

CHAPTER XIX.

Tour through the great lakes, to the Wisconsin Territory.—Diocese of New York,—its rapid growth.—Detroit; prosperity of the Church there.—Mackinac; lay reading by an officer of the fort.—Green Bay Mission School.—Oneida Indians at Duck Creek.—Their zeal and liberality.—Bishop of Michigan's visit to them.—The Prayer Book finishes its travels, and settles quietly down in a parish.

Soon after my master's return from his southern journey, he had occasion to make the tour of the upper lakes, for the purpose of visiting some of our missionary stations in the Wisconsin Territory; and I was again his companion in his travels. We left home in the month of July, 1836, for the "far west," and travelled leisurely through the state of New York, as my master found it necessary to officiate in most of the principal towns on our route. I shall not attempt a description of the beautiful country through which we rode, nor of the interesting voyage across those mighty inland seas, which form the northern boundary of our country. An account of all that we saw and heard, would fill many such volumes as this. That which most gratified my master, was the evidence of the rapid increase and healthful prosperity of the Church, every where so apparent; but in no portion of our country so much so, as in Western New York; for he remembered to have heard the venerable Bishop of Virginia say, that when he was ordained deacon in the