

dogs, the foxes and the crows, and especially the skull fractured in many places; these reverently kissing, I committed to the earth, that I might, one day, if such were God's will, bear with me as a great treasure to a consecrated Christian land.

From many other dangers, which I knew and knew not, did the Lord rescue me, in spite of all the ill will and hate of the Iroquois, unwilling and furious as the Iroquois were. But the following I should not omit. There was in our cabin an idiot who asked me to let him cut off two hands' breadth from a wretched bit of cloth not seven palms long, yet all that I had to cover me. Brother! said I, you see me shivering every night under this short thin covering; yet do as thou wilt. My modest excuse offended him, and when soon after I went to the huts of the baptized Hurons, whom I daily instructed and bore again till Christ should be formed in them, (Gal. iv. 19,) he came in search of me, and fiercely bade me return. When I had entered our cabin, René's murderer was sent for, that the same hand might end both our lives; they looked for him in vain, he could not be found. I was accordingly sent the next day into a field of my master's with two women, under the pretext of bringing back some article or other, but in fact to expose me to death; for, two days before, the only son of one of their noble women had died in our cabin, and I was to be sacrificed to his *manes*.

These women had with them the squashes, corn and other articles of the kind which were to be the fee of my executioner. "But I, like a deaf man, heard not" the vain things they devised, "and like a dumb man opened not my mouth, and I became like a man that heareth not,