

gone furthest into the interior of the country was killed, and where he was buried. Of course there is no desire to claim that he was a martyr of the faith. Hatred of Christianity does not enter into the cause of his death. He was, however, a great confessor and apostle. Moreover, besides knowing the place of the tragedy, it has happened coincidentally, as we have seen, that the picture of his soul has also been given to the world. We know him now from his birth to his death, and he stands forth as one of the glorious figures of the early Indian missions. Naturally we rejoice in having rescued him from oblivion.

Independently of religious considerations, the discovery of the site of Fort St. Charles is a notable achievement in historical exploration work, carried on, as it was, by private enterprise and at considerable expense. As it has put beyond all doubt the line which Vérendrye followed in opening up the country, it deserves and almost demands the erection of a monument to mark the spot.

It will be a satisfaction to Americans to know that the sepulchre of the missionary is in the angle of the State of Minnesota at the point where it juts out into the Lake of the Woods. The Canadians, however, have the better place; namely, the island where the heroes were murdered. They also can claim the honor of having discovered both sites, and they have given us one. For it we ought to be profoundly grateful.

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