

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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"Every matter in the universe is linked in such wise unto others,
That a deep, full treatise upon one thing is not
all things."

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the Napoleon, and arrived at home on the 20th, after an absence of six weeks. I had increasing cause of gratitude to an ever-watchful Providence for his kind care over myself and family during this period.

CHAPTER XIV.

SAUT DE STE. MARIE MISSION.

LITTLE Rapids was still the rallying point for this mission, so far as the Indians were concerned. Here were the farm, the mission-house, chapel, and other buildings and conveniences. Missionary operations could have been prosecuted here with increasing advantage, but for the fact that our location was on a Government Reserve, and the Indians were anxious to locate somewhere, in which there was a prospect of making a permanent home that they could call their own. They could not be persuaded that the Government would allow them to do this at Little Rapids. Their desire was to buy land and hold it in *fee simple*, without molestation.

At this station we had a small class, regular preaching, and other religious exercises, a Sabbath school and a day school, numbering twenty-four scholars, taught by Rev. P. O. Johnson, assisted by brother Marksman. Seven children were living in the mission family, and were rapidly improving in every respect. Such was the state of things during the winter.

In the early part of the following summer all the Indian families left Little Rapids and went to White