

divinity who was worthy to be invoked, and as the sovereign master of health and sickness; but the idolater whom the missionary had apostrophized, broke out into such a fury against him, that one would have thought that he was going to sacrifice him to the sun. Nevertheless, it ended simply in burning the canoe that had brought him.¹

1667.

Dangers and hardships encountered by Father Allouez in this voyage.

The first of September they reached Sault St. Marie,² which, as has been already observed, is the strait by which Lake Superior empties into Lake Huron. Father Allouez did not halt here; he spent the whole month of September in exploring the southern shore of Lake Superior. On his way he met several Christians, baptized by Father Mesnard, who were delighted to see him, and whom he confirmed in the faith. He also had the consolation of securing by baptism the eternal salvation of several dying children; and on the first of October he arrived at Chagouamigon.³ There he was received at a large town, where they reckoned at least eight hundred warriors of different nations: he began his labors by erecting a chapel there, which was soon frequented by quite a large number of proselytes.

The first who sought and received baptism was the wounded man who, on the voyage, touched by his remonstrances, had renounced superstitious remedies, which they had begun to apply to him. He had been cured, after invoking the God of the Christians, and he entertained no doubt that he was indebted for his health to Him alone. An assembly was then held of ten or twelve nations, all understanding the Algonquin language; and the apostolic man, who was well versed in that language, did not lose so favorable an opportunity of exercising his zeal. He spoke at length of the Christian religion, in an animated and pathetic manner, suited, however, to the capacity of

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1667, p. 7. He broke the missionary's canoe to pieces: Ib.

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² Vers le commencement de Sep-

³ He mentions the copper seen on the way: Relation, 1667, pp. 8, 9.