

fectly with the deposition given by the sick woman herself and leaves no doubt as to the disease. To show its origin and progress, I will give those two letters. The name alone of the persons who have written them is a warranty of the truth thereof :

*Letter written by Mr. de la Gorgendiere, in the
month of January 1769, transcribed by us,
the pastor of Ste Anne.*

Sir,

One of my people, called Alexis Létourneau, told me recently that you would be pleased to have information respecting the sickness of Marie Josephte Arcand, wife of Honoré Lavoye, who was cured last summer through St. Anne's intercession.

I swear that what I am about to tell you is true.

Marie Josephte Arcand is an honest and exemplary woman, as pious as any one in the parish, who is incapable of telling a falsehood in such a matter. In the month of November 1767, she had such violent pains in both legs and thighs that she was unable to do anything. Her legs swelled to an extraordinary size. I went to see her, at the beginning of December, and found her lying on the floor because she could not stay in bed. The swelling has decreased in one of her legs and she was suffering horribly. I went to Quebec and saw Mr Dubary who promised to go to Deschambault if sent for.

When I got back, at the end of January, I went to see her. She had just received the holy Viaticum. I made her consent to send for Mr. Dubary, which was done. He found her in a dying condition. Her leg and thigh were so swollen that they measured at least a yard in circumference. It was pitiful to witness her sufferings. The doctor made an incision and ordered fresh ones to be made if the other closed up ; this was done during three weeks, and I think that over three gallons and a half of water flowed from the incisions.

During that time, Mr. Menage administered