

Lake Huron also report many baptisms, mainly of children.]—*Jes. Relations*, lx, pp. 18, 19, 197-213.

1676-77: ALLOUEZ BEGINS THE ILLINOIS MISSION.

[The mission to the Illinois tribes, which was founded by Marquette, was continued by Allouez (1676-77). His journal of the voyage thither is given in *Jes. Relations*, lx. The original MS., written by him, rests in the archives of St. Mary's (Jesuit) College, Montreal.]

[Synopsis: A voyage to the Illinois mission, which was begun by the late Father Marquette, is made by his successor, the veteran Allouez. His report of this journey, prefaced by a short note by Dablon, is here given.

He sets out from De Pere near the end of October, 1676, with two men. They intend to winter with the Illinois, but cold weather overtakes them earlier than usual, and they are obliged to remain among the Pottawattomie Indians near Green Bay until February. The ice is then strong enough to bear their canoe, upon which they rig a sail, and thus have an ice-boat which is propelled by the wind; when the wind fails, they haul the canoe by ropes. March 29, they embark on Lake Michigan, which they have reached via the Sturgeon Bay portage. After voyaging seventy-six leagues along the lake-shore, they reach Chicago river, where they are cordially welcomed by the Indians who dwell there. Finally, on April 27, they reach the great Illinois village of Kaskaskia.¹ This place now has people from eight different tribes, and contains 351 cabins. Allouez briefly mentions the customs of these people, and the natural products of the country. He at once begins to instruct them, in the very cabin where Marquette had lodged; "I could not have desired a larger audience, or closer attention." The Father baptizes thirty-five children and a sick man; he erects a great cross in the village, which is adored by even the chil-

¹ This village was not located at the place afterward called Kaskaskia, but near the present village of Utica, in La Salle county, Ill. The tribe migrated to the present Kaskaskia in 1700 (see *Jes. Relations*, lxxv, p. 101).—Ed.