

PREFACE TO VOL. IX

Following is a synopsis of the second installment of Document XXVI., contained in the present volume:

XXVI. A resumé of the contents of the first two chapters of Part I. of Le Jeune's *Relation* of 1636, was given in Vol. VIII. of our series. In chapters iii. & xi., which close this portion of the document, Le Jeune continues his narrative of conversions and baptisms. One of these converts was a son of Carigoüan, the "sorcerer" who had so tormented the superior. The annalist describes the wretched deaths of Carigoüan and his brothers, Mestigoït and Pierre ("the Apostate"), which he regards as the righteous judgments of an offended Deity. Several other savages have also died miserably, in their sins and impenitence; and Le Jeune has met with much annoyance from the medicine men, whose tricks are described in some detail.

Considerable space is then devoted to explaining, for the benefit of sundry impatient patrons of the mission, in France, the difficulties necessarily encountered in the conversion of the natives; satisfaction is expressed at the progress that has, nevertheless, been made in this work. The number of baptisms is greatly increasing, especially as the Indians are, since the coming of the missionaries, in wholesome dread of the fires of hell.