

ture of manual labor, against the strong current of the river, we reached the Falls or Rapids, celebrated since the day when they were first visited by Raymbault and Jogues, on their tour of spiritual conquest.

Here, again, I was compelled to wait a week or two for the departure of a vessel to La Pointe. There were at that time but two vessels upon Lake Superior; one, a hermaphrodite brig, Capt. Stannard, belonged to the American Fur Company, and the other a smaller vessel belonging to a Cleveland company. These vessels were then at Sault St. Marie for the double purpose of taking in such supplies as the Companies needed for fall and winter use and trade, and also to take to La Pointe Government stores for the annual payment to the Chippewas, which was to take place in the month of September. Accompanying them, also, were a number of persons from Detroit and other places upon the Lakes, with a goodly supply of scarlet cloth, beads and cheap jewelry, and such other articles as would be most likely to draw from the Indians the money which the Government officers were about to disburse among them. I embarked on one of these vessels, and after a pleasant sail through the king of all Lakes, in due time arrived at La Pointe.

La Pointe was then occupied as the chief post or factory of the American Fur Company, from whence all the inferior agencies received their stated supplies. Dr. B. W. Borup was then at the head of this department of the Company's operations. He was a Dane, from Copenhagen, and a highly cultivated and intelligent gentleman, in whose family I found, on his invitation, a most pleasant home, during my stay upon the Island.

In former times the Company had found it necessary to make all the defences, and keep up the discipline of a military post. But at the period of my visit, this had been considerably relaxed. La Pointe was also occupied as a missionary station. There were two missionary establishments—Catholic and Protestant; the former, then under the charge of Father Baraga, had existed for a long series of years, having preceded even