

forty or fifty leagues farther, he would have reached the gulf of Mexico.

Since his return, that Father has remained in the country of the Outaouais, that he may be fully prepared to establish Missions among the Illinois, the nearest and the most docile of the tribes that he has discovered. Should he not return to them this year, it will be because we must not abandon those whom we have begun to instruct.

Our other missionaries among the Outaouais labor holily and usefully, each in his Mission. Within a year, they have baptized more than five hundred infidels; and, this summer, Father Bailloquet alone baptized in two months a hundred children and some adults, fully one-half of whom are sure of paradise. He gathered this harvest while the Savages with whom he was were gathering that of certain small blue fruits, on which they and the Father lived during those two months.¹⁰

We have among the Outaouais three residences, or three permanent dwellings, where we regularly live, and to which the Fathers who labor in those Missions repair from time to time, to take breath for a while. The first is situated at the end of the bay des Puants, and is called the Mission of Saint François Xavier. To this house are attached: Father Allouez, that holy and true missionary; Father Marquette, of whom I have just spoken; and Father Louis André, whose indefatigable constancy and assiduity produce abundant fruits. This year, Father Silvy¹¹ was sent to their assistance, with one of our lay Brethren, who was to take charge of that house as regards temporal matters. The Fathers hardly ever remain there for they are all engaged in the Missions, to