

blessings, that in a few months a great moral improvement was visible.¹ 1633.

The court had given positive orders to prevent any Protestant emigration to New France, or the exercise of any religion but the Catholic there. According to all appearances, his majesty had been informed, what the court had apparently been ignorant of previously, namely, that the English enterprise against Canada resulted from the intrigues of William de Caen or the other Calvinists of whom I have spoken ; and experience, on more than one occasion, had taught him not to place the Huguenots too near the English in a country where there was not a power to keep them in their duty and in submission to lawful authority.²

Great attention even had been paid to the selection of those who offered to go and colonize New France ; and it is not true that the young women sent over, from time to time, to marry the new settlers, were taken from suspicious places, as some ill-informed travellers have asserted in their works.³ Steps were always taken to be assured of their morality before they embarked, and their conduct in Canada is a proof that the precaution was successful. In a short time, almost all who composed the new colony were seen to follow the example of their governor, and make an open and sincere profession of piety.

The same attention was continued in subsequent years, and there soon arose in this part of America a generation of true Christians, among whom reigned the simplicity of the primitive ages of the Church, and whose posterity have not lost sight of the great example left them by their ancestors. The consolation which such a change afforded

Judicious choice of settlers.

¹ *Relations de la Nouvelle France* (1632-5). The number of missionaries was really sixteen. See list in *Carayon, Documents Inédits*, xiv., p. 111.

² *Mercure Français*, xiv., p. 236 ; *Edits et Ordonnances Royaux*, p. 7.

³ This is in answer to a charge of la Hontan (vol. i., p. 11). Long after this date, a girl arriving in a state of pregnancy, was sent back with the remark, that such cattle were not wanted. Ferland (*Notes sur les Registres de Notre-Dame de*