

Ill-success, however, could not daunt the courage of the young missionary. He had now several years' experience in Huronia, and he was ready to fill any position in the field, chiefly on account of his complete

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mastery of the Huron tongue which gave him a remarkable ascendancy over the tribes. Father de Brébeuf, himself an excellent judge in this matter, writing to the General in 1637, asserted that the missionaries in Huronia were in every way extraordinary workers, who combined, in an unusual manner, eloquence and union with God with a burning zeal for souls. "So persistent and studious are they all," he wrote, "that in only one or two years they have gained a truly wonderful proficiency in a language still rude and not reduced to grammatical rules. However, in this regard," he added, "Father Garnier ranks first." "He mastered the language of the savages so thoroughly," wrote Ragueneau, in his turn, twelve years later, "that they themselves were astonished at him." An indefatigable laborer and replete with every gift of nature and grace, he became an accomplished missionary.

A more fruitful field than any yet offered him, where he would find ample scope for his zeal, was now allotted to him. This was Teanaostaye,¹ the largest village of the Cord clan, where a mission had been established in 1638. Here for six years he spent himself with all the devotedness and self-

¹ Known also as St. Joseph II, situated on the Flanagan farm, west half of lot 7, concession IV, Medonte township. (Cf. Jones' *Old Huronia*, p. 19.)