

1650-1. reach the enemy, and told him that his manitou had doubtless warned him against any undue exposure of his person. "Know, then, once for all," he added, "that a Christian who is faithful to his God fears nothing, and that your demons can render no assistance to those who invoke them."

Joseph
Onoharé.

It was in the closing act of this neophyte's life that he appeared the greatest. He had prepared for it by a general confession and frequent communions. From the outset of the expedition in which he was taken, he had a presentiment that he would never return; and as it was to battle against the enemies of God, he consoled himself with the hope of martyrdom. Filled with this idea, his joy increased at the thought of the sufferings he might have to undergo; nor was he wanting to himself in the midst of his tortures. He constantly exhorted his companion to patience; and his executioners wishing to silence him, he boldly told them that it was not in their power to prevent his publishing the praises of his God and laboring for His glory. This reply roused them to fury; but in vain did they devise the most unheard-of tortures to force him to silence. They could not shake his courage or extort a sigh. He ceased to bless the Almighty only when he ceased to live.¹

Fervor of
the Chris-
tians.

This great defeat, and many other less important checks which followed in quick succession, caused inexpressible grief to the missionaries and those who took an interest in the progress of the gospel and the advancement of the colony; but what somewhat consoled the former was, that the relatives and friends of those who fell in that engagement were moved by no mere affections of flesh and blood in the regret which they showed for their loss, but displayed only sentiments worthy of their religion. No murmur was heard among them against the Providence of a God who indeed put their faith and virtue

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1650, p. 33; Creuxius, Hist. Canad., p. 598.