

[1] Relation of the most remarkable events that occurred in the Mission of the Fathers of the Society of JESUS in the Huron country, a country of New France, from the month of June, of the year 1642, to the month of June, of the year 1643.

*Addressed to the Reverend Father Jean Filleau, Provincial of the Society of JESUS in the Province of France.*

MY REVEREND FATHER,

The first thing that came to us last year from France was the picture of the Crucifixion, which inspired us at the same time with these two [2] thoughts,—that we must prepare ourselves and our Church for some Cross that would be heavier than usual; and also that we must hope that the blood of the Savior of the world, which was shed for these barbarians as much as for us, would be more abundantly applied to them. In a word, that our crosses, united to that of Jesus Christ, would further the salvation of these peoples. The sequel of this Relation will show Your Reverence that our thoughts were not far different from the designs of God; that, in fact, he has tried us; that he has taken from us what appeared up here to be the most flourishing for the faith; that our best Christians are dead,—some of illness, the others massacred by the enemies; and that the choicest among them have endured the cruelty of the Iroquois, with Father