

[1] Relation of what occurred in the Mission of the Hurons, from the month of June in the year 1639, until the month of June in the year 1640.

*Sent to Kébec, to the Reverend Father Barthelemy Vimont, Superior of the missions of the Society of JESUS in new France.*

MY REVEREND FATHER,

Pax Christi.

Here is the rent which I owe to Your Reverence,—the narrative of what has occurred of most moment since the last Relation, with reference to the occupation of the Fathers of our Society who are here.

[2] We found ourselves in the midst of this barbarism at the beginning of the month of October in the year 1639,—twenty-seven Frenchmen, and among others, thirteen of our Fathers. The good will, the zeal, and the courage which I remark in all alike, cause me to hope much this year for the service of God, and for the consolation of your Reverence,—you will see below how this is.

But if beforehand you desire to know in few words the result for this year, here follows what I can say of it: The sound of the Gospel has been caused to resound in the ears of more than ten thousand barbarians,—not only in public and in common, but also in private, within the cabins and by the fires of each family. We have baptized more than a thousand,—most of them during the malady of the small-