

## PREFACE TO VOL. XXII

The *Relation* of 1642 (Document XLVIII.), commenced in the present volume is, like most of those which have gone before, in two parts. Part I. (the Quebec report) is by Barthélemy Vimont, superior of the Quebec residence, who dates his preliminary note, October 4; Part II. (the Huron report) is from the pen of Jerome Lalemant, and is dated at Ste. Marie, in the Huron country, June 10. It may be necessary again to remind our readers that the several reports which together form the *Relation* of each year, were first edited by the superior at Quebec, before transmission to France; and, before publication, were again freely edited by the provincial in Paris.

Vimont announces the successful issue of Le Jeune's mission to France (in 1641) to ask aid in defending the colony against the Iroquois. These savages "have sworn a cruel war against the French;" they have recently defeated a Huron band, capturing many prisoners, among whom is Father Jogues. The Quebec colony has passed the year in quiet, health, and comfort. A good beginning has been made in raising grain and cattle. The nuns and missionaries are all in good health, and devoted to their work. But "the Iroquois have, as usual, acted like fiends; they have been in the field Winter, Spring, and Summer. They have massacred many Hurons and Algonquins; they have captured French-