

CLV

In publishing this letter of Bigot to Père la Chaise, dated at Sillery, November 8, 1685, we follow a MS. in the Library of Congress. It is presumably a contemporary copy; the location of the original is unknown to us.

CLVI

The incomplete original MS. of Chauchetière's Annual Narration of the Mission of the Sault, embracing the period from 1667 to 1686, is in the city archives of Bordeaux, France, where it was seen in 1881 by Father Martin, who made a copy of it. Several of the final pages are missing. Rochemonteix, who also appears to have had access to the original, first published it in his *Jésuites*, t. iii., pp. 641-678. We follow Martin's apograph, now resting in the archives of St. Mary's College, Montreal, but have introduced a few slight emendations from Rochemonteix.

CLVII

We obtain Crépieul's running Remarks upon the Tadoussac Mission, from 1671 to 1686, from a bound MS. volume in the archiepiscopal archives of Quebec. The contents of this quarto volume of about 300 pp. are divided into three parts, all in the hand of Father Crépieul: Part I., Remarks; Part II., Advice; Part III., Precious Deaths. We have selected from the book the portions most useful to the historical student, as throwing light upon the progress and methods of the missions, and shall publish these in their chronological order. The Remarks are our first installment. There is no knowledge at