

ARTICLE 4TH. OF THE MISSION TO THE MASKOUC-  
TENCH, ILINOIS, AND OTHER TRIBES.

THAT which Father Claude allouez has accomplished among these tribes is truly apostolic. He has preached The gospel with much toil to a great many pagan savages, of various nations and of different Languages, [and that] with considerable success; so that through his instrumentality The knowledge of one God is widely spread in these remote parts of The earth, which it had as yet never reached. The cross of Jesus Christ has been respected, and planted where it had never been seen; and many souls [have been] regenerated in holy baptism Who—owing to Their remoteness and Their barbarous customs; the fatigues that must be undergone in going to Seek Them, and The diversity of Languages that had to be learned, in order to be able to preach to Them; and the thick darkness of idolatry, added to a singular attachment to Their superstitions, which had to be dispelled in order to convert Them—seemed to be beyond hope of ever becoming children of God. But it is better to make use of the journal of the same Father, to convey detailed Knowledge of all these Matters.

MY REVEREND FATHER,  
*A few days after Father henri nouvel's departure,*  
I embarked for The mission of saint Jacques, among the Machkoutench,—*that was on The 9th of August of The year 1672, [and] I arrived there on The 13th.*

In this mission we have, during the past year, baptized 114 persons, of whom three adults and five children died shortly after baptism.