

speech by this last stroke, maintained an assured countenance, and so firm a look, that he still seemed to give the law to his enemies. A moment after, his companion was brought to him in a state capable of moving a heart like his, as tender and compassionate for others' ills as he was insensible to his own. The young religious had been first stripped naked, and then, after being tortured for a time, had been wrapped from head to foot in fir-bark, to which they now prepared to set fire.

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As soon as he perceived the frightful condition to which Father de Brebeuf had been reduced, he shuddered, then addressed him in the words of the apostle: "We have been made a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men" (1 Col. iv. 9). Father de Brebeuf replied by a gentle inclination of the head; and at that moment Father Lallemant, finding himself alone, ran to throw himself at his feet, respectfully kissed his wounds, and conjured him to redouble his prayers to the Almighty, in order to obtain for him patience and faith, which, as he added with much confusion, he saw every moment at the point of escaping him. He was instantly seized again, and fire applied to the bark with which he was covered.¹

His executioners stopped for a time to enjoy the pleasure of seeing him burn slowly, and hear the sighs and groans which he could not help uttering. Then they left him for a season to heat hatchets red-hot, and making them into a collar, placed them on the neck of Father de Brebeuf. But this new torture did not shake the holy martyr's constancy more than the others had done; and as the savages sought some new torment, to endeavor to crush a courage which maddened them, an apostate Huron cried out to pour boiling water on the heads of the two

¹ Both were enveloped in bark, which was set on fire: Relation, 1649, p. 14; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, pp. 539, 540. Some of the details here given as to Father Lale-

mant do not appear in the Relations. The news of the death of Daniel, Brebeuf, and Lallemant reached Quebec, July 20. 1649: Journal of the Superior.