

is a powerful attraction to win them; it seems that our Lord intends to use this means in order to render Christianity acceptable in these regions."

The superior notes the deaths of three missionaries,—Raymbault, D'Olbeau, and Davost,—also the murder of Goupil, the *donné* captured with Jogues; and he takes occasion to praise the devotion and courage of the *donnés* as a class. Goupil's example has inspired another young surgeon, in Orleans, France, to give himself for the Canada mission; he has come hither for that purpose, and has gone to the Huron country.

Vimont observes that the Canadian savages have good reason, from a purely human standpoint, for being averse to the faith; for, since it has been proclaimed among them, they have experienced extraordinary misfortunes—pestilence, famine, and war. Many of them bitterly complain: "You tell us that God is full of goodness; and then, when we give ourselves up to him, he massacres us. The Iroquois do not believe in God, they are more wicked than Demons; and yet they prosper." They are answered thus: "God regards you as his children; he wishes to give you sense; he uses the Iroquois as a whip, in order to correct you." "Alas!" say some, "why did he not begin with the Iroquois? why did not he try to give them sense first? we have so much already, and they have none at all." But the missionaries console themselves with remembering that "these same scourges and these same reproaches were in olden time encountered in the primitive Church."

The superior announces a happy event,—the deliverance of Jogues from the hands of the Iroquois,