

statuary and bas-reliefs without number, I look at nothing so long as at the narrow tablet over the north side-door inscribed with the name of the architect of the pile, and the words which have become world-famous, namely—"Lector, si monumentum requiris, circumspice!"¹ —Reader, if you seek his monument, look around. However carefully Saint Paul's may be guarded from Irish dynamiters, it must at last crumble and tumble, its very stones gray and death-like old; but long after that catastrophe, when strangers here ask for Doty's monument, it will be answer enough to say—*Look around!*

North of Fourth Lake, and south of Third, the Doty band saw Winnebago villages; but none between those waters. Not one white face was met between Green Bay and Blue Mounds.

The next visitor at the site of Madison appears to have been Jefferson Davis. Mr. Davis writes me as follows:

"While on detached service in the summer of 1829, I think I encamped one night about [on] the site of Madison. The nearest Indian village was on the opposite side of the lake. Nothing, as I think, was known to the garrison of Fort Winnebago about the Four Lakes before I saw them. Indeed, sir, it may astonish you to learn, in view of the [now] densely populated condition of that country, that I and the file of soldiers who accompanied me were the first white men who ever passed over the country between the Portage of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers, and the then village of Chicago. Fish and water-fowl were abundant; deer and pheasants less plentiful. The Indians subsisted largely on Indian corn and wild rice. When sent out on various expeditions, I crossed Rock River at different points; but saw no sign of settlement above Dixon's Ferry."² That point had been occupied by a white man only one year.

In August, 1829, William Deviese, already mining at Exeter, near the south line of Dane County, in quest of the

¹ It is odd that the last of the Latin words means something in English. It naturally forms four English words, namely—"Sir-come-spy-see!"

² MS. letter, Beauvoir, Miss., 23d Feb., 1885.