

PREFACE TO VOL. LI

Following is a synopsis of the documents contained in this volume:

CXXI. In Vol. L. were given Chaps. i. - vii. of the *Relation* of 1666-67; the remainder of this document is herewith presented. Allouez's journal, begun in Chap. ii., is continued, forming nearly the whole of the *Relation*. He relates his work among the Ottawa tribes. They are extremely licentious and superstitious, and therefore care little for the gospel; yet many attend the chapel services and instructions, and he baptizes about eighty children. The savages have lost their former dread of baptism as causing death; they now imagine that this rite will cure sickness, and raise up the dying. The Father ministers especially to the sick and the dying; he finds only four adults who are worthy of baptism.

Allouez next mentions his labors among the Pottawattomies. These people he has met at Lake Superior, whither they resort. He considers them more friendly and tractable, and less licentious, than other tribes in that region. The Father visits their cabins during their stay there, and baptizes thirty-four little children; a few adults are also converted — among them a man "about a hundred years old, who was regarded by the Savages as a sort of divinity." When he dies, his people burn the corpse, instead of burying it in the ground. This procedure arises from a legend current among them, which is here