

baptized, " notwithstanding all the opposition that the devil raises up against the Gospel by various superstitions " — to oppose which the missionaries have more than once risked their lives. At St. Ignace (Marquette's post), the new chapel built last year was, at its opening, " consecrated by sixty-six baptisms," administered to Hurons and Algonkins who have settled there. At De Pere, André has, by mingled patience and firmness, conquered the minds, " most ferocious and superstitious," of the savages in that region. He has formed " a church of four or five hundred Christians;" and has baptized a hundred and forty persons during the past year. Among the Central Wisconsin tribes, Allouez has baptized a hundred and sixty. The Mascouten village has been increased, by refugees from many tribes, to a population of 20,000 souls — a parish too large for Allouez, who is now aided by Silvy. Letters from the former give some account of his work there. As usual, the great obstacle in the way of the missionaries is the blind adherence of the savages to their superstitions, especially where dreams are concerned.

A short report is given from each of the Iroquois missions. Bruyas, superior of all these, writes from Agnié that he has baptized eighty persons there. His labors have received much aid from the conversion of Assendassé, a notable Mohawk chief, and from a gift, made to the church of Agnié, of a miraculous image, that of Our Lady of Foye. The Oneidas, most cruel of all the Iroquois, " are now so changed through Father Millet's care that it may be said that from wolves they have become lambs." Several prominent chiefs here also have been converted. At Onondaga, also, the church is flourish-