

Relation of the Saguenay, 1720 to 1730, by
Reverend Father Pierre Laure.

CHEKOUTIMI, march 13, 1730.

MY REVEREND FATHER,
Pax Christi.

YOUR Reverence is aware of the fact that we write from here to Quebec only once every winter. However late the occasion, I beg you to accept the respectful homage which I already presented to you in my heart at the beginning of this year, which I repeat to-day, and which I shall continue to render you until death. If anything can be desired for you, I offer a thousand wishes for you. Yours are and must be orders, for me.

Instead of commanding me, you, as it were, begged of me—while yourself accompanying me, out of exceeding kindness, to the beach where I was to embark on leaving the town last autumn for my mission—to write to you what I had found most edifying among our Montagnais. I understood that you wished to have a simple narration of what had occurred in this triple Church during the nine years that have elapsed since Providence confided the care thereof to me. I obey you; and could I, for a moment, hesitate to satisfy your pious curiosity, and to give you at least some slight proof of my esteem for you, of my submission, and of my gratitude for all the kindness that you have so long manifested toward me? Without roaming the forests, you, My Reverend