

numerous Christian congregation there; but two days before, the latter had been called elsewhere, and Father Garnier remained alone. He was actually visiting the cabins, when the Iroquois raised the warwhoop. Seeing at a glance that all was lost, he first ran to the chapel, which he found full of panic-stricken Christians. He told these that there was no safety except in flight. He exhorted them to lose no time in bootless deliberation or unavailing tears. He said that he would himself go and die to facilitate their escape, and that as long as he had a breath of life he would not abandon those who should need his ministry; and he begged them never to forget the lessons he had given them.¹

1649.
Their town
is destroyed
by the Iro-
quois.

He immediately went out and returned to the cabins, some of which were already on fire. He baptized all the catechumens whom he met, and at last reached the open square, where naught but dead and wounded were to be seen. Some implored him to retire, but this counsel he utterly rejected. He remained amid the carnage, animating his beloved neophytes by his presence and words to die well. The Iroquois seemed for a time to admire and respect him; but at last one of the savages discharged his musket at him. One ball entered the lower part of his chest; the other, grazing the belly, sank into his thigh. He at once fell senseless, and his murderer, believing him dead, stripped him. Recovering some time after, and hearing no one near, he raised his head; and perceiving, some ten paces from him, a Huron who was breathing his last, he made an effort to rise and go to absolve him, but he fell instantly. Again he rose, but he was unable to take a step; and at that moment an Iroquois ran up, who twice sank his tomahawk into his vitals, and he expired on the spot, in the act, and, so to say, on the very bosom, of charity.²

Heroic
death of
Father Gar-
nier.

1650 (p. 8) make the error of the Petuns to have been in not waiting.

Creuxius, *Hist. Canad.*, p. 564; Bresani, *Breve Relatione*, p. 114.

¹ *Relation de la N. F.*, 1650, p. 9;

² *Relation de la Nouvelle France*,