

all. Here again Mrs. Low showed her courage by cheering the timid ones.

Mrs. Low was a great lover of horseback riding and would ride forty miles a day beside her husband, as well as many rides over the hills where now the city of Portage is.

Mrs. Kenzie, Mrs. Van Cleve and many others were friends of Mrs. Low.

Mrs. Low traveled from Fort Snelling to Green Bay by way of the Mississippi, Wisconsin and Fox Rivers in keel-boats. The Indians propelled the boats by long poles and would average about five miles an hour.

In crossing Lake Pipen at an early day, a severe storm arose and great fear was felt for their safety. Mrs. Low put her two little girls to bed, thinking if the boat went down they would be asleep, she sitting by their side. However, the boat weathered the storm and they arrived safely at Fort Snelling.

Captain Low resigned from the army in 1840 and died at the Indian Agency at Fort Winnebago, May 8, 1850.

Mrs. Low spent the last years of her life at her daughter's at Mineral Point, dying at the age of ninety. So passed another of the early pioneer women of the west.

MISS MARY MORTIMER
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The subject of this sketch was born near Bath, England, December 2, 1816. When a small child, her parents removed to America and lived for two years in the city of New York. They then took up their residence in

the interior of the state. At the age of twelve years, she was left an orphan. In spite of many obstacles, she succeeded in acquiring a finished education and taught successfully in eastern schools. The name of Miss Mary Mortimer became known as an educator and in the year 1849 two members of the Ladies' Educational Association, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe and Miss Catherine Beecher, using their personal influence, prevailed upon Miss Mortimer to go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to assist in the work of conducting a college, recently established for the better and higher education of women, and the spring of 1850 found her located in that city.

The trials, disappointments and discouragements which were encountered and nobly struggled against in this undertaking could only be appreciated by her pupils and associate teachers of those early days and by the noble and far-seeing men and women residents of the city, who gave to this little band of women both moral and financial support.

The ultimate success of those strenuous efforts may be realized as one looks back through the annuals of the institution, which in its earliest infancy, bore the name of Milwaukee Female Seminary, and which has evolved step by step through various changes and under various names until it has emerged as that splendid institution of learning of which all Wisconsin is justly proud—Milwaukee Downer College.

Miss Mortimer remained with the college, then located on Milwaukee Street until the spring of 1857. Later we read of her as head of a Seminary at Baraboo, Wisconsin, where she remained for several years. In 1866, as president, she again joined the forces of the Milwaukee institution and remained until the year 1874, when, through failing health, she severed her connection with the college and was succeeded by Prof. Farrar, of Vassar.

Through the sunset of her life, in her quiet suburban home, Miss Mortimer was still busy. She commenced a post graduate course in instruction for women and in

addition to her literary pursuits, she was interested in charitable and religious work. She was elected First Vice-President of the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls. She was also Vice-President of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society for the Synod of Wisconsin, to the success of which she greatly contributed by her pen and personal influence.

This noble life came to a close July 14, 1877. In 1878 a library was established in the college by the Alumnae, as a memorial to Miss Mortimer, and in the same year a mural tablet was placed upon its walls in her memory.

ELIZA CHAPPEL PORTER
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French Huguenots from Des Chappelles. Joshua Chappell married Bathesba Brewster, descendant of Elder William Brewster, leader of the Pilgrim band.

Eliza Chappell was born at Geneseo, Franklin County, New York, November 5, 1807. From early childhood she was of a deeply religious nature having within her veins the blood of Huguenot and Pilgrim.

When sixteen years of age, she taught the neighboring school in Geneseo, New York. During her teaching she was surrounded by M. E. influence but did not accept this form of Christian Faith. Later she accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Stuart to Mackinaw as teacher to their family of children.

June 17, 1832, she first met Mr. Jeremiah Porter on Mackinaw Island. Miss Chappell first came to Chicago from Mackinaw, June, 1833. She associated with others in teaching in the first Normal School in Chicago. She