

Sergeant by the name of Reeseden taught in Fort Crawford as early as 1817, and received for his labors fifteen cents per day above his regular army wages of \$5.00 a month. Reports of these schools were probably furnished the General Government by the commanding officers. We learn that the oversight of these schools was strict, and the instruction most thorough.

Private schools for children and young people were next formed. These began by several families in a place uniting together to maintain them by subscription or tuition fees. Generally some person was selected to secure a teacher and a room in a private house, and have some responsibility for the management of the school. Sometimes a dwelling was erected for the purpose, and some kind of organization was effected for hiring and supporting the teacher. Very often both the dwelling and the organization were the results of the efforts of local religious societies. Private schools were opened at Prairie Du Chien as early as 1817, at Green Bay, in 1824, at Mineral Point, in 1830, at Platteville, in 1834, at Kenosha, in 1835, and at Milwaukee and Sheboygan in the winter of 1835-6. When Wisconsin was organized into a Territory in 1836, there were at least eight such schools in operation, and two hundred and seventy-five pupils attending them. Since that time, in numerous instances in those places where the school law had not taken effect, these schools were opened and maintained. They became the forerunners of our public schools, introducing teachers, creating an interest in education among the people, and laying the basis for the methods of school oversight afterward adopted.

Another class of schools was early organized in Wisconsin, viz: The mission schools among the Indian tribes. The charge of these in a single instance was in the hands of the Government; the others were under the control of the religious societies which established and supported them. The first mission school began in 1823, at Green Bay, by the special efforts of Rev. Eleazer Williams, who pretended afterwards to be the Dauphin of France. It was under the direction of the