

burn everything and never cease.' God knows with what heart I conferred that Holy Baptism; but the two [112] other brothers had not sufficient courage therein holily to disobey their mother. Eight days later, I return to see them: the one whom I had baptized had not lived long; the two others had escaped. With what eyes could they look at me? and had not this poor mother some reason to hold baptism in abomination, and him who had conferred it?

“Howbeit, that other brother who had died among them the Summer before, after having received holy baptism, had shown us a very special providence of God over him. Father Garnier fortunately arrived in this village at the very hour when they were bringing home this young man, who was already nearly dead; while they were fishing, two days' journey from their own country, an unknown nation had come to fall upon their cabin, and had killed on the spot three or four of our Hurons, some others having escaped. This man, seeing a shower of arrows burst upon them like hail, instead of taking flight, seized in his arms a little brother that he had, and parried all the darts which they were letting loose [113] upon this little innocent,—receiving them upon his own body with a courage and a brotherly love which seems to be marked by something more than nature. In fact, he preserved this little brother, but himself was pierced through with arrows, and fell, as if dead, upon the one whom he tried to cover with his body in dying. The enemies having withdrawn, those who had taken flight returned to the place where the attack had occurred, and, having found this man with some remnants of life, they brought him to their village. Father Garnier, then, happening to