

## [114 i.e., 116] CHAPTER SIXTH.

## DEATH OF FATHER CHARLES GARNIER.

**I**N the mountains of the Tobacco nation, we had two Missions, and, in each of these, two of our Fathers. The one most exposed to the enemies, as also its principal Village, was called Saint Jean. Here Father Charles Garnier, an indefatigable laborer in these Missions, had bestowed many labors; here it was necessary that he should shed his blood. A certain fugitive prisoner from the enemies' country had warned us of their design of investing either our Island or the mountains of Saint Jean; and the country people kept themselves for some days in battle array, to receive them courageously,—and, as they hoped, to defeat them easily; these were, too, people of courage, and accustomed to war. But, at last growing weary of so much waiting, they resolved to go to meet them, in order to attack them first, and to surprise them. They started, for this purpose, on the 5th of December, but by another route than that which the enemies took; the latter, having taken two captives near that country, learned from these how destitute it was of the forces of those who had gone out to meet them. Accordingly, in order not to lose so favorable an opportunity, they make haste; and on the 7th of December, about the 20th hour, they appear at the gates of Saint Jean, so suddenly that, terror having seized the hearts of the inhabitants, instead of resisting, they thought of