

Savages from all the villages of the Bay arrived, according to their promise, at the house of the Jesuits, in order to make atonement to the latter for the death of their men. As the affair had been a notorious one, they were at once taken into the Church,¹ where the Superior gave them an exhortation, praised their excellent intention, which God would bless, and had them offer some Prayers. Going from that place, they entered a room where sat the French commandant with several other persons; on this occasion it was necessary to conform to the procedure of the Savages, who spread over the dead the presents which they make to those who are the parties concerned. They laid on the floor, accordingly, four packages of beaver-skins and two Porcelain Collars, to efface the resentment that our people might feel at the assassination which they had committed at the French house. The latter were much piqued over a point of honor, and claimed that that number of Beaver-skins was not sufficient to wipe away their tears. The Jesuits paid very little attention to all these presents; they felt constrained to exact public satisfaction from those people only that they might maintain them in the spirit of religion. Their only occupation was to lay the foundations of the House of God. * * * The Savages readily agreed that their present was an insufficient one, but thought that we ought to consider their troubles, as the sickness prevalent among them had not allowed them to go hunting; and claimed that they would make satisfaction in the following Spring, in a more acceptable manner.

At that time, a Saki hung up a war Kettle, but without the consent of all the Chiefs of his tribe; and some of his band entered the cabin of a Frenchman, who was lying on his bed. Suspecting that they had come to say farewell to him, he pretended to snore; the others waited the moment when he should awake. The Frenchman, suddenly opening his eyes as does a man who awakes from a heavy slumber, said aloud in the Saki tongue: "The Sakis who are going to war will be defeated." The warriors asked what had given him that idea.

¹ This refers to the church at Allouez's Fox river mission (at the present De Pere); it was built in 1672 or 1673 (*Jes. Relations*, lviii, p. 209).—Ed.