

Missions to the Outaouais.

IN the country of the Outaouais we have over twelve special Missions, among them being three chief ones, each of which has a large and handsomely decorated chapel.

The first of these three Missions is Sainte Marie du Sault, at the eastern end of lake superior; it is under the charge of Father Nouvel. He and Fathers Dreuilletes and Bailloquet work therein, sometimes together and sometimes separately; for they have to devote their attention not only to the Algonquins of the Sault, but also to those of Ekaentouton, of Nipissing, and of Mississagué. These are three populous nations, with whom the Fathers go to spend the winter, one after another.

Within a year, they have baptized over 120 persons, notwithstanding all the opposition that the devil raises up against the Gospel by various superstitions—to which these peoples are so attached that they have even dared, on several occasions, to lift their hatchets over the heads of the missionaries who opposed those diabolical practices.

The second mission is that of Saint Ignace, at Michillimakinac. This is an excellent fishing station situated exactly between the lake of the Hurons and that of the Illinois.

At this point, the Hurons of Etionnontaté and some Algonquin tribes have gathered together within a short time. A considerable number from both