

1639. a third Ursuline, and, on the 4th of May, 1639, she embarked with the Hospital nuns and Father Bartholomew Vimond, who was going out to succeed Father le Jeune as Superior-General of the Missions, and who was also conducting a fresh supply of apostolic laborers. After a long and dangerous voyage, this large party reached Quebec on the 1st of August.¹

Their reception.

Nothing was omitted to impress on the Indians how much the French had their interest at heart, and the salvation of their souls, when women even and young girls, brought up in abundance and luxury, without shrinking from the perils of the sea, left a pleasant, tranquil life to come to instruct their children and take care of their sick. The day when so many persons thus ardently desired arrived was a holiday for the whole city; all labor ceased, and the shops were closed. The governor received these heroines at the river-side, at the head of his troops, who were under arms, and with the sound of cannon. After the first compliments, he led them, amid the acclamations of the people, to the church, where the *Te Deum* was chanted in thanksgiving.²

Their fervor.

These pious women, on their side, and their noble conductress, in the first transport of their joy kissed the earth for which they had so long sighed, which they promised themselves to water with their sweat, and did not even despair of dyeing with their blood. French mingled with Indians, pagans even confounded with Christians, for several days untiringly continued to make all resound with their cries of joy, and give a thousand blessings to Him who alone could inspire the feeblest of mankind with

¹ Charlevoix, *Vie de la Mère Marie de l'Incarnation*, pp. 255-63; Chaumonot, *Vie du R. P. Pierre Joseph Marie Chaumonot*, New York, 1858, p. 50. They came in a barque commanded by James Vastel, Captain Bontemps commanding the fleet: *Les Ursulines de Quebec*, depuis leur établissement jusqu'à nos jours, Quebec, 1863, 80, i., p. 21.

² *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1639, p. 8; Charlevoix, *Vie de la Mère Marie de l'Incarnation*, p. 263; Creuxius, *Hist. Canad.*, p. 253. The official act of reception is given in the *Ursulines de Quebec*, i., p. 21, n.