

[15] CHAPTER II.

RELATION OF THE MISSION OF SAINT ESPRIT, AMONG
THE OUTAOUACS, ON LAKE TRACY, FOR-
MERLY CALLED LAKE SUPERIOR.

JOURNAL OF FATHER CLAUDE ALLOUEZ'S VOYAGE
INTO THE OUTAOUAC COUNTRY.

TWO years ago, and more, Father Claude Allouez set out for that great and arduous Mission, in behalf of which he has journeyed, in all his travels, nearly two thousand leagues through these vast forests,—enduring hunger, nakedness, shipwreck, weariness by day and night, and the persecutions of the Idolaters; but he has also had the consolation of bearing the torch of the Faith to more than twenty different infidel Nations.

[16] We cannot gain a better knowledge of the fruits of his labors than from the Journal which he was called upon to prepare.

The narrative will be diversified by the description of the places and Lakes that he passed, the customs and superstitions of the peoples visited, and by various incidents of an unusual nature and worthy of relation. He begins as follows:

“On the eighth of August, in the year 1665, I embarked at three Rivers with six Frenchmen, in company with more than four hundred Savages of various nations, who, after transacting the little trading for which they had come, were returning to their own country.