

not without great suffering. For, in addition to famine and the other hardships which usually accompany such winterings,—after having consumed all the provisions that he had brought, making use of them to win and to retain his Savages; after having slept for a long while on the ground without being able to stir, owing to an unfortunate fall,—he was abandoned by the Savages who were to guide, and by the French who were to accompany him. Notwithstanding all this, when he learned that the English also had proceeded by sea to the very place where he was going; that they had fortified themselves there, and threatened to kill him if he ventured thither,—notwithstanding all this, I say, that noble missionary, who is over sixty years of age and is quite worn out by his former labors—and, above all, by the fatigues of his last voyage—did not fail to continue his journey. He relied solely upon Providence, and exposed himself to a thousand dangers that he foresaw—such is his zeal for the salvation of his beloved flock, and for the glory of the name of Jesus Christ, which he wishes to bear to various nations on the shores of that distant sea who have never heard it.

After the successful attempts made, two years ago, by Father Albanel to secure easier access to the Northern sea, fresh enterprises were expected on our part for the discovery of the Southern sea. This was done this year by Father Marquette, who, after extending his journey to the 33rd degree of latitude, came back safely last spring. He regards it as certain that, after descending for several days the great river that he discovered, he arrived in Florida; and that, if he had continued to descend