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In these sketches of his younger days, we may well introduce the personality of Mr. Hubbard. He was, when grown, of full height and of muscular build; his nose was prominent, mouth large, lips firmly set, features irregular, expression serious, but not stern. He had great strength and tenacity.

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Promptitude and courage were equally his characteristics. When Fort Dearborn was set on fire he swam the river to get to it, as no canoe was ready. On the outbreak of the Winnebago war of 1827, it was desired to send a messenger to the settlements south of Chicago and on the east side of the State. Mr. Hubbard was the volunteer messenger, and worked through great dangers and difficulties. Returning from Danville with fifty men, he came to the Vermilion River, which was swollen with rains, full, wide, and swift. The horses were driven into the stream to swim over, but only made a circuit and returned. Mr. Hubbard threw off his coat and mounted "Old Charley," a stout, steady, horse, which the rest might be induced to follow, and rode in, but in midstream Old Charley became unmanageable; then Mr. Hubbard threw himself off on the upper side, caught the horse by the mane, and, swimming with his free hand, guided the animal across, while his friends were fearful he would be washed under the horse or be struck by its hoofs, and so lose his life.

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Mr. Hubbard finally settled in Chicago in 1833 or 1834. His business lay in many places at once, but now was centered here. From this time on, his career was not among dangers to life and limb, and his adventures were