



Memoir concerning the Domestics - - - -  
Who give themselves to Our Society  
among the Hurons.

THE difficulty that exists in bringing many persons up here, and still more in maintaining them, has, among other reasons, always made us judge that, beyond the Gospel Laborers necessary for the work that God should present to us, the fewer other persons we could have here, the better. And inasmuch as a Secular Domestic can do all that a Brother Coadjutor would do, and as a Coadjutor cannot do what a Domestic can, such as carrying loads, using an arquebus, etc., we have always deferred receiving Brother Coadjutors here, and have desired to have in their places Secular Domestics, who would give themselves for the rest of their lives to the service of our Fathers who are here among the Hurons.

Father Hierosme Lallemand, upon leaving France in the year 1638, discussed this matter with the Reverend Father Provincial, the late Father Estienne Binet, and received in writing his consent for the reception of such Domestics,—and, furthermore, a form of reception or civil Contract for such persons, worded according to one which had formerly been granted to the Province of Champagne, and accepted by Our Reverend Father General.

The Reverend Father Binet, however, left them free to add thereto, or take away, what might be found necessary to add or take away for each oc-