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Kind and Affectionate Father,  
AND IS NOW  
INSCRIBED TO HIS MEMORY  
BY A  
Grateful Son.



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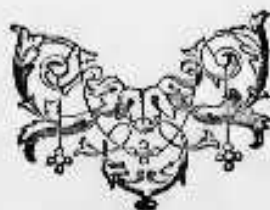
**T**HE intention of the writer of the following tale has been to portray, at least indistinctly, one of those magnificent scenes in which the Jesuits of the Canada missions were actors, in the early settlement of that country. The sufferings of the missionary, his indomitable courage in the apostolate, and the effect of Christianity upon the Indian convert, are the principal points of the picture which he has desired to present, though he has not dared to enter into all the terrible details of the Mohawk torture, as it was too often endured by those patient and heroic martyrs. The foundation of the story is laid upon the history of

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Father Isaac Jogues; though the rescue in the narrative is entirely fictitious, yet its general bearing is not at variance with the results of his adventures.

Since its first issue, this story has received the compliment of a republication in England, and has obtained the favorable notice of the Catholic press of this country.

It has been for some time out of print, and having been revised and enlarged, the Publishers take pleasure in again offering it to the public in a new and more inviting dress.





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