

1656. many. They then rushed on, tomahawk in hand, and made prisoners of all who had not perished at the first volley. Among these captives was the missionary, whose spine was broken by a musket-ball.¹

Father Garreau mortally wounded.

At the first sound of the attack the Ottawas plied their paddles to relieve or avenge their comrades. On reaching the point where the Huron canoes had remained with the corpses of the slain, they landed without opposition, and in the ardor which possessed them had well-nigh carried all the Mohawk defences ; but after a pretty stubborn fight, in which much blood was shed on either side, the assailants were obliged to draw off. Yet they did not retire far, but intrenched on their side, firmly resolved, to all appearance, not to leave the spot till they had satisfaction of the Iroquois ; but the next night they secretly decamped, and in the morning nothing was found in their intrenchment but the two Jesuits, with the three Frenchmen who accompanied them.²

As soon as the chief of the Mohawk party was informed of it, he went to visit the two religious. This chief was the Flemish Bastard, already mentioned. His compliment rolled entirely on the sorrow which he declared he felt for the wound of Father Garreau, and he protested that the missionary had not been recognized till after the first charge, in which he had been wounded. Nothing was less sincere than this excuse ; for the missionary had no sooner fallen into the hands of the Mohawks than they stripped him naked, in spite of his wound, and from that time they had given him neither food nor drink, nor even thought of dressing his wound.³ The next day,⁴ the 2d of Septem-

¹ Relation, 1656, p. 41 ; Creuxius, Hist. Can., p. 796 ; Belmont, Hist. du Canada, p. 9 ; Perrot, Memoire, etc., p. 84 ; Pijart, Relation (MS.) de la Mort du P. Garreau. According to Perrot, Father Garreau was shot by a Frenchman who had joined the Iroquois, but whom the Mohawks

gave up to the French to be shot.

² Druillettes and the lay-brother Garreau were already in the hands of the Mohawks : Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1656, p. 41.

³ Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1656, p. 42.

⁴ He was shot on Wednesday, Aug.