

cessation of the *Rélations* as a set-back for the Order. At any rate the despatches of Courcelle in the *Correspondance Générale* give no evidence in support of Faillon's statement, and a careful investigator has searched the French archives without finding corroboratory evidence of any kind.*

The real reason for the cessation can, it seems, be found in the history of the Jesuit Order itself, and not in the annals of political discord in New France. The Jesuits, Franciscans, Sulpitians and other orders had their missions in Asia as well as in America, and in the East as in the West the intercourse was not always harmonious. Through the various published reports of the different missionaries the details of these inter-Order squabbles were reaching the ears of the faithful in Europe, much to the annoyance of the Papal authorities. Consequently, it is not surprising to find that, on April 6th, 1673, Pope Clement X issued a Bull which prohibited any further publication of what was going on at the outposts of the Church, unless with the special permission of the Propaganda.† This Bull forbade the publication not alone of the *Rélations* of the Jesuits in North America, but all reports relating to the work of missionaries of any Order in any part of the world. And as this decree left the Vatican in April it must have reached the Provincial of the Jesuits in France in adequate time to stay the publication of what would have formed the "*Relation* of 1673."

At any rate the Cramoisy's ceased in 1672, and from this time on there appeared only occasional letters published in the official organs of the Jesuit Order. These very probably had special license. Reports evidently continued to be made, but the failure to preserve them in printed form has caused most of them to be lost forever to the student of colonial history.

*Harris, *Notes pour servir l'histoire de la Nouvelle-France*, p. 60.

†The text of this Bull is as follows: "Nos his aliisque gravibus causis adducti, de memoratum Cardinalium concilio, auctoritate Apostolica, tenore presentium iterum prohibemus ne quis ejuscumque status, gradus, conditionis, etiam Regularis cujusvis ordinis, congregationis, instituti, et Societatis etiam Jesu, licet is esset, de quo specifica et individua mentio facienda foret, sine licentia in scriptis Congregationis eorundem cardinalium, quam in operis initio imprimere teneamur libros et scripta, in quibus de missionibus vel de rebus ad missiones pertinentibus agit, per se vel per alium edat."

(*Juris pontificii de Propaganda fide*, Pt. I, p. 417, No. 1.)
Cf. De Rochemontieu, *Les Jésuites*, (Paris: 1895). Vol. I, p. 47.