

name I had [been] given to him. He greatly loved us and had often given food to the jesuit who now Confessed him and assisted Him at his death,—encouraging him to suffer bravely, and as a Christian, The torture of fire that they were about to make him endure. He prayed to God for a considerable time after which they Began to burn him. When this came to the Governor's knowledge, he had pity *on him*, [and would have granted him His life] *after an hour's torture*, had he not already been burned all over. On account of his condition, one among those who were present, touched with compassion, broke his head. Meanwhile, the Iroquois of agnié, or lower Iroquois, have killed or captured from us 20 or 30 persons, between 3 rivers and lake St. pierre, on the banks of the river; and have burned their houses and barns, and slaughtered their cattle. The onnontaguez killed in the rear-guard of our army a christian Irroquois and 2 abenauquis, who had strayed from the ranks; and [*blank space in MS.*] french were drowned while descending The rapids of the river.²

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FOUR of our fathers barely suffice for this mission, where they are busily employed. This is a fully organized Church, in which everything is done as in the parish Churches—and even more, for the neophytes assist at mass every day; the morning and evening prayers are said; there is chanting at mass; baptism and the other sacraments are Administered with the rites of the Church; sundays and festivals are observed; and order prevails in everything. For some time, the neighborhood of the french has caused manifest injury to this nascent Church, on

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