

until near 9. Mr. Schlater's is the only house in the City²¹—he and his wife were absent. Judge Doty is spoken of as the ablest man in this Territory—deeply speculating in land and banks. Went to bathe in the Lake No 3 on which the town is situated—it was pleasant—but while dressing was sadly bitten by mosquitoes. On the return of G and myself to the tavern we stoped at a house near the banks of the Lake and near to which there were several fires to keep off the insects and mentioned there would be service tomorrow, when we were invited to go in which we accordingly did and found an Episcopalian in a Mrs Hier whose husband I presume keeps a boarding house.²² She is from the State of New York and thinks the Rev Messrs Liberty A. Barrows and John Bayley would be willing to come to this country.

29th July sunday 7th after Trinity The Legislature passed an act last winter to establish an University here to which Congress has given 2 townships 72 sections, to be selected in any part of the Territory. Some of the Episcopalians are Trustees—and we must look into this subject as it is decidedly important. We had a room to ourselves altho only lathing separated the rooms. All was done for us evidently that could be—two rooms—and Mr G. as usual on the floor—had my [mosquito] bars up. G. constantly attentive and kind. Mr [Augustus A.] Bird one of the commissioners to build the statehouse, Mr [Isaac H.] Palmer, Mr [Simeon] Mills called upon us. A store partly built was comfortably prepared for us, and we had two services, at 9 and 2—in the morning a full attendance and a goodly number all day united in the service. I pr[each]ed on "Go thy way for this time"—and on "the sons of God who shall see X" The day was warm. We went at Mr Mills request to his house between services—his wife, Miss Smith, Judge Hier &c. Judge Hier owns the city of Aztalan, which is 30 miles from here on the road to Milwaukee on the Crawfish which is a branch of the Rock River. He gave me a plan of it in which it is called a citidel. It contains 20 acres. It has on it trees 500 years old. It is probably an ancient fortification—the earth embankments are not more than 4 feet high.

²¹ Col. William B. Slaughter, territorial secretary, platted the City of the Four Lakes on the northwest shore of Lake Mendota. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix, 437.

²² Mrs. David Hyer, whose husband built in 1838 a frame house on Fairchild Street.

Hier gave the name from Humboldt who mentions a report of an ancient city near 43° North Latitude. At several places, perhaps at the gate ways, there are appearances of brick, which had been burnt in straw. I saw small pieces—it is said a whole one has not been taken up.²³ Between the services we saw at the tavern 18 young men from Mineral Point under a son of Gov Dodge in pursuit of some Winnebagoes who had stolen horses from the neighborhood—and [John] Milton and [William H.] Banks were among them. We called to see Mrs Hier and gave her some newspapers. We started immediately after evening service and passed over the 15 miles quite rapidly and were at Haney's by sunset. No letters, no mail—Haney absent. We were treated politely and at the request of Mrs. H. I read the Scriptures and had prayers. The bars were of service to me. I commented to-night on St. John I, 1-5.

30th July. We were up early but knew not what to do—but after a while determined to wait for breakfast and gave some newspapers &c We learned from Morgan that when he was cleaning the gun on saturday at Madison, it went off and shot away the ramrod. We went thro' a beautiful country without the slightest sign of civilization for 23 miles when we got to the very dirty hut of a frenchman where we got some pork, tea & bread but no sugar. Here at [blank in manuscript] we met the postman. From his statement he was returning on sunday from the fort when he met Smith a contractor who persuaded him to take him back in his wagon which he accordingly did! He bro't a kind letter from Mr Merrill²⁴ to Mr G and said there was a gentleman coming on who had letters for the rest of us. The waters at the portage are falling—two footmen came over sunday night and the stage has now 2 or 3 teams. We still had 13 miles to go and we pressed on when we finally came to the swamp of Duck Creek across which the Military road led. The whole was nearly covered with water and at the further end we saw 3 gentlemen busily occupied in arranging the logs. We pressed on towards them over the causeway on each side of which the swamp was

²³ Nathaniel F. Hyer, discoverer of the archeological remains at Aztalan. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix, 99-104; *Wisconsin Archaeologist*, xix, 7-19.

²⁴ For Henry Merrell, of Portage, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii, 366.

deep. Mr G got out to walk on the side log—I followed and one of my feet soon slipped into the swamp above my knee. Mr Merrill who keeps a store at the fort, and an old friend of Mr G—Mr [John V.] Suydam formerly of the Mission and now a surveyor—and Mr Daniel Whitney³⁵ on his way to Cassville and intending to go tonight to Hayney's now about 6 oc—met us. Mr W. had already slipped between the logs up to his middle. There was a place where the logs had been removed and which these three were endeavouring to replace. The horses were taken out and then the carriage was pulled over by hand. All of us were now wet. G mounted an extra horse and C and I reëntered the carriage drying ourselves in the sun. We crossed Duck Creek by a bridge and then continued thro' the water, sometimes over the front wheels. We drew near the end of our journey when another very bad place occurred, in attempting to get over which both our horses fell. G was up to his middle in the water—he and Merrill and Morgan were busy—and finally both men got up with injury. Dr. Foot came off in a boat and took us ashore—and M. drove the carriage in safety over the bridge at Fox river. Mr Lyndes³⁶ met us—and Major Cobbs—plain in his manner and dress—he had given Mr Whitney a letter to me but W. forgot to hand it. He gave orders about our horses &c and took me to his quarters—G went with Merrill and C with Dr. Foot.³⁷

This morning immediately after we started one of our horses fell crossing a swampy place. The poor fellows had hard work today. The Major has 5 children—2 absent at school—Mrs C kind and plump—Miss Haight a teacher in the house. Changed my clothes after tea—when Lt. Ruggles³⁸ and all the gentlemen I had seen and G and C called. Scriptures and prayers.

31 July tuesday. There is here now but a company of soldiers—saw them on guard &c. Last night there was a blow and this morning it is cool. We had service at the Hospital—everything

³⁵ A sketch of Daniel Whitney, with portrait, is in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xx, 221.

³⁶ Lieut. Isaac Lynde, of Vermont, a graduate of West Point, became lieutenant in the Fifth Infantry in 1827; twelve years later he obtained a captaincy; retired in 1861, and died in 1886. He was stationed at Fort Howard when Kemper was at Green Bay in 1834.

³⁷ See history of Fort Winnebago in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, 65-102; Dr. Lyman Foot is noted 77-78.

³⁸ For Lieut. Daniel Ruggles, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii, 403.

was snugly prepared. G. read the service—C bapt[ized] Dr Foot's child. I pr[eached] on the centurion & conf[irmed] Dr Foot. Most of the soldiers in full dress, the ladies, officers &c were there. This cantonment is smaller than that at the Prairie and the houses poorer—only intended for 6 companies. Palisades the principal defence—2 blockhouses—and a cannon opposite each of the two gates. The portage was here between the 2 rivers not more than a mile apart. The old trading establishment of the french was on a bluff on the other side of the Wisconsin, but there was no good water at the place; the fort therefore was placed here. The waters had been falling, but last night it rose again 3 inches—there is a large stream from the Wisconsin rushing into the Fox. We called to see Mr Merrill who was out at his store—Lt Ruggles where we saw the N. Y. Review—Mrs Low whose husband Capt L is at fort Gratiot³⁹—she has 2 dgs[daughters] grown up who talk of being baptized—at Lt. Lyndes who has 3 children to be bapt'd &c. Dined with the Dr.—5 ducks and a large dish of turtle—the Major there. He has seen much service—was with Gen Jackson in the south—his sleeping on a log in a swamp, the rest of the party standing. He lately came here from the Sault St. Marie where he has been five yrs—and where ice may be seen floating in May. The death of a child has led him to reflection—he has given up swearing, reads the Bible with A. Clarke's notes and writes down his own views—is frugal in order to educate his children, and keeps money in advance in a bank in the town where his son is educating by one of the Abbotts—he is inclined to the ministry, but is going to West Point in Sepr. Dr Foot became a communicant 10 yrs ago—this is the first time since then he has seen a B[isho]p or had an opportunity of being confirmed. He is now married to a niece of J. F. Cooper who has one child. The Major's story of rattlesnakes in Va. when young he saw a valley ½ mile long filled with them assembling to go in their dens—there were millions of them—his party fired upon them, but they had to run for the effluvia made them puke. Mrs C's story when coming up the Wisconsin—Capt Spencer enticing 18 from under a rock by a cooing, hissing noise and depriving them

³⁹ For Capt. Gideon Low, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vi, 406; his picture and that of Mrs. Low are in *ibid.*, xiv, 76, 88.

of their fangs &c—all 7 feet long. Saw some Winnebagoes selling mats at the Drs—very little clothing on the men. Dr. F. once brot his two children here from the Prairie when there was no stopping places on the road, he slept 5 nights on the march with the youngest only 8 months old—his wife had lately died. We started at 4 supplied with many comfortables—green veils for the hats of all three of us—my barrs greatly improved and another lent us—2 roast ducks, crackers, smoke beef, cakes, wine, salt &c a good road—12 miles to Roy's—french an[d] indian—everything looked dirty and comfortless—but we got a supper better than I expected—tea, molasses to sweeten it, pork and bread. Here is a most splendid spring.⁴⁰

1st Aug. Wednesday. Today we travelled 42 miles to Fond du Lac. The road was good. Morgan got some shot in his neck and face and arms while following G who started after Prairie hens—great alarm—but not much injury. G. drove the rest of the day. Suydam started with us and is an excellent guide. We stopt at an house where an indian is married to a mulatto and got some tea &c. We were 23 miles without seeing a house or clearing of any kind. At F. du L. a town is laid out—there[are] as yet but two houses in it. The tavern was neat—the meals however were scanty and slim.

2d August thursday. We now entered a thickly wooded country, through which there is a military road that is truly bad. This country belongs to the Brothertown Indians, who have lost the Indian language. They are the fragments of 7 nations who once occupied the New England States. There is no pure Indian blood among them—and they cannot trace their descent. They are partly Baptists and partly Quakers—and are at present without any place of worship or ministry, except that a Mr [blank in manuscript] a Methodist minister has lately moved among them.⁴¹ We were all day going 22 miles. At noon we stopd and had a feast in the shade—ducks, cheese supplied by Mr Suydam &c. Morgan is getting better but does not yet drive. Mr S. gave his horse to Mr C. and greatly assisted us by walking &c. We

⁴⁰ Called Bellefontaine farm; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xii, 402. A sketch of François Roy is in *ibid.*, xiv, 165.

⁴¹ For an account of these Indians by one of their own number, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iv, 291-298.

had been aiming for and towards night we came to the residence of Mr Marsh,⁴² Missionary to the Stockbridges who have a reservation aside of the Brothertowns. He has a comfortable wood (board) house—he received us with great kindness—and likewise his wife once in the Mission at Macanaw and a Miss [blank in manuscript] teacher of the school. A plain wooden church which is likewise used as a schoolhouse is near Mr M's house—and some indian houses are near to him. We had a comfortable nice tea—I prayed—and we went to bed by night. I and G in a little room—he as usual on the floor. I having begged for him a buffalo skin and a blanket. Altho annoyed very much by misqs[mosquitoes] down stairs, there were none up. Yesterday being clouded we were exceedingly annoyed by misqs[mosquitoes] and particularly by gnats. Last night our bars were of great service to G and I—we slept well in good beds. Even at Roys we slept better than I expected, I had a room to myself. The S[tockbridge]s are professing Xany—60 of them are full members—30 attend the school in summer (children) 40 in winter. Today at one time we found ourselves on a high bluff at least 100 feet above the Lake from whence we had a most splendid view across the Lake &c. The Lake continued in sight all day.

3d Aug. friday. Rose at 4 after a good sleep. Had an early comfortable breakfast—and invited to call on our return. The road worse than yesterday—all day going 22 miles to Wrights on the Fox river at the mouth of the Plumb, 6 miles below the Grand Kaukalin.⁴³ Much swamp—deep holes—steep hills, descending which G and S held the carriage back by ropes. C went off on the pony. No good water on the road. We had wine, crackers and smoak beef still to dine on. Arrived by 6 oc p. m. G I presume walked 20 out of the 22 miles today. Mr A. G. Ellis has been appointed surveyor of Iowa and W and is to remove to Dubuque.⁴⁴ Here I find the father and brother of Rev. L. B. Wright of Alabama.

4. 12 miles remained to the Mission which we accomplished by noon. The road still bad—and the carriage still to be held

⁴² For Rev. Cutting Marsh and his mission, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xv, 25-28, and his portrait as frontispiece of that volume.

⁴³ The site of the present Wrightstown, where Dr. Hoel S. Wright had settled.

⁴⁴ For a sketch of this pioneer and his portrait, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xx, 317.

back at some places. Mr C. went ahead on S's horse. 3 miles before the termination of our journey we came to Depere a village that has sprung up since I was here at the Rapids de Pere, where a Jesuit established himself as a missionary many years ago. A dam has been carried across the river by which water power has been secured—some mills and some fine houses have been erected. Kindly received at the Mission by Mr [Rev. Daniel E.] Brown &c. His wife and her children with the 2 oldest girls of the Mission have gone on a visit to Litchfield. Mr Carder has been here for a few days—here is Susan C[rawford] with her sister Miss [Sarah] Crawford. The [S. B.] Sherwood I sent out is now teacher of the boys at Duck Creek—his youngest brother [Edson] is the farmer of the Mission. Here is Miss Williams sister in law of Mr. [L. W.] Davis who has just arrived to take charge of the female school at Duck Creek—she is yet a Presbyterian. Tom the horse fell as the carriage was descending a steep hill near Depere and had it not been for the hold G and S had upon it by ropes from behind the horse would have been killed. They are both completely fagged out. We learn we cannot get by land to Milwaukie—and it will be almost impossible for us to return the way we came we shall therefore take a boat even if it starts before the meeting of the Trustees, which is not to take place we regret to find until thursday next. Rev. Mr Davis and the elder Sherwood (who is now a communicant of the church) arrived from Duck Creek in the afternoon. Mr. D. has but lately returned from Washington where he was with a deputation of Oneidas for several months during the winter. His voice has been gradually failing him and it is now entirely gone without cold or pain. He unfortunately has no confidence in the physicians about him.

5th august sunday 8th Trinity. The village of Astor was established near Navirino soon after I left here⁴⁶—Episcopalians lived in both places, and unable to decide where to build a church they have delayed it to this day while the M[ethodists] have a good one & the P[resbyterian]s nearly one finished. Two lots in N could be obtained as a gift—one in A w'd cost \$500.

⁴⁶ For the plans and history of Astor and Navarino, now parts of Green Bay, see *Green Bay Historical Bulletin*, published by the Green Bay Historical Society, February, 1925.

The vestry finally decided therefore to build in N altho the M and P chs were in A. and had begun the foundation when Mr Suydam left. On his return he found every thing suspended—but will endeavour he says to have the corner stone laid while I am here.⁴⁶ Mr Brown's plan has been to preach at the Bay in the Morng—Depere in the aft—and hold a Bible class &c with his pupils at the Mission at night. A and N are now united into a town called Green Bay, but the old distinction is kept up in the wards. The same schoolhouse is used as when I was here; but on this occasion the M Church was offered. Mr B. takes most of the children with him to both his services, as they are now reduced to a few and he has 2 waggons and 3 horses. Carder read the service, G the Litany, I anti-c., confirmed 6 of whom one was an oneida young man and another a Menominie young woman both members of the school—pr[eached] on Joshua—and ad [ministered] the com[munion] assisted by Mr Brown—all the candidates for conf[irmation] communed. The church was full. In the af[ternoon] went to Depere with Mr. B and officiated in the Court House. Mr Cadle read the service—Mr B bapt[ized] 3 children—I conf[irmed] one person and pr[eached] on Be ye reconciled to God. At the Bay Mr G pr[eached] in the aft and rivited the attention Dr [Edward] Worrell of the fort said for 2 hours—and Mr. Carder at night on Prayer, whom I heard.

We remained the rest of the week at the Bay variously engaged. It was our intention if possible to have taken a steam boat to Milwaukie, where we hoped to spend sunday the 12 and then to have reached Galena the night of the 15. A boat came in on Monday the 6 and departed in the course of a few hours—but this was too soon for us. I spent part of my time at the mission house and the rest at Mr. Whitney's. Mrs W's sister wife of Rev Prof. Fitch was with her—an unsophisticated, interesting woman, with twins about 8 months old. Mrs. W. has a great boy of the same age, one of the best tempered fellows I ever saw. Mr W. is building a splendid house on what appears to be a marsh⁴⁷—and in fact N. appears to be on one and A on a sand bar. As

⁴⁶ Christ Episcopal Church was built in Navarino, corner of Madison and Cherry streets.

⁴⁷ See picture of this house in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xv, 220.

get there is very little to make this a large town, for there is scarcely any cultivation of the land between it and Fort Winnebago except by the civilized Indians, and the access by water through Green Bay is long and difficult. I dined at Judge Arnold's, who is a man of influence and a member of the Legislature.⁴⁸ at Mr. Feltus and Mr. Knapp who has been a candidate in N. Y. and wished to become our agent in order to devote himself to the Indians, whose language he says in such a case he will acquire.⁴⁹ I must consult with Bishop B. T. Ojendorff concerning him, between whom there has been some misunderstanding. I took tea at Mr. [Alexander J.] Lewis. We called at Mr. [John S.] Hanna's now living with his family at the tavern. He was appointed by Jackson Gore of Michigan then Secy of Wisconsin and then very contrary to his wish to the land office here where his income is small. He professes to belong to the church—his wife is intelligent, conversable—a presbyterian—and for her it is said his first appointment was conferred. Called at Judge Doty whose wife was absent. He appears to be concerned in all the banks, towns and cities of the Territory. At Mrs Merrill's wife of Capt. [M. E.] M. now commanding at Fort Howard. She is sister to Slaughter and a Va church woman. We likewise called at a sister of Mrs Foots⁵⁰ &c—and at one place at the request of Mr Brown I baptised a child whose mother was born at Macinaw and understands and speaks fluently the Chippewa and Ottawa. She can converse with the Menomies, who ask her, Where did you get yr Chippewa from? (M. being a dialect of C.) Mr Suydam wished us to dine with him but we could not fix upon the time. . . .

On tuesday the 7 we started at an early hour on horseback, crossed the ferry at Arndts and proceeded to Duck Creek. Half way we were met by Mr. Davis and the leading men of his congregation, including most of the chiefs, perhaps there were 50—they escorted us to the church—all on horseback. During Mr D's absence last winter his dwellings, books &c were burnt

⁴⁸ For John P. Arndt, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xx, 381.

⁴⁹ J. Gillett Knapp later removed to Madison; his reminiscences are in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vi, 366-387.

⁵⁰ Mrs. Samuel W. Beall, for whom see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x, 474.

by fire. He and his wife now occupy the school house—one room—Sherwood who lives with them sleeping in the vestry of the church. Mrs D. quite an interesting woman—he has one child a girl perhaps 8 yrs old, by a former wife. I recognized Bread and some others.⁵¹ The attendance was good tho not crowded. A lay reader read the service in Mohawk—the singing likewise in Mohawk.⁵² I anti com—then pr[eached] a little from the pulpit the interpretation sentence by sentence by Duxtater⁵³ dressed, as Bread likewise was, as a gentleman. I confirmed Mrs Davis who until now has been a Presbyterian Then I ad[ministered] the com[munion] to a goodly no—the manners and appearance of the women reverential. We then walked in procession to the ground, just back of the old church, where assisted by the oldest chiefs, I laid the corner stone⁵⁴—Mr Cadle delivered an address in which he alluded to my jurisdiction—Gloria in Excelsis and Jesus shall reign were sung in Mohawk, Mr G. joining most heartily in the singing. After refreshments at Mr D's we started to return, the Oneidas accompanying us some miles. A halt being made Bread spoke, I answering, Duxtater interpreting—all on horseback. On thursday 9, after an ineffectual attempt the day before, the rain preventing, I laid the corner stone of Grace Church, Green Bay. Mr Brown delivered the address which was a very good one.

In order that it may go on to completion Mr Suydam stays here awhile instead of returning to the portage.

The meeting of the Trustees was held that evening at 2 [sic] oc. All in neighborhood were present—and all appeared to expect the property would be handed over at once to the trustees—this Mr Carder intimated was only to be done by compensation. There was an attempt made which nearly carried to prevent proxies voting unless the trustee had taken the oath. Fundamental principles were adopted to make it a Ch institution—only Mr Childs opposing.⁵⁵ A Com[mittee] appointed to ascertain

⁵¹ For Daniel Bread, the Oneida chief, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iii, 56-58.

⁵² The Mohawk and Oneida dialects were similar; the prayer and hymn book had been translated into Mohawk in the eighteenth century.

⁵³ One of the Duxtater family, for whom see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x, 489.

⁵⁴ See contract for building of this church, later called Hobart Church, in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, 505-507; a picture of the church as finished appears in Bloomfield, *The Oneidas* (New York, 1907), 220. The church has been replaced by a larger and finer building, for the Episcopal mission for the Oneida Indians at Duck Creek still persists.

⁵⁵ Col. Ebenezer Childs, for whose recollections see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iv, 153-195.

how the property can be secured both from the Society and the Government—another to obtain land from Government. The trustees to meet again in Sep. I don't see that much more than a good school can be established here for years to come. I preached one night on the sacrifice of Abraham. The vestry here did promise Mr Babbitt 500 per annum and an house. They met this week to make the same offer to Mr Whipple but were persuaded or overruled perhaps by Mr Whitney to call Mr Brown without promising him however any salary—and it was afterwards said out of doors that they could not give a salary while building their church and under the present difficulties of the money market. We looked in vain day after day for the flags that are hoisted when a vessel is in sight. Friday night's mail bro't intelligence that neither of the 2 boats expected would come here and none need not be looked for for a week to come. We have therefore nothing to do but retrace our steps on Monday morning.

12 Aug. Sunday Rain, thunder &c last night. The Methodist Minister being absent we again occupied his house. I preached on the ten coms [commandments] Mr Carder went with Mr Davis yesterday to preach at Duck Creek. Mr G. had made up his mind that we sh'd retrace part of our steps today—great anxiety in all our friends that we sh'd not. G was obstinate insisting it was the only way to get to Galena this week. He started Morgan off after dinner with the Major and one of the Mission horses for Wright's and I finally determined that we would all sleep at the Mission and make an early start in the morning. I preached at Depere in the afternoon to a small congregation from if the righteous scarcely be saved and G. preached at the Bay. The other Mission horse upon which we depended Mr Carder had taken with him to Duck Creek from which he did not return until dark. So we all staid contentedly at the Mission⁵⁶ and went to bed early with the promise of an early breakfast. I have given Carder to buy a P[rayer] Book or Bible for each of the 2 Indian children I confirmed and to spend the rest for Miss Crawford in H. More's work or anything of the kind. The Lake is remarkably high. Mr Whitney has been here 18 years, and it had risen

⁵⁶ A picture of the mission buildings is shown in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, 476.

every yr except in 30 and 31 during both of which it fell a little. It is now encroaching upon Green Bay, the highest point of which is not more than 4 feet above the water. Roulet recollects when it covered the site of G. B. over which he has travelled in a canoe

13 Aug Monday We were up at day break and after an early breakfast started. Mrs Davis is yet here and has a fine spirit, and wishes to go to the Senecas in Mo. Mr B promises to write to me to Phila. There are reports of B[isho]p McC coming out—such a decided Calvinist that a new congregation has been formed at Detroit. I was on Tom—G on the Mission horse—Cadle on the little gray of the Mission. It rained last night and was clouded this morning, but it soon cleared and was quite cool. We were on our horses by sunset[sic] Mr Irwin kindly lent me his soft saddle, and the horse has an easy gait. At Wright's 12 miles by 9—road very wet, and river higher than ever. Morgan had started but an hour before. We rested a little while and were then off. Last night I wrote to Lilly—to Lea asking him to apologize for my absence from the Ind. Convention—and to Rev Mr Noble of Milwaukee⁵⁷ stating the reason why I could not visit him. My absence from Madison I shall deeply regret—but how could I have helped it! Yesterday a Mr J. W. Conroe who formerly resided at Green Bay but now at Manitowoc gave me 2 dollars for Missions. The Oneidas call me in relation to my office A-ri-wa-wa'-gon chief Gospel Messenger. The road became exceedingly bad—as Mr G. was anxious to come up with Morgan he started ahead—I followed—& Mr C bro't up the rear. We were soon out of sight of each other. After riding alone for many miles I at last saw G standing on a hill looking out for me—came up about 2—Morgan had 7 irishmen in company on their way to dig the Portage canal at 16⁰⁰ per mo. & found. He carried their packs—and they helped him in difficulties—and talked to him. M. had already for himself broached the wine Mr Whitney had put up for us in bottles, thus showing himself unworthy of confidence. M and the Irish had started together from Wrights. While refreshing ourselves the frenchman came up who started from

⁵⁷ Rev. John Noble received a call to Milwaukee early in 1838; his first service was held on Ash Wednesday in a small building on the northeast corner of East Water and Wisconsin streets. His pastorate lasted about a year.