

fact, and the age of O-cha-own, it would seem to me, that there must have been missionaries at Depere as late as 1710 to 1720; though it is barely possible, that she may have been ninety or one hundred years of age, and have been baptised by Father Allouez or Father Enjalran.*

I am very confident there could have been no missionaries at Green Bay from its settlement, in 1745, until Father Gabriel Richard, of Detroit, visited the Bay in 1820—Father Richard was afterwards the delegate of Michigan Territory in Congress. About 1784 or '85, my father was at Mackinaw, and as Father Payet had just arrived there, he concluded it was a good time to have his children baptised; so he sent a messenger, and my mother and her children were conveyed in a bark canoe to Mackinaw, then called two hundred and forty miles from Green Bay, and when the wind and weather were favorable, the voyage could be made in five or six days. There we were baptised by Father Payet; I have a perfect remembrance of the trip. The garrison at Mackinaw was then commanded by an officer named Robinson, or some such name.

The traders and settlers, as a general thing, lived on very friendly terms with the natives. No doubt these amicable relations were much promoted by the intermarriages of the early French and Indians. But it is natural, that among a half-civilized people, there should be some exceptions. I will give some few instances in which lives were sacrificed. A French trader named Pennesha Gegare—the same spoken of as Pennesha in Gorrell's *Journal of 1763*, accompanied

*When Charlevoix visited Green Bay, in 1721, Father Peter Chardon—mentioned in the *Cass Manuscripts*, in this volume, as Father Chardon—"lodged pretty near the Commandant" of the Fort, and had been devoting his labors more especially to the Sauks. We find, by the *Cass Manuscripts*, Father Chardon still at Green Bay in 1726; and his field of labor formed a part of the Ottawa mission. The Fox war of 1728, greatly embarrassed the operations of the missionaries; "from that time, indeed," says Shea, "the Ottawa mission is almost unknown till the days of the last Jesuit missionaries of the West." See Charlevoix, Shea's *Hist. of the Catholic Missions*, and the *Cass Manuscripts*.