

up, that the dogs eat the corpses that cannot be buried. The Hospital Nuns perform their duties with so much zeal, in these pressing needs, that they have impaired their own health. Those of our Fathers who visit and assist these poor infected people are in no better condition; this contagion alone will slip in among our French; some young women born in this country have been attacked by it. All this may cause us sadness. The resignation of our poor Savages, the recourse they have to Baptism, the desire of some of them to go to Heaven, their contempt for this life, their perseverance in the Faith during these tempests, are capable of lightening our afflictions. The cross bears pleasant fruits at all seasons. If ever these poor people have need [116 i.e., 166] of being succored by good souls who interest themselves and form a holy league for their salvation, it is in this time of calamity. The Faith must propagate itself as it has been planted,—namely, in calamities. And because there are here no Tyrants who massacre our Neophytes, God provides for them otherwise, deriving proofs of their constancy from their afflictions, sore indeed. May he be forever blessed! We all supplicate Your Reverence, and all our Fathers and Brethren of your Province, yea, of all France, and the many saintly souls with whom we have associated ourselves, to pray for these poor peoples, and for us, particularly for him who is with all his heart,
Your Reverence's

Very humble and very obedient servant in God,

PAUL LE JEUNE.

At Sillery, otherwise the Residence of Saint Joseph, in New France, this 4th of September, 1639.