

brought him considerable wealth, which he used very largely for the benefit of his less fortunate countrymen and the good of religion. Liberality is a characteristic virtue of the Chippewas and Vincent Roy possessed and exercised this -virtue in a very remarkable degree. "A friend in need, a friend indeed." Many a poor Indian found in Mr. Roy such a friend. No other Chippewa in the Lake Superior country was as liberal and generous towards the needy and suffering as Mr. Roy. When Ireland was suffering a dreadful famine about the year 1880, little Superior, with its forty-five Catholic families, of whom scarcely a dozen were whites, contributed about Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars towards alleviating the poor people of said island and of the above-given amount Mr. Roy contributed a large sum.

Vincent Roy was a born leader among his people. His words and examples exercised an ennobling, elevating, Christianizing influence. His worthy wife nobly seconded her husband in all his works of charity and zeal. Their house was the home of priests and missionaries, where they always received a cordial welcome and were treated with the greatest kindness and respect. For four years the writer was an almost daily visitor at Mr. Roy's house, which he frequented so often in order to study the Chippewa language under so able a master, for Mr. Roy spoke and wrote Chippewa, English, and French fluently.

Mr. Roy's marriage was not blessed with children, but this very circumstance was made use of by Divine Providence to make him the father and friend of his poor countrymen. He was the mainstay of the small congregation of Superior, which for many years consisted chiefly of Indians and half-breeds. Mr. Roy contributed most liberally for church purposes and the support of the pastor. In fact, in every good work he was a leader, sparing neither time nor money.

Vincent Roy was also a practical Catholic, assisting