

been made for an Indian school near Prairie du Chien, and in the year 1833, the Rev. David Lowry, of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination, came to the place as superintendent of said Indian school, but it was about a year thereafter before suitable buildings were erected on the Yellow River in Iowa, and Mr. Lowry remained at Prairie du Chien, and preached on Sundays; and during this time, collected those professing religion of the different denominations into a society. In the fall of 1835, the Rev. Alfred Brunson visited Prairie du Chien, and returned home the same autumn; and in the spring of 1836, he came back with his family, as superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Mission of the Upper Mississippi and Lake Superior. He purchased a farm and built a house, the materials for which he brought with him from Meadville, Pa., and continued for several years laboring in his missionary capacity. He several times visited the missions on the Upper Mississippi, and when at the Prairie, preached and formed a Methodist society. In the year 1836, the Rev. Mr. Caddle, of the Episcopal church, came to the Prairie as a missionary, but was shortly after appointed chaplain to Fort Crawford, in which capacity he continued until 1841, when feeling, as he expressed it, that he was not in his proper place preaching to soldiers, who went to hear him more from compulsion than anything else, he resigned his chaplaincy, and again entered the missionary service in another part of the Territory. Mr. Caddle, while chaplain of the fort, formed a church of the few communicants of the Prairie, and the officers and ladies of the fort, which he called Trinity, but was obliged for most of the church officers to elect non-communicants.

I must not omit to mention another of the early American settlers. In 1833, the quarter-master of Fort Crawford advertised in Galena for proposals for a contract to furnish the fort with a year's supply of wood. Ezekiel Tainter and a man by the name of Reed, got the contract, and came here and supplied the first contract together, at the end of which Mr. Reed left the country. Mr. Tainter remained, and continued for several years to take