

and had given them in full in his history. The author seemed in this work to wish to divest his writings of his own personality, and he adopted the plan which has rendered de Barante's 'Ducs de Bourgogne' so interesting, that of giving the documents of the times, and causing the personages to relate, as it were, their own history. This method is very attractive, but it is not the philosophy of history. Mr. Gayarré's own views were of too great importance to be ignored, and his countrymen were highly pleased when he gave his last work on Louisiana written in English a more philosophical cast. Mr. Gayarré was greatly honored by his State in his youth, and although he has now no official position, no one is more venerated and esteemed in Louisiana than our historian.

In 1841, Mr. Victor Debouchel published his 'Histoire de la Louisiane, depuis les premières découvertes jusqu'en 1840.'³ The work is interesting and the style is clear and concise. The aim of the author was to write a history for schools, but which might be read with profit, even by men of culture. The dates are very carefully given at the beginning of every paragraph treating of a different subject, and the contents of each chapter or "esquisse" are indicated by a well chosen title. Mr. Debouchel gives some amusing details about our old laws: in 1808, the fees of a lawyer were \$16.00, before the Supreme Court or the Circuit Court, and before a parish court \$5.00. In 1809, however, the fee was fixed at \$11.00 for every case. The last part of Mr. Debouchel's book is devoted to the great financial crisis of 1840, when a spirit of speculation seemed to have taken possession of the Louisianians. The history ends with the following very encouraging enumeration of the schools in Louisiana in 1840: three large colleges: Franklin in Opelousas, Jefferson in St. James, Louisiana at Jackson; thirty academies, of which six were for young ladies, and three convents.

Mr. Debouchel's work was followed in 1854 by Mr. Henri Rémy's, who published a well written 'Histoire de la Louisiane' in the "St. Michel," a weekly paper of the parish of St. James. It is very much to be regretted that the publication of this history was discontinued when the author had only gone

³ VICTOR DEBOUCHEL, 'Histoire de la Louisiane,' 1 Vol. 16mo, 190 pp. J. F. Lelièvre, Nouvelle-Orléans, 1841.

⁴ HENRI RÉMY, 'Histoire de la Louisiane,' cf. Le Journal *St. Michel*, Paroisse St. Jacques, 1854.