

1662. crosses, than these words, addressed to him by the bishop of  
 Petraea, whom he had met between Three Rivers and Mon-  
 treal : " All kinds of reasons, my dear Father, should retain  
 you here ; but God, more powerful than all our reasons,  
 wills you in the country whither you go."<sup>1</sup>

Adventures  
 of Father  
 Mesnard.

At the end of six days, they came to conduct him to the place chosen for their wintering ; this was a bay on the southern shore of Lake Superior. He arrived there on the 15th of October, and gave it the name of St. Teresa, whose festival is celebrated on that day. There he found some Christians of various nations, who gave him sufficient employment, and he increased their number by some predestined souls, for whose salvation Divine Providence seemed to him to have conducted him into those wilds. These are those secret springs of God's goodness, manifested only to those whom it deigns to use to work the miracles of His grace, and a knowledge of which diffuses over their labors an unction which they alone are able to relish.<sup>2</sup>

In the letter already cited, the apostolic man added, that the piety of some Frenchmen, who had accompanied him on this expedition, also contributed greatly to diminish sensibly the grief which he felt on beholding the hardness of heart of most of those for whose salvation he had exposed himself to so many perils. These savages always maintained the treatment which they had kept up throughout the voyage, and he soon perceived that what prevented their hearing him, when he wished to speak to them of religion, was the fear of drawing on them the miseries which had overwhelmed the Hurons : moreover, polygamy was very prevalent among them.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Relation de la N. F., 1664, p. 2 ; Letter of Aug. 27, 1660 ; Relation, 1660, p. 29. The party with whom Ménéard went came down with Des Groseillers, who had penetrated to the Nation de Bœuf (Sioux Sedentaires), and now brought down in 26 days from Lake Superior 60 ca-

noes of Ottawas with 200,000 livres of furs : Lalemant, Journal, Aug., 1660. Father Albanel set out also, but was forced to return : *Ib.*, Sept. 14, 1660.

<sup>2</sup> Relation de la N. F., 1664, p. 2 ; Relation, 1663, p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> Letters of May 1 and July 2, 1660 ; Relation, 1664, pp. 2-6.