat, *Narratio Historica eorum quæ Societas Jesu in Nova Francia, fortiter egit et passa est, anno M.DC.XLIIX. & XLIX*, Oeniponti, 1650, p. 13; *Memoires touchant les Vertus des Pères de Noue, Jogues, Daniel, etc.*, MS.; Let-

tre du P. Ragueneau in Carayon, *Documents Inédits*, xii., pp. 240-3; Bressani, *Breve Relazione*, p. 105; Tanner, *Societas Militans*, p. 673; Alegambe, *Mortes Illustres*, p. 642; Chaumonot, *Autobiographie*, New York, 1858, p. 59.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1649, p. 3.