

The recounting of a few details of Fr. Paillier's life, which we have secured from one of his fellow Oblates, will, we are sure, be a source of extreme pleasure to his many friends. Moreover, these details, offer us the best obtainable means of following him in his long career. To give them, is, to our mind, what may be called, relating the services of a valiant soldier, or rather, of a noble and courageous apostle of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Paillier was born Dec. 6, 1827 at Pompée near Nancy in that part of Lorraine which was left to France by the treaty of 1871. At an early age he felt himself called to the sacred ministry. He was well advanced in his studies, in fact, had spent three years in the Grand Seminary of Nancy, when despite the obstacles that had discouraged many another, he decided to enter the Oblate Novitiate at Nancy, Sept. 6, 1848. On Sept. 8th of the following year he made his religious profession. He then went to Marseilles to finish his theological studies. Sept. 21, 1850 he received ordination at Aix, in Provence, from the hands of the venerable founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Mgr. de Mazenod. It was in the chapel when the first Oblates made their vows in 1816, and which is therefore regarded as the cradle of the Congregation, that Fr. Paillier had the happiness of being raised to the priesthood and of saying his first mass.

In March, 1850, the young priest, in company with Rev. Fr. Laverlochère who was already renowned as a missionary among the Indians of Hudson Bay, set sail for Boston *en route* to Canada. Father Laverlochère had gone to France for a recruit, and immediately obtained Fr. Paillier as the companion of his labors. In the spring of 1851 Fr. Paillier passed through Ottawa (then called Bytown, a place of five or six thousand souls) on his way to Hudson Bay. During the whole of the following summer he initiated himself in missionary labor among the savages and engaged himself in acquiring the Algonquin tongue.

Fr. Laverlochère on his return from this laborious mission, was stricken with apoplexy so that when Fr. Paillier returned the following year he had another co-laborer, in the person of Rev. Fr. Garin, who was at that time in the Hudson Bay Mission. This year was the termination of such kind of work for Fr. Paillier. His superiors though it better, considering their want of subjects, to assign him to duties for which he was better fitted.