

## PREFACE TO VOL. XXIX

As stated in the Preface to Vol. XXVIII., the *Relation* of 1645-46 (Doc. LX.) is in two parts—Part I. (dated at Quebec, October 28, 1646) being by the new superior of the Canadian missions, Jerome Lalemant; Part II. (dated in the Huron country, May 1, 1646) being the annual report on the Huron mission, this time by Ragueneau. In Vol. XXVIII. we published the first two chapters of Part I.; there are herewith presented the remaining eight chapters of that part, and the three opening chapters of Part II.—leaving the remainder of the document (five chapters) to form the opening portion of Vol. XXX.

Continuing his *Relation*, Lalemant describes the "blessed deaths" of Fathers Anne de Nouë and Enemond Massé. The former was frozen to death on the St. Lawrence, while on an errand of charity; a sketch of his life and character is given. Massé—who, with Biard, had first of the Jesuits come to the Canadian mission (1611)—died at St. Joseph, an old man. His adventurous, toilsome, and self-denying career is described, and his purity and devoutness are eulogized.

A mission is at last begun in the Iroquois country. Jogues goes to the Mohawks, with Bourdon, as envoy from the French governor; his journey, and the proceedings of the Mohawk council, are related. Having been received there in a friendly manner, the