

ting the debts that had been contracted in building, etc., St. Anne's church, but they were blind to their own interests.

The Rev. Father Galitzin, a distinguished missionary of that period, remarked to him; "When I heard of your election to Congress I disapproved of it at once; but I have the honor to inform you that if you can manage to have a seat in Congress all your life, you will do more good for religion with your salary than many other missionaries with all their zeal and preaching."

Thus spoke a missionary distinguished for his learning and zeal for religion, and his opinion was that of the entire clergy of the United States. His zealousness and sincere virtues are worthy of imitation by our representative elect.

In the course of the year 1824, the laborious pastor of Detroit, who was also Vicar General of the Bishop of Cincinnati, for Michigan and the Northwestern Territories, had the consolation to receive the aid of two excellent clergymen from Europe, Messrs. Dejean and Bellany, the former of whom became the apostle of the Ottawa tribe of Indians.

When Father Richard first visited the latter tribe at Arbre Croche, in the year 1799, he found only one who had been baptized; in 1829 the number of fervent Christians among them exceeded 700. Among the Pottawattomies, Father Stephen Badin and others labored with considerable success. Nothing can be more affecting or more edifying than the interview which took place in July, 1830, between the chief of that tribe Pokagon, and Father Richard, to whom he applied for a resident missionary. After supplicating the good priest in the most earnest manner to send a clergyman to the Pottawattomies, he observed to him that they prayed every morning and evening, men, women, and children, and also fasted two days before Sunday, according to the tradition of their ancestors. "There," said he, "are the prayers we have learned; see if I know them properly." Then falling upon his knees, and making the sign of the cross with great respect, he recited the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Apostles' Creed, and the Ten Commandments of God, without the slightest mistake. He was deeply moved by this affecting address, which he answered by an expression of sentiments worthy of the pastor, animated by a tender charity and compassion for his spiritual children. By the means which had been placed in his hands by the "Association for the Propagation of the Faith," he was enabled to provide more effectually for the wants of the district under his charge, and he had the happiness to see churches erected in different places, and schools established at Green Bay, Arbre Croche, and St. Joseph.

Instead of one priest to assist him in his labors, he now beheld eight devoting themselves with zeal to the functions of the holy ministry.

On the 27th day of February, 1832, Major Henry Whiting addressed him a note, informing him that at the last meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan, he was invited by a resolution to deliver the anniversary discourse. To which Father Richard replied by letter, dated February 28, 1832, as follows:

DEAR SIR:—I have received this day your favor of yesterday, as well as a copy of your address delivered before the Historical Society, in the month of June of the year 1831, for which I return you my thanks. You inform me that I have been requested, by a resolution adopted at the last anniversary meeting of the Historical Society, to deliver the next anniversary discourse before the society. The honor conferred on me by this resolution is duly appreciated by me, and I regret that the extent of my correspondence, the multiplicity* of my clerical functions during the forty