

message," seeming to mean by "discourse" something different from "the daily prayer with which" he says that he opened the sessions for a week (p. 188).

The deep snow of the following winter did not prevent his laying 210 miles behind him, for visiting Green Bay, and obtaining certain ritualistic ornaments which were needed in his new churches. In April, 1837, he laid the first stone of a church in Davenport, for which he predicted a "boom," although its inhabitants then numbered only a hundred. His next year was spent among lead miners, aside from penitential visits to St. Louis. Aside from one month in 1838, and another in 1839, illness never stopped his progress. In 1840, he built a church in Iowa City, and another in Burlington. For sessions in the latter, the senate of Iowa paid so good a rent as to extinguish its debt.

For the next three years, our missionary never itinerated far from the banks of the Mississippi. In 1842, he had finished a church on the Wisconsin mound of Sinsinawa, 300 feet above the plains, and there he founded Saint Clara Academy, in charge of Dominican Sisters. In February of that year, he visited Jo. Smith, in Nauvoo, Ill., and in 1843 he returned to Italy. His departure from Galena was on the 16th of April. He accompanied the bishop of St. Louis to Baltimore, and attended the sessions of the council there. Embarking at New York in the "Great Western," on May 25, within fourteen days he stepped ashore in Liverpool, and three weeks afterwards entered his native Milan.