

from the Bishop of Michigan's address to his Diocese, in 1837:

"AUGUST 1.—I visited the Oneida mission station, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Davis, nine miles distant from Green Bay. The morning after my arrival, I was waited upon and received by the vestry of the church, and the chiefs of the nation. At the time of service, they walked before me in perfect silence, until we reached the church, and then in the most polite and kind manner, welcomed me to the spot which they had selected for the tribe to worship the LORD. The building is made of hewn logs, with a neat vestry-room attached. On entering the church, the whole congregation rose and chanted, in their own language, the 'Te Deum.' It is impossible for me to describe the feelings experienced on this occasion. I was completely overpowered with the scene; and I could have freely shed tears of joy, thus to witness the inhabitants of the forest singing hymns of praise to God. The services were read in their own language, by their pastor. The responses were well made by the whole congregation. I preached to them through an interpreter; after which I confirmed fifty-four persons, several of whom were past three score years. I also administered the communion to about seventy persons. Seldom, if ever, have I seen more apparent devotion in any assembly of worshippers. Every one appeared to be entirely absorbed in the duties in which he was engaged. After the services had been finished, the utmost stillness prevailed for a few minutes. There was no haste manifested to escape from the house of God, as is too often the case in some of our congregations. Those who were in the pews nearest the chancel, then