

The principal edifice was 30 by 90 feet, and two stories high. Two wings were attached, one 20 by 30 feet; the other 20 by 80 feet. At first the school seemed decidedly successful. It was attended, in 1831, by 129 children, from ten different tribes. They were received between the ages of 4 and 14, and were taught habits of industry, a good English education, and the elements of the Christian Religion. Some of the time seven teachers were employed. Though large amounts of money were expended in sustaining the school, it gradually diminished in size, and in 1839, it closed its operations with only 36 pupils. Col. Whittlesey, who visited it in 1832, says, "the mission was very ably conducted; and in the examination of the school, though it exhibited the highest proofs of the perseverance and the benevolence of its conductors, there was left no room to doubt the entire failure of a school so dear to American philanthropists."

An incident is connected with the history of the school, which shows the native aversion of the Indian to culture and civilized life. In the time of the Black Hawk war, a party of the citizens of Green Bay and the Monomonee tribe, while out on a trip in search of the hostile Sauks and Foxes, in the center of the State, captured a small Indian girl; and taking her to Green Bay, they placed her in the mission school, where she remained about a year. She would not learn, and ate but little; and becoming feeble and emaciated, they had to remove her from the school, and send her back to her people, to save her life.

Near Green Bay, there was also opened a Catholic mission school in 1830, by Rev. Samuel Mazzuchelli, an Italian priest. He was zealous, well educated, and talented, and had the care of the school for four years. The mission was aided by the Government, and out of the annuities of the Monomonee Indians.

In a treaty with the Winnebagoes in 1832, our Government agreed to maintain, for twenty-seven years, a school at or near Prairie Du Chien, for the education and the support of such Winnebago children as should be sent voluntarily to it, and to