

one of them. Indeed, they have received some, and may receive hereafter some down there, whom it may be judged expedient, perhaps, to send to us up here; and likewise some of those up here may be sent down there,—in which case, there would be a great confusion in our affairs if some missions alone were bound to them, and not all.

2nd. Because it does not seem just that young men in the flower of their youth should give themselves to the Society,—to render it in these regions better service than Brother Coadjutors, in a barbarous country, full of so many dangers and discomforts,—and yet have only such weak assurances of a livelihood, as would be the alms that have been given to some particular mission, or some trifling fund. Besides, in these quarters, the missions depend upon the whims of our barbarians. Now we would be at a loss to justify ourselves before God and before the world, if it were necessary to send back such persons, merely on account of breaking up a certain mission.

3rd. This plan will keep all the missions of New France much more united, if the Fathers and Domes-tics are common to all the missions,—not to speak of the inconveniences arising from a Division of the property of the missions of New France, which will in time be found impossible, or will be subject to great misfortunes, or to diversity of ideas and interests.

As for the matter of the vow, all external ceremonies have been discontinued, such as pronouncing the form aloud on the day of reception; Also, the public Renewal of it which they made. All is now done privately by each one, under the direction of his Confessor.