

Jesuit Missionaries in the Northwest

No apology is needed, we trust, for giving place in this work to the following papers upon the Early Jesuit Missionaries in the North-West. The Lecture of Judge Law, the critique upon it by John G. Shea, and the closing paper upon both, appeared in the columns of the *Catholic Telegraph*, published at Cincinnati, early in 1855, and deserve a better fate than but too generally attends newspaper publications. Wisconsin was the scene of many of the early labors of Marquette, Allouez, Dablon and their heroic and adventurous compeers; and, with pious care, should we preserve every scrap relating to their early perils, sacrifices and discoveries. We are indebted to Mr. Shea for this series of papers.

The *Catholic Telegraph*, of Feb. 10th, 1855, introduced Judge Law's Lecture to its readers by the following editorial notice:

Judge Law has kindly consented to the publication of his address before the Catholic Institute of this city on the 31st of January. It was well received by the audience and the press, and will well repay perusal. Such documents form part of the national history, and should be carefully preserved for future reference. The *Democratic Review* contained a portion of this address, written for it by Judge Law a few years ago, and the subject of it was also well treated by the lamented Perkins, in, we believe, the *North American Review*, and also by Bishop Brute himself in the columns of this paper. But the lecture shows that new facts and views were still in reserve, which are here presented in an agreeable and instructive form. In the name of the Institute, and our own, we tender our best thanks to the author.

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