

styled him "Thunder Bearer." This spectacular display was in keeping with the policy which marked the old French regime in two worlds, and which for two centuries proved equally sovereign in both.

Wisconsin antiquity being demonstrated to be so considerable, let no New Englander or old Englander taunt us as the big dunce did the infant phenomenon in a Sabbath school, saying: "No wonder you can tell without book who made you, you have not yet been made more than a fortnight."

Discovery of the Mississippi

Early in August, there is to be a grand celebration at Mackinaw, in honor of Father Marquette and the discovery of his relics. The approach of this festival will quicken the interest of your readers in the following article. A generation ago, Pierre Margry, of Paris, was employed by General Cass to ascertain in the French archives some minutiae regarding primitive Detroit. Afterward he was engaged in far more extensive researches in that mine, digging up the materials which Francis Parkman has fashioned into half a dozen volumes, all excellent regarding the French in North America. Moreover, for the last half dozen years, he has extended his investigations under the patronage of the United States government. Under its auspices he has already published three octavos of memoirs and original documents, several of which had never before been printed. These productions all relate to the period previous to 1754. The volumes are printed from original manuscripts, and just as they are found. It was my fortune to see M. Margry often, on a recent visit to Paris. The matter he has already accumulated will fill three more octavos. Besides, he will add to them twenty early maps.

The following letter from him to the secretary of the Wisconsin Historical Society will interest every dweller in the valley of