

In 1620, the Recollects built a convent and dedicated it to Our Lady of the Angels. It stood on the banks of the St. Charles River. In 1670, they began to rebuild their convent on the same spot. In 1692, Mgr. de St. Vallier converted it into the General Hospital.

He permitted the Recollects to have a regular convent in the upper part of the town. This convent was dedicated to St. Antony of Padua.

The convent Church was built and tastefully decorated, for the most part by the Recollects themselves, who gave proof of much artistic talent. A wainscoting in walnut went all round the interior of the Church and was extremely well sculptured: paintings from the brush of the well-known brother Luke adorned the walls: the windows were of colored glass. The whole of the building was well-proportion-

ed; the steeple was high and elegant.



THE CHURCH OF THE RECOLLECTS, QUEBEC, RESTORED.