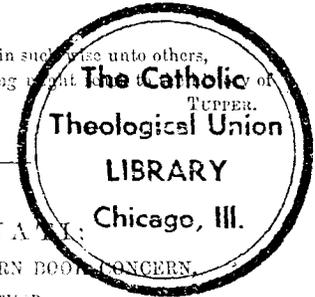


LIGHTS AND SHADES  
OF  
MISSIONARY LIFE:  
CONTAINING  
TRAVELS, SKETCHES, INCIDENTS,  
AND  
MISSIONARY EFFORTS,  
DURING  
NINE YEARS SPENT IN THE REGION OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

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That a deep, full treatise upon one thing might enlighten  
all things."



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## CHAPTER XIX.

SAUT DE STE. MARIE MISSION—PASSING  
EVENTS.

AFTER the missionaries had left us for their appropriate fields we found, as usual, much to do preparatory to the approaching winter.

Besides the necessary business and care connected with a general oversight of the missions in the district, the mission farm at Little Rapids required no small attention. Up to this time one of the mission families lived there. The place was now leased, and thus lessened very much our care and perplexity.

On the 22d of November I went to Naomikong to hold our first quarterly meeting. The ground was covered with snow. It was cold and wintry, but we were favored with a good wind to sail, and arrived before night. Found brother Steele on the school-house, in true mason-like style, topping out the chimney. He and his family had recovered their health, and were in "labors more abundant." We had a good quarterly meeting, but nothing extraordinary. I was chained here till Thursday afternoon following, by contrary wind. The snow was several inches deep, and I concluded that I should have to walk home—a hard undertaking at that season. I took leave of

the mission and walked to the mill, some eight miles, by the coast. Part of the way I walked in snow water, by which means I took a severe cold, and it laid the foundation of a pretty serious illness soon afterward. At the saw-mill we remained all night. Friday morning the wind sprung up in our favor. Our boat was sent to us from Naomikong, as I had ordered if the wind should become favorable, and before night we had reached home.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

At Naomikong we had purchased rising of sixty acres of land for the mission. The Indians had bought all around us, and were building considerably. We had built since conference a comfortable school-house, and made an addition to the mission-house. Had also fitted up a comfortable dwelling for the interpreter. The school was opened on the 27th of November, numbering twenty-four Indian children, most of whom could read in the Testament; nine were writing, five studying arithmetic, and two geography.

"*Religious Prospects.*—Brother Steele says, 'Our religious prospects are of decided improvement.' Meetings of all kinds well attended, and interesting. Brother Markman says, in a letter received the same time, 'the Lord is now troubling the careless and hard-hearted sinners here. Last evening after the exhortation of brother Isaac, brother Steele told me that I might speak also, and immediately I lifted my