

the Relation of the principal things which have occurred within a year; you will see in it the death of two of the most veteran workers whom our Society has had in these countries—Father Anne de Noüe and Father Enemond Masse. I see no one here, [6] of those who have known them, who does not say with good heart: *vivat et moriatur anima mea vitâ et morte justorum istorum*. Now, though their death must occasion more envy than compassion, I nevertheless commend them, as also all our Missions, to the suffrages and the holy prayers of your Reverence and of the whole Province.

The arrival of the three Fathers whom you have been pleased to send us as a reinforcement, has much consoled us; but, this number being even below that which I had requested for the Huron Missions, you can see the need that we have of others; and you will see it still more in the Relation, on encountering therein mention of the new Missions of which God has granted the beginnings. This is what we hope from your charity, and from the zeal of our Fathers for these little infant Churches, which I cannot sufficiently commend to the holy Sacrifices and to the blessed prayers of all in general, and of each in particular.

Your Reverence's

From Quebec, this
28th of October, 1646.

Very humble and most obedient servant in God,

HIEROSME LALEMANT.