

bands, and Marquette with them, were driven like leaves before an autumn blast eastward along the southern shore of the great lake: the Ottawas taking up their home in the Manitoulin Islands of Lake Huron, the Hurons accompanying Marquette to the Straits of Mackinaw, where he established the mission of St. Ignace.

With La Pointe mission abandoned, and Lake Superior closed to French enterprise by the "raging Sioux," the mission at Depere now became the centre of Jesuit operations in Wisconsin, and it was a hundred and sixty-four years later (1835), before mass was again said upon the forest-fringed shores of Chequamegon Bay.

Although the missionary had deserted La Pointe, the fur trader soon came to be much in evidence there. The spirit of Radisson and Groseilliers long permeated this out-of-the-way corner of the Northwest. We find (1673), three years after Marquette's expulsion, La Salle's trading agent, Sieur Raudin, cajoling the now relenting Sioux at the western end of Lake Superior. In the summer of 1679, that dashing *coureur de bois*, Daniel Grayson du l'Hut,¹ ascended the St. Louis River, which divides Wisconsin and Minnesota, and penetrated with his lively crew of *voyageurs* to the Sandy Lake country, being probably the first white trader upon the head-waters of the Mississippi. The succeeding winter he spent in profitable commerce with the Assiniboines, Crees, and other northern tribes in the neighborhood of Grand Portage,² on the boundary between Minnesota and Canada. In June, 1680, probably unaware of the easier portage by way of the Mille Lacs and Rum River, Du l'Hut set out at the head of a small company of employés to reach the Mississippi by a new route. Entering the narrow and turbulent Bois Brulé,³

other when they meet upon it."—Henry's *Travels and Adventures* (N. Y., 1809), pp. 197, 198.

¹ From whom the city of Duluth, Minn., was named.

² For an account of Grand Portage, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi., pp. 123-125.

³ See *ante*, p. 203, *note*, for description of the Bois Brulé-St. Croix route.