

## Preface to Reprint Edition

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The third volume of the *Wisconsin Historical Collections* is one of the most valuable in the series, chiefly because containing Dr. Draper's now famous interview with Augustin Grignon. This sturdy grandson of Wisconsin's first settler, Charles Langlade, still retained, when Draper visited him in the spring of 1857, a vivid recollection of men and manners in the earliest Wisconsin; and the resulting narrative still remains as probably the most important account that has come down to us from one living in those primitive days. Another important narrative in this volume, is "Reminiscences of the Northwest" by B. F. H. Witherell.

John Law's account of "Jesuit Missionaries in the Northwest" is interesting not only for itself but as being the first attempt in the *Collections* to give any detailed treatment of the French regime. The controversy with Shea, in the appendix to this paper, lends to it additional value. The French field is still further worked by the presentation of several valuable documents of the period, under the general title of "The Cass Manuscripts"; also by the publication of "Lieut. Gov. Cruzat's Message to the Sauks and Foxes" in 1781.

The "Indian Tribes of Wisconsin" are ably treated by John Gilmary Shea, the well-known Catholic historian; and there is also an article by Richard F. Moore on "The Chippewas of Lake Superior." A resumé is given of Increase A. Lapham's *Antiquities of Wisconsin*; while Alfred Brunson's paper on "Ancient Mounds or Tumuli in Crawford County" is in-