

according to the various dispositions of the tribes whom they undertook to instruct. Much superstition in all: here more rudeness, but more simplicity; more extravagances to contend with, but more ease in suppressing them; harder minds, but hearts more docile; more hardships and labors, especially when forced to follow the Indians in their winter hunts,¹ but less risks to run. There was, too, less to combat in order to persuade these latter! but more resource was found in the reflection and penetration of the former. Moreover, the nomadic life of the Algonquin tribes prevented any calculation on individuals, and an absence of some months often ruined the labors of several years.

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Algonquin missions.

Grace operated, moreover, very differently in the two nations. It found in the Hurons more rebellious hearts, but more constancy in good, when once embraced. They gave more hope of continued progress, but it was slower. The Algonquins offered to grace a heart more easily moulded, and presented obstacles more easily removed; but it found less solidity and less disposition for great virtues. Grace triumphed over both, and corrected their defects; but it cost the sweat and the blood of many of those whom she employed to work out the wonderful change.²

Progress of religion.

Meanwhile, New France was settled from day to day, and piety increased with the number of its inhabitants. Nothing perhaps contributed more to this happy progress than an establishment commenced in the year 1635. Ten years before—that is to say, at the time when the Jesuits first went to Canada—René Rohault, eldest son of the Marquis de Gamache, having obtained the consent of his family to enter the Society of Jesus, his parents, who loved him tenderly, and learned from his own lips that he ardently desired to see a college founded at Quebec,

Foundation of the College of Quebec.

¹ Le Jeune, in *Relation de la Nouvelle France*, 1634, p. 51; Bressani, *Breve Relatione*, p. 55.

² See the *Relations* in general, 1633 to 1639; Bressani, *Breve Relat.*; Le Clercq, *Relat. de la Gaspésie*, etc.