

to string up the Spaniards to the same trees on which he found the bodies of the Huguenots, with this writing above their heads: "Killed as murderers, not as Spaniards." But aside from this historic incident, who does not see the striking similarity between this colonization plan of de Coligni which ended in failure, and that of the Puritans which met with success? The eyes of both looked for a new world, the glance of both was turned toward America, and in Coligni's idea, as well as in Robinson's, the consciousness found expression that Calvinistic faith could not flourish in a commonwealth constituted after Romish state-law, but rather carried within itself a creative principle which contained a state-law of its own, and a new political life.

On the question of toleration, Independents and Huguenots, though less closely, were also allied. It cannot be denied that, impelled by passions so violently aroused by warfare without quarter, cruelties were also practised by them. Facts are facts, and to falsify history is no temptation to us, for the reason that Calvinism does not seek its strength in persons, but in principles. The question is: What was the desire and the design of those Calvinistic leaders in France? And the answer is found in that important document of state which was issued by the Huguenot leaders, on the sixteenth day of December, 1573. Hence after the massacre of St. Bartholomew and conceived in the midst of its horrors. It bore the title "*Reglement de Politie et de Guerre*," and contained the carefully-outlined fundamental law which was to be the constitution of the Huguenot state in France. In this constitution, Article XXXIII. treats of the attitude toward Romanists, who were by far the minority in Reformed neighborhoods, and reads: "Unarmed Catholics are to be treated in the gentlest possible manner. No outrage shall be committed upon them, nor shall violence be done against their conscience, honor, or property. They shall be allowed to dwell in the bonds of friendship and peace, as good citizens and beloved