

butions from abroad, there was scarcely any need, on their part, of toiling for their subsistence. In Canada they dwelt in a village of bark cabins; and in Illinois, in houses whose walls were a rude frame work, with the spaces between the posts and the studs filled with clay, both far better than their skin-covered huts. The boys were taught to read, write, chant, and work slightly at some trade; and the girls, in addition to reading and writing, learned to sew, knit and embroider. But these schools, on which so many hopes rested, gave no signs of success. Like them, the missionary efforts failed in the civilization of the barbarous tribes. Among the native Indians of our State, some of whose young people attended in all probability one or two of these schools, there is not found to-day in any dialect the single trace of a grammar, vocabulary, catechism or prayer book.

After our own Government had assumed the control of this section of the West, exertions were renewed by various religious bodies to educate and christianize the Indian population. In the employ of the Episcopal Missionary Society of this country, Rev. Eleazer Williams, who became afterwards somewhat famous as the pretended Dauphin of France, conceived the idea, in 1820, of colonizing at Green Bay the Six Nations of New York. In 1823, he started, in connection with the mission among the Indians, a school of fifty white and half-breed children, on the west side of Fox River, opposite Shanty Town. It was for several years under the charge of Hon. A. G. Ellis, now of Stevens' Point. In 1827, the Missionary Society determined to erect extensive buildings for a boarding school, in which they might educate "children of full or mixed Indian blood." Rev. Richard F. Cadle was selected to conduct the enterprise. He was a man of energy, culture, and christian worth; and he labored devotedly as a missionary and teacher at Green Bay and in its vicinity for five years, and became afterwards chaplain at Fort Howard, at that place, and at Fort Crawford, at Prairie Du Chien. The buildings which were erected for the school, were situated on a high plateau, overlooking the beautiful Fox River, and cost \$9,000.