

CHARLES GARNIER

VICTIM OF THE IROQUOIS

CHARLES Garnier was the son of a rich and noble Parisian family; he was born on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25th, 1605 (or 1606), and from his earliest years he was singled out as one on whom God had lofty designs. His innocence of life, coupled with a frank and manly character, gave him a prestige which imposed respect among the companions of his own age. While he was a student in the Jesuit college in his native city, his father was accustomed to give him a few pieces of silver every month, either as a reward for his application to study or to enable him to gratify his personal fancies; but the boy rarely applied this money to his own use, preferring to throw it into the almsbox of one of the city prisons, the Petit Chatelet. One day, while crossing the Pont Neuf in Paris, Charles saw an impious book for sale. With his small monthly allowance he purchased the volume and destroyed it, "lest some one by reading it might offend God." His horror of everything that could wound the Heart of God he attributed to the love he had for our Lady whom he called his Mother and to whom he gave all his confidence. "It was she,"

His early years and education