

earlier date than 1639, for Nicolet visited the Winnebagoes in that year, and found them prosperous, and we can hardly suppose a tribe almost annihilated, and then restored to its former numbers in 30 years.

They were the original occupants of Wisconsin, and were often troublesome and hostile. They were allies of Pontiac in 1763, were defeated by Wayne in 1794, adhered to England in 1812. (O'Callaghan, Colonial Documents, iii, 283). In 1710, they numbered 80 to 100 men; and in 1848, they numbered 2531 souls.*

* For additional notices of the Winnebagoes, see Shea's *Discovery of the Mississippi*, p. xxi, and notes 10, 11. L. C. D.