

Nouvel makes various excursions to neighboring encampments, here and there baptizing a few, mainly children—except at Manitoulin Island, where he receives into the Church fourteen adults and youth. He relates several instances of marvelous cures wrought in sickness, by water in which certain relics of the martyr Brebeuf have been dipped.

At Sault Ste. Marie, one hundred and forty-five baptisms are recorded. A church has recently been built there, which is the object of much admiration, from Frenchmen as well as savages. The rest of the report from this mission is occupied with accounts of miraculous cures wrought by prayer and holy water. These wonders “have gone far toward eradicating the two chief vices prevalent among these Tribes, jugglery and polygamy.” “Those who recognize only the true God enjoy perfect health. We see, in fine, Christianity becoming established here, despite all hell.”

The mission of St. Ignace, apparently on Mackinac Island, was recently opened for the benefit of the Hurons, who have fled thither from Chequamegon Bay in dread of the hostile Sioux tribes. Marquette has accompanied them, and has charge of the mission. Such of these Hurons “as have continued in the faith now display great fervor.”

A chapel has been built for the Green Bay mission, at the De Pere rapids. The advantages of this location are recounted at length. The writer gives an interesting account of the methods employed by the savages of the place in catching fish, and praises the beauty and fertility of the surrounding country. Allouez and André are laboring with those tribes—the former, with the inland tribes on the Fox and Wolf rivers; the latter, with those about De Pere and along the shores of Green Bay. The divinities venerated by these tribes, and their superstitions regarding them, are recounted. André makes a strong impression on the minds of his savages by songs,—composed in the Indian tongue, but sung to French airs,—which he accompanies with a flute. These songs, many of which are expressly directed against their superstitions, he teaches to the children; and with a band of “these little Savage musicians” he goes about the villages, “to declare war on Jugglers, Dreamers, and