

430. COMMANDER: -- Colonel Winslow.  
 432-41. The poet has followed very closely Winslow's actual speech. See Haliburton, i. 166-7.  
 434. MAKE: -- Disposition.  
 442. The summer solstice takes place about the 21st of June, the time when the sun is at its greatest distance north of the equator. The winter solstice falls about the 22nd December.  
 443. SLING: -- Here used figuratively for "blow" or "stroke."  
 461. CHANCEL: -- The part of the church which contained the altar. So called because this portion was originally enclosed by lattice-work or bars. Latin *cancelli*, bars of lattice-work.  
 466. TOCSIN: -- The warning sound given by a clock before it strikes the hour. Tocsin literally = an alarm-bell.  
 474. A large crucifix was probably placed over the altar.  
 476. See S. Luke xxiii. 34.  
 484. AVE MARIA are the opening words of a Latin prayer.  
 486. See 2 Kings ii. 11.  
 498. AMBROSIAL: -- Cf. Tennyson, 'The Princess, Prologue, l. 68: --  
 "The broad ambrosial aisles of lofty lime."

And IV. 6: --

"Dropt through the ambrosial gloom."

507. See Exodus xxxiv. 29-35.

v.

524. Longfellow, in this section, takes a liberty with history which, though of course perfectly legitimate, must not be overlooked. For the sake of dramatic unity, the poet makes the whole affair occur late in October and the embarkation to be completed in two days, -- the fifth and sixth after the meeting in the church.

The actual facts, however, were as follows: The English ships, with Colonel Winslow and his troops, arrived in the Basin of Minas before the end of August. The people were assembled in the church on Friday, September 5th. On Wednesday following (10th), about 240 men were distributed among the vessels then in harbour and a guard set over each vessel. The general embarkation did not take place until October 8th, and no ship left before that day. The work went on at intervals thereafter, and it was not till the last of December that all was completed.

527. THE NEIGHBOURING HAMLETS were probably the settlements on the rivers Canard and Habitant, and the village of Mines.

547. The French Catholic Missions first went to New France in 1611. The chant referred to is found in the same book in which Longfellow saw *Tous les Bourgeois de Chartres*.

559-60. These lines form the key-note to the poem which sings of love "that hopes and endures and is patient."

568-73. Winslow did his best to accomplish his work humanely, but there were of necessity some cases such as the poet mentions. In their Petition to the King the Acadians say: "Parents were separated from