

New York and New Jersey were the two colonies which really flourished. One of their reasons of success was their treaty with the five Nations. Pennsylvania also flourished. William Penn concluded a treaty of peace and friendship with the Indians. In most of the other states the settlers found it to their advantage to treat the Indians right and concluded peace and friendship treaties which helped them so materially in their growth.

It might now be well to see how the French in Canada or New France treated their red neighbors. The French being a Catholic people realized that the Indian, created by God, must needs have a soul as they themselves did. Therefore it was their duty to help save these souls. The Spanish method of treating the Indians was conversion and amalgamation with or without enslavement. The English method was the extermination or enslavement without conversion or amalgamation, and the French method was conversion and amalgamation without enslavement. Recognizing as they did the value of the soul of the Indian their missionaries sacrificed everything for the conversion of the red-man and they were very successful. The French were satisfied with a very small proportion of the soil. They endeavored by kindness and good-will to induce the natives to become Christians. The Indians were so susceptible to these kindnesses that the French were able to exercise over them a power based on justice and mutual consent. The wars with the Five Nations were certainly provoked by their destructive raids and expeditions of pillage and murder. The influence of the "blackrobe" soon became a marked one, and with the "black robe" went civilization and soon all along the Ohio and the Mississippi was to be found a net work of Catholic missions. The attempts of the missionaries often met with reverses but this only served to make souls more precious in their eyes.

On the other hand the attempts at conversion to the south were few and unsuccessful. The Puritans made a few feeble attempts but the general belief was that the Indians were a "doomed race of Adam," and quite unworthy that any effort should be made to better their condition. The meagre attempts at conversion were opposed with ridicule and died out. The Indians did not lose this chance to contribute their part to the antagonism, and their raids, murderous and devastating, their tomahawks, scalping knives and torture were ever in evidence. The English forgetting that the Indians had often rescued the settlers of Vir-