

an abode of safety. When the Barbarians returned to their own country, they painted their victories on the trees along the mouth of their River,—they set up on its banks the heads of those whom they had massacred; they made rough drawings of the faces of their prisoners. The picture of poor Father Isaac Jogues appeared there among the others. [182] But now we see there the great Standard of the elect. It is a high Cross that Monsieur the Governor caused to be erected over the ruins of their trophies, on the very day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, with very manifest piety and devotion on the part of our Frenchmen. *In hoc signo vinces*; Jesus Christ will be our victory.

After the capture of Father Isaac Jogues by the enemy, with two young Frenchmen, an Algonquin made this speech to Father Jacques Buteux: “This time we will see whether the Hiroquois fear you; whether they are afraid of your arquebuses; whether they dread your cannons, or whether they despise you. As soon as thy Brother reaches their country, the Captains will assemble, and, if the French name frighten them, they will speak thus: ‘Let us not eat the flesh of the Frenchmen; that flesh is not good food,—it is a poison, that will kill us if we taste it. Let us take them back to their brothers and countrymen.’ That is what they will say, if they fear you; and in the Spring they will bring back thy Brother and the two Frenchmen whom they hold captive. If, on the contrary, they despise you, they will call out, on the arrival of thy Brother [183] and of the Frenchmen who accompany him: ‘Now let us eat, let us see how the flesh of the French tastes; let us swallow them all whole.’ Thereupon they will burn