

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

The following papers, written by the illustrious missionary between the years 1642 and 1646, consist of,

I. Narrative of his Captivity among the Mohawks, from a Latin manuscript preserved at Montreal, and in Alegambe.

II. Account of his Escape, from the Relation of 1642-3, p. 284.

III. Description of New Netherland, from his original manuscript.

IV. His last Letters in 1646, from the Relation of 1646-7.

V. Captivity and Death of René Goupil, from his original manuscript.

VI. Letters of Gov. Kieft announcing his death, from an attested copy preserved at Montreal.

The narrative of his captivity forms part of a manuscript volume, entitled "Memoires touchant la mort et les vertus des peres Isaac Jogues, Anne de Noue, Antoine Daniel, Jean de Brebeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel et René Goupil," consisting of authentic papers relating to their life and death, being copied from originals, and each sworn to by Fathers Paul Ragueneau and Joseph Poncet; as to Father Jogues, it includes Father Buteux's "Narré de la prise du p. Isaac Jogues," Jogues' own narrative, his account of the captivity and death of Goupil, and letters of Fathers Buteux and De Quen relative to his death. It was found, accompanied by the Description of New Netherland, and the account of Goupil's death, in the handwriting of Father Jogues himself, both in letter form, with the folds and incisions for sealing in use at the time, and both more easily read than the court-hand of the volume. They were found in the Hospital of the Augustin nuns, or Hotel Dieu, at Quebec, where they had been deposited shortly before 1800 by Father Cazot, the last of the old race of the Jesuits of the French colony, who seeing his body then about to expire by the enactments of the English conquerors, which prevented their receiving new members, wished to save for Catholicity at least a few of the most valuable of the papers in the archives. The

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