

the bleeding skull covered with hot ashes, was unbound ; for instead of running, as others do, whom this torturing renders frantic, she knelt down, and raising her eyes to heaven, offered to the Almighty the last breath of life left her. A shower of stones that instant rained upon her consummating her sacrifice, in the very act of prayer, and most intimate union with God.

IV.

MARGARET GARANGOUAS.

A THIRD victim whom the mission of Sault St. Louis sent to heaven, was immolated the next year in the same village. She was a young woman of twenty-four, named Margaret Garangouas, also an Onondaga, and baptized at the age of thirteen. She married soon after, and God blessed her marriage by giving her four children whom she brought up in piety. The youngest was still at the breast, and actually in her arms, when, towards the fall of 1693, while visiting her field, a quarter of a league from the fort, she fell into the hands of two Indians of her canton who led her to Onondaga. On the first tidings of her arrival, all poured out of the village to await the captive on a knoll which she had to pass. As soon as she appeared, the air resounded with fearful cries, which awakened only gloomy forebodings.

No sooner had she reached the knoll, than she was surrounded by four hundred Indians. They began by tearing her infant from her arms, then stripped her naked. After this, numbers rushed upon her, slashing her with their knives till her body was nothing but one wound, and the blood streamed from every pore. A Frenchman who had witnessed this pitiable sight, considered it a prodigy that she did not expire on the spot. Margaret perceived this man, recognized him, and addressing him by name, said : " You see to what a state I am reduced. I have only a few instants to live. Thanks be to God, I fear not death, and horrible as that may be now prepared for me, my sins deserve still more. Beseech the merciful Jesus to pardon mine and give me strength to suffer."

She was then led to a cabin where a Frenchwoman from Montreal was a prisoner ; the latter seized the first moments to exhort Margaret to endure with constancy a temporary torture in view of the eternal rewards that would follow it. Margaret thanked her for the charitable counsels which she gave her, and repeated what she had already stated to the other French prisoner. She added that since she had the happiness to