

the superstitious observances at their feasts, "But The savages are too great liars to be Believed." "However," he adds, "I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of the girls," who are always assiduous in attending and in learning the prayers. The children clean their faces when André tells them to; and "even the young men came in the evening to pray, and not to see the girls, * * * hoping that God would give them sturgeon, and manifesting their belief that their dreams were folly." At the close of André's report, he adds some curious observations regarding the apparent tides in the Fox River. He ascribes these to the action of the wind.

Allouez's work among the Wisconsin tribes is described in his report to his superior. In May, 1672, he goes to the Mascouten village on the upper Fox river. Here he finds nearly two hundred cabins of savages, representing five tribes. A cabin is erected, for his chapel; but, when he undertakes to say mass, so great a crowd assembles, and so great is their curiosity "to see the black gown," that for some time he cannot even make himself heard by them. He succeeds at last in explaining the ceremony to them, when they show profound respect, and even refrain from smoking and talking while Allouez is using the chapel. Crowds attend his instructions every day, and he says, "I had barely time to take my food." He erects a great cross; and his parishioners hang upon it "clusters of Indian corn, girdles, and red garters," to show their veneration. Two of the tribes begin to quarrel over it, each desiring to have it when the Father shall depart; "this holy contention gave me joy." He settles it by erecting another cross in the rival encampment. Allouez remains among these people until September 6, when he sets out on his return to De Pere. His canoe is wrecked in the Appleton rapids; all his baggage is soaked with water, but fortunately is not lost. With one of his boatmen, who is ill, he remains eight days on "an Islet ten feet Long," until his men can procure another canoe. They then return safely to the mission-house at De Pere.

In the mission of St. François Xavier, which includes the Pottawattomie village on the east shore of Green Bay, Allouez baptizes thirty-four persons during the year—all children, ex-