

1835, "to shoulder one's pack and march five or six days in succession through the uninhabited wilderness, perhaps with a pair of snow-shoes on the feet, and at night to encamp in the open air with only a blanket or two for covering." With men who would thus endure hardship in the cause of humanity, the mission was sure to do good work.

The first organization of a Congregational church¹ within the present limits of Wisconsin took place at La Pointe in August, 1833, in connection with this mission. The precise date seems hopelessly to be lost.

A second mission, one of the Roman Catholic communion, was begun by Rev. Frederic Baraga, a native of Austria, who arrived at La Pointe the twenty-seventh of July, 1835. In the year of his arrival he caused to be built what the Rev. Chrysostom Verwyst calls a chapel. Six years later, some logs of this building were used in the construction of the present church, dedicated the first of August, 1841. This is the church over which, in spite of what Messrs. W. W. Warren and Verwyst both have written, some ill-informed people, supposing that it was erected by Father Marquette, indulge in much wasted sentiment.²

"female" name. Not being himself a classical scholar, he asked Mr. Boutwell the Latin words for "true" and "head." As *verus* did not seem to be suited to his purpose, Mr. Schoolcraft took the kindred noun, *veritas*, and from its last two syllables, and the first of *caput*, formed "Itasca."

Mr. Boutwell married a daughter of Ramsey Crooks, of whom we have some account in Irving's *Astoria*. Her mother was of Indian origin. Before her marriage, Mrs. Boutwell was a missionary teacher. While living at Leech lake, in what is now Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell protected from annoying and even dangerous Indians the eminent astronomer, Jean N. Nicollet. Mr. Boutwell died October 11, 1890.

¹ The (Congregational) church among the Stockbridge Indians was organized at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, in 1785, and removed with its people, first to New York and then (1822-29) to the Green Bay region.

² In this church hangs a pleasing though not a great picture, a "Descent from the Cross," probably by some Italian painter or copyist. The story given in some guide books, that this painting was brought to America by Marquette, is most absurd. If it had been in Marquette's mission,—which it will be remembered was not on Madeline island at all,—he would