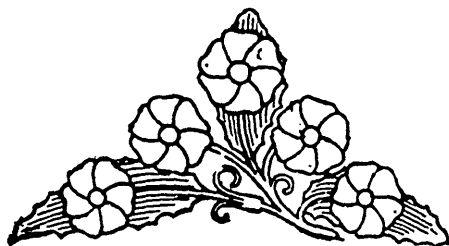


counter-shock caused at that time, by a sudden change in the administration of religious affairs. Everything tends to that belief.

A month and a half after his arrival in 1657, M^r de Quey-lus, bearing letters appointing him vicar-general, signed by the archbishop of Rouen whose authority was then universally acknowledged in Canada, « took charge of the cure (1) » and Father Poncet left for France ; the Jesuits withdrew to their college and ecclesiastical matters at once took a different direction.

Sometimes ill, always absorbed by the number and variety of the duties of his office, the new pastor does not seem to have occupied himself to the same extent with all his predecessor's work. At least this would appear from an inspection of the registers. That of the confraternity of the Scapular, for instance, bears no entry during his administration, that is from the 12th September 1657 to the 21st August of the following year. Perhaps he found sufficient compensation in instituting in the parish church « the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on every Thursday of the year, and on Saturday during Advent in honor of Our Lady (2). In any case, circumstances do not seem to have been favorable to the joiners, and the latter awaited the re-installation of the Jesuits in the cure of Quebec to resume the interrupted course of their negotiations.

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(1) Journal of the Jesuits, p. 220.

(2) Ibidem, p. 227.