

10 (p. 185).—A letter from Buteux to Vitelleschi, dated Sept. 13, 1641 (of which Father Martin's apograph is in the archives of St. Mary's College, Montreal), states that the residence of La Conception at Three Rivers (of which he was superior) then maintained five missionaries—three priests and two brethren. He also states that about 100 Algonkins had been baptized during the year, and praises the piety and fidelity of the converts.

Of great interest, in connection with the residence of St. Joseph, is its register of baptisms for the years 1638-40; this MS. (written in Latin) is preserved in the archives of the archiepiscopal palace at Quebec. It begins with the following introductory note: "The Commander de Sillery, a knight of Malta, and not long ago ordained a Priest, a man of notable piety, provided for the erection, at his own Expense, of the Reduction of Saint Joseph, a league and a half above Kebec, on the shore of the great river St. Lawrence. He then placed it in charge of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, that they might call hither the barbarous Natives, and teach them the Law of Christ. The foundations of the house were laid on the [blank] day of July, 1637; and, on the 14th of April of the year 1638, two Fathers of the Society of Jesus came here to reside, and to instruct two families of the savages who had established here their permanent abode. Another family of the Savages also built their dwellings about it, asking assistance to change the wandering life they had hitherto led, for the Christian Religion and civilized life. From this time, those baptized are recorded below, unless they were baptized at Kebec, as were Noël Tekderimar and François Xavier nenaskoumar, the first Dwellers in this reduction. These will be found recorded in the Register of those baptized at Kebec."

During the entire period covered by this register, Le Jeune's name appears frequently. Other priests officiating at these baptismal rites were: 1638, De Quën, Massé, Claude Quentin, François du Peron; 1639, Claude Pijart; 1640, Vimont and Ménard. Among those baptized, were—"a girl of ten years, daughter of the late Capitenaï;" Cecilia Natoukwabekwe, "wife of the late La grenouille" (vol. ix., *note* 18); Jerome Oukwe, "an orphan Lad about eleven years old;" Agatha Khisipikiwam, "daughter of the late Makhatewebichtichi" (*note* 12, *post*). In many cases, the sponsors were Christian Indians; but this office was often performed by Frenchmen. Among these, may be found the names of Montmagny, Le Gardeur de Repentigny, Pierre de Puiseaux, and Olivier le Tardif. Another is Achille de Lisle, doubtless Montmagny's lieutenant of that name (vol. ix., *note* 7); others still were François Boullé and René Goupil (Jesuit donnés), and (Christmas eve, 1639) Madame de la Peltrie and her maid Carola. This last was Charlotte Barré,