

CHAPTER II.

PEWAUKEE—MILTON—MADISON—MIDDLETON—PRAIRIE DU CHIEN—LAKESIDE
HARTLAND—NASHOTAH—DELAFIELD—GIFFORD—OCONOMOWOC—WATER-
TOWN—COLUMBUS—PORTAGE—FOX LAKE—KILBOURN CITY AND
DELS OF THE WISCONSIN—MAUSTON—TOMAH—
SPARTA—BANGOR—LA CROSSE.

NEAR the geographical centre of Waukesha county, and at a point distant from Chicago about 104 miles, one of the most beautiful and admired localities in the Golden North-West may be found. The town of Pewaukee, situated at the eastern extremity of Pewaukee lake, is the point which we may reach a retired, delightful resort, that has become so widely known within a few years as to be familiar to almost every angler, sportsman and summer tourist in the West. The county in which this town and lake are located is noted for the number and beauty of its lakes, of which there are forty-one, as well as for their popularity. None, however, among them all excel, if indeed any equal, the charming features of Pewaukee enhanced by the material comforts the visitor is enabled to enjoy through the ease with which access is possible to every point of interest. The country surrounding is a fertile farming district, which is thickly populated by an intelligent and wealthy class of agriculturists. It was first settled in 1837, but did not make any very great progress until a comparatively few years ago, when its advantages as a summer resort began to be appreciated. Since that time it has steadily advanced in population and prosperity.