

1650-1. of the faithful, and thus enable the missionaries to make true religion flourish.

Disastrous
expedition,
in which
many
Christians
perish.

As they approached the village where they resolved to make their first attack, a Huron and an Algonquin were detached as scouts. They separated, and the Huron falling into the hands of an Iroquois party, without hesitation betrayed his faith, his nation, and his allies, to save his life. "Brethren," said he, on approaching the enemy, "I have long sought some of you. I set out for my country, where I know the Iroquois and Hurons are now only one people, and have only one land. To travel more securely I joined an Algonquin party, which I met on the war-path against you. I left it, two days ago, to warn you to be on your guard."

The traitor did more. He acted as guide to the Mohawks, who, advancing on the Christians, found them all asleep. They woke, indeed, only at a volley of musketry; and as the enemy had time and opportunity to choose where to strike, the bravest of the allies lay dead on the spot, before any of the party had time to fly to arms. Yet many fought bravely, and under cover of their resistance a considerable number escaped in the woods. All the rest were killed or taken and burnt at the stake, except two, who escaped, and brought in all the details of this sad adventure.¹

Account of
an Algon-
quin, burnt
by the Iro-
quois.

All the other captives honored their religion, in defence of which they had taken up arms; but the most distinguished among them was a young Algonquin, Joseph Onoharé.² He had been brought up almost from childhood at Sylleri, and although naturally of a hard and haughty disposition, grace and education had entirely corrected the defect, and he attained a degree of perfection uncommon in the very heart of Christendom. A year before his death an event befell him which deeply im-

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, apparently Louis Skandarhietse : 1650, p. 30; Creuxius, Historia Canadensis, p. 593. The traitor was

² Onahare.