

ize any attempt at building a church. He therefore, after a sojourn of fifteen days, set his face again towards Mackinac — which, by his route, was a distance of 400 miles. He did not reach that goal until November, after a stormful passage from Green Bay. Soon, finding ten Indians in a bark canoe bound for new l'Arbre Croche, he took passage with them and arrived on the evening of the second day. On landing, he saw men throwing one barrel into the lake and breaking another into pieces, and learned that a trader had brought them full of whiskey — and that they were destroyed by order of the local Ottawa chief. The Father suffered greatly with cold, hunger, and exposure before regaining his winter quarters.

April 16, 1833, the missionary left Mackinac for his first visit to the Winnebago village, some eight miles from the fort of that name — now the city of Portage, Wisconsin. From Green Bay his journey had been on horseback. He was unable to make himself understood, until he fell in with Pietro Paquette. This interpreter was very helpful in preaching and confessions. Two hundred converts were made, and an Ottawa catechism, by Father Baraga, was translated into Winnebago. In order to get this primer printed, Mazzuchelli journeyed 700 miles to Detroit. It appeared there in 1833, as a pamphlet of eighteen small octavo pages, entitled *Ocangra Aramee Wawakakara*. Embarking on his return from Detroit, on the 1st of November, winds were so contrary that he did not land in Green Bay until the 22nd. Two nuns came thither with him, for opening an Indian school.

The influence of the missionary's visit to the Winnebagoes, astonished Mrs. John H. Kinzie, wife of the Indian agent at the fort, when she offered liquor to one of their women. In noticing this incident in her *Wau-Bun*, she relates that the glass was declined, with a finger pointed at the crucifix that hung round the squaw's neck. "It gave me a lesson," she says, "of more power than twenty sermons. Never before had I seen a glass refused from a religious motive."