

from the village. He has baptized only two adults. In obedience to his superior's orders, the Father is preparing to undertake a journey of exploration toward the South Sea.

Allouez and André conduct the mission at St. François Xavier, at De Pere, and its neighborhood—André caring for the savages residing at or near Green Bay, and Allouez for those up the Fox and Wolf rivers. A letter from the former states that a fire in his cabin burned (December 22, 1672) his diary and writing materials. He describes his labors during the rest of that winter, at a fishing village on the bay. The natives at once build him a new cabin; it includes a chapel, at which the women and children are assiduous attendants. The great obstacles to the missionary's success are the dependence of these people upon dreams, and the belief of the warriors that prayer is not for them, but for the women and children. André recounts various debates which he holds with the chiefs on this and like questions. One of them admits frankly, "We care very little whether it be the devil or God that gives us food." Notwithstanding his opposition to their false gods, André is able to say: "I have had no trouble this year with the savages;" and, indeed, they endeavor to please him in various ways. Some even renounce their superstitions, and accept God as their only manitou. André does not ascribe this improvement to his own efforts during his three months' stay; but "God accomplished this, through the great numbers of sturgeon that were speared there"—which makes them conclude that their deity is worth nothing, since they secure abundance of fish without invoking him. The Father baptizes ten adults and nine children during his sojourn there. He then proceeds to the Suamico river, where there is a village of Pottawattomies. These savages entreat the Father to procure for them, by his prayers, success in their fishery. He refuses to do so unless they renounce their false deities, which they readily promise to do. One of them gives a feast, at which, as he assures André, he "Impersonated God, and not the Devil. I told him that I knew that he was worthless, and had no esteem for prayer. He is called *porceau* ['the hog'], and he is a true hog in his conduct." The Father says, in reference to their answers to his inquiries about