

Church of Rome on the North American continent. It was thus that the Atlantic coast, from the far north to Florida, was, after a conflict lasting for a century and a half, won for the English Crown, and thus the English civilization, the English faith and Church, the English ideas of liberty and law, secured the final victory.

It is an illustration of what Parkman styles "the singularly contrasted characters and methods of the rival claimants to North America during this struggle for supremacy" to note their respective modes of treatment of the aborigines. Of the atrocity of the Spanish measures for Christianizing the natives of America we need only inquire of Spanish authorities. It was the baptism of blood that was forced upon these simple, guileless Indians whom Columbus himself enslaved and slaughtered till, even in his lifetime, and through his pitiless greed, the native peoples within his reach were practically exterminated.

Of the much vaunted missions of the French the impartial Parkman writes, in his latest volumes: "It was the reproach of the Jesuit missions that they left the savage a savage still, and asked little of him but the practice of certain rites, and the passive acceptance of dogmas to him incomprehensible." ‡ "The results of the Jesuit missions in the West had been

‡ Parkman's "A Half Century of Conflict," i. 22