

of having killed him, either to secure his effects, or out of mere hatred to religion.¹

While the Iroquois were thus desolating the Huron church, a new storm, excited by Hurons themselves, had well-nigh swept away the remaining pastors, and with them all hope of any restoration of Christianity. Idolaters of that nation, which still formed the majority in a town to which the missionaries had given the name of St. Matthew, concluding that the only means of putting an end to their misfortunes was to rid themselves of the preachers of the gospel, resolved on the step. The better to carry out their design, they undertook to bring Christians into it, and with this view declared that they had seen belts, sent by the governor-general of the French to the Iroquois cantons, to urge them to drive the Hurons to extremity—assuring them that the missionaries who were among them would deliver the Hurons up into their hands.²

After what had occurred, the calumny had not even a show of probability. But is this always required of

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untutored Indian with a sense of his more than ordinary holiness. After his arrival in Canada, in 1636, he was at once sent to Upper Canada, and spent all the rest of his life on the Huron mission, entirely disengaged from earthly things, and devoted to his great work: Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, pp. 567-73; Bressani, *Breve Relatione*, p. 114; *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1650, pp. 9-15; Tanner, *Societas Militans*, p. 539; *Memoires sur les Vertus*, MS.; *Lettres Inédites du P. Charles Garnier*, MS.; Alegambe, *Heroes*, p. 659; Drews' *Fasti*, iv., p. 295; Chaumonot, *Autobiographie*; *Eulogium P. C. Garnier*, 1649, MS.; Ragueneau, *Vie de la M. Catherine de St. Augustin*, p. 54. His Indian name was Ouracha.

¹ This missionary was, as subsequently proved, killed by Louis Honareenhax, a Huron apostate: Ragueneau, *Mémoires sur les Vertus*, etc. Father Natalis Chabanel was a native of the south of France, born in 1613. He entered the Society of Jesus at the age of seventeen. He was sent to Canada in 1643, and labored among Hurons and Algonquins—overcoming an intense repugnance to the Indians and their life: *Relation de la Nouv. France*, 1650, p. 16; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, pp. 573-8; Bressani, *Breve Relatione*, p. 115; Martin's edition, p. 275; Ragueneau, *Vie de la M. Catherine de St. Augustin*, p. 54.

² *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1650, p. 19; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 580.

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