

1668.  cepted at first, and that he immediately desisted from his opposition.³ But there is no allusion to these circumstances in the printed Life of St. Catharine of Augustine, although it is there stated that she had two sisters, nuns, with her in her convent at Bayeux. It is there stated simply that Mr. de Longpré having fallen sick, believed that God was chastising him for his opposition to the designs of God as to his daughter, and that he consented to her voyage.¹

She accordingly set out for Nantes, where she had apparently been told that they were to embark, and on the 4th of May, having on the day previous entered on her seventeenth year, she made her vows in the hands of Father Vimond, who was returning to Canada with a new re-enforcement of missionaries, and who had been delegated to receive her profession as soon as she attained the necessary age.² A Hospital nun of the convent of Dieppe, and another from that of Vannes,³ had also proceeded with her to Nantes, whence they were obliged to go to Rochelle in search of a vessel. They embarked on the 27th of May, with Father Vimond and all his party, and on the 19th of August, they arrived at Quebec, after experiencing very bad weather, and a contagious disease, which brought our young professed to the verge of the grave.⁴

She was received as befitted her courage and the high idea conceived of her virtue; but they soon perceived that she was one of those privileged souls, on whom God de-

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1648, p. 3.

² Ragueneau (*Vie de la Mère Cathérine*, pp. 40, 42) alludes to the reading of the Relation, but states that the mother went to the convent to announce the father's consent, implying that he did not go.

³ She took simple vows April 25, 1648, at Bayeux, and solemn vows in the Chapel of Our Lady of All Joy at Nantes, May 4; Ragueneau, *Vie de la Mère Cathérine*, pp. 43, 45; Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, pp. 72, 73.

⁴ Mother Anne of the Assumption of Dieppe, and Mother Jane Thomas of St. Agnes of Vannes: Ragueneau, *Vie de la Mère Cathérine*, p. 45; Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 73; Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1648, p. 3.

⁵ Ragueneau, *Vie de la Mère Cathérine*, pp. 47, 49; Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 74; Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1648, p. 2. For a description of the convent at Quebec, see de la Potherie, i., p. 252; Charlevoix, *Journal*, p. 76.