

them to make vows; the other, that in the Contract our entire Society is bound, while only the Huron mission should have been bound, to assist them all the rest of their days.

Accordingly, after these advices, the Contract was drawn up this year for the first time in the manner in which it is sent, worded with reference to him who has last Given himself; and it will be sent back, approved or disapproved, by him to whom that appertains; and in case of disapproval, some other form of Contract will be sent, according to which we can henceforth act with assurance and stability, when there shall be need therefor. For, in regard to the past, there has been none, in fact, which could not be taken according to the approval of the interpreter; and thus there will be no necessity of amending anything in previous contracts.

Now, in whatever manner the Contract is drawn up, it seems wise to notice two considerations. First, that the more advantageous and charitable are the terms that can be offered those who give themselves, the more just, the better, and the more expedient it will be for us,—considering the need we have of such persons, who should be of suitable age, and of a merit conformable to their condition; and the difficulty of getting them, here and elsewhere, for a country such as this is. Secondly, it does not seem reasonable to lay the Huron mission alone under obligation to them, but all those of New France besides.

1st. Because they do not give themselves solely for the Hurons, but for the service of the Fathers of all new France, who, in fact, may have great need of them everywhere,—as, at present, the Fathers who have gone to the Nipissiriniens have or ought to have