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TERCENTENARY OF THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAITH

IN CANIDA

It was in 1534 and 1535 that the Breton navigator Jacques Cartier discovered Canada. He was a fervent Catholic, and one loves to recall that memorable scene which took place just before his voyage of 1535, and which shows us Jacques Cartier and the members of his crew gathered together in the cathedral of Saint-Malo on Whitsun day, May 16th, 1535, receiving the blessing of the Bishop and recommending to God, Lord of the seas and of the winds, the journey he was about to undertake.

After this discoverer there came many others, such as De Roberval, De Chastes, De Monts. All endeavoured to establish a colony and all failed. It was reserved for Samuel Cianiplain, native of Brouage in Saintonge, France, to be the founder great French colony in North America, the Fa-\ ther of "La Nouvelle France. " Champlain began his work with the foundation of Quebec in 1608. By this first establishment of a colony, the intrepid explorer gave his

mother country, "Ia belle France", a vast territory hitherto unexplored. It was a great accomplishment. But it was not the only feat that the great man dreamed of. He yearned to bring to those Indians, half-clad, ignorant children of the forest, the saving grace of Christianity and the alleviations that go with Civilization.