

himself alone, and thus saving his flock at the peril of his life. His hope was not vain. Scarcely had he appeared, when the English uttered a loud cry, which was followed by a shower of musket-balls, under which he fell dead, near a cross that he had planted in the midst of the village. Seven Indians who accompanied, and wished to shield him with their bodies, were slain beside him. 1713-22.

Thus died this charitable pastor, giving his life for his flock, after a painful apostleship of thirty-seven years. His death spread consternation among the Indians, who at once took flight and crossed the river by swimming or fording, but constantly pursued by the enemy, till they reached the depths of the woods, where they rallied to the number of one hundred and fifty. Although more than two thousand shots were fired at them, only thirty were killed and fourteen wounded.

The English, seeing no further resistance, proceeded to plunder and burn the cabins. They did not spare the church, but did not set fire to it, till after they had unworthily profaned the sacred vessels and the adorable Body of Christ. They then retired with a precipitation resembling flight, and as though they had been smitten with a panic terror. The Indians immediately returned to their village; and their first care, while the women were seeking herbs and plants proper to cure the wounded, was to weep over the body of their holy missionary.

They found him pierced with a thousand blows, his scalp torn off,¹ his skull crushed by hatchets, his mouth and eyes full of mud, his leg-bones broken, and all his members mutilated in a hundred different ways. Thus was a priest treated in his mission, at the foot of a cross, by those very men, who on all occasions exaggerate so greatly the pretended inhumanities of our Indians, who have never been seen to use such violence to the dead bodies of their ene-

¹ The colonial rewards for scalps, Penhallow, p. 48. Lovewell's party made it too rich a trophy to leave. got a hundred pounds a scalp. *Ib.* A volunteer without pay got fifty p. 106. Even the Rev. Mr. Frye of pounds for a scalp; if in service, this party is recorded to have scalped twenty; while regulars got ten. several Indians.