

corner of Lake Superior has had a checkered and romantic career, which it has seemed to the Editor was worth the telling; particularly, as some curious myths about La Pointe have come of late years to be so widely accepted that they stand in some danger of being crystallized into sober history. Father Verwyst, an acknowledged authority on this region, has supplemented the Editor's study with an important paper, "Historic Sites on Chequamegon Bay," wherein he gives us the etymology of the local Chipewewa geographical names, locates ancient and modern Indian villages, and advances theories concerning the locations of Radisson's two forts and Allouez's Jesuit mission, which are worthy of our consideration.

It was an event of great significance to Wisconsin, when, soon after the close of the War of 1812-15, American troops arrived at the mouth of the Fox, and erected Fort Howard as an earnest of the intent of the United States to hold fast to this region. It is not generally understood how near we were to losing the Old Northwest, during the peace negotiations at the close of the Revolutionary War; indeed, Wisconsin was never well in hand until after the second war with England. The coming of the Third Regiment of Infantry, in 1816, was the first evidence to our Indians and French Creoles that the Americans were here to stay. Naturally enough, the latter were not at first welcomed by the French and the aborigines, who saw in these new-comers a race desirous of converting the wilderness into farms and cities, and thereby destroying the fur trade, and perhaps entirely dispossessing the old inhabitants who had prospered undisturbed under British domination. The article on the "Arrival of American Troops at Green Bay, in 1816," has peculiar value, as a contemporaneous account, by an army officer, of this transition from the old to the new order of things; and in the welcoming speech of the Winnebago chief, we have an excellent example of aboriginal oratory.

Two editorial interviews with aged Winnebago Indians, Spoon Decorah and Walking Cloud, are chiefly valuable as