BIG MEETING
SOON AT OLD
FT. WINNEBAGO

STATE SOCIETIES AND SAUK
COUNTY HISTORICAL OR-
GANIZATION ON PIL-
GRIMAGE.

The Sauk County Historical society,
of which H. E. Cole is president, in
combination with the State Historical
and Archaeological societies, is to
make a pilgrimage to Fort Winne-
bago, Portage, on Monday, Septem-
ber 2, labor day. Out of baskets at
noon at the old Indian Agency house
a picnic lunch will be enjoyed. The
house has been made famous by
Wau-Bun, the delightful volume by
Mrs. John H. Kinsie. An address
on the significance of the Fox-Wis-
consin portage will be made by Rev.
William Dawson of Portage. Inform-
talks will follow after which the
site of the old fort, the military ceme-
tery and the Joliet-Marquette (1673) tablet will be visited. The
agency house is now owned by At-
torney E. S. Baker, who will be
present. He was the first white child
born in the town of Ft. Winnebago
and has ever since resided in the
region.

People of historic inclination are
expected from a hundred miles
roundabout. A special invitation has
been sent to John H. Kinzie, and to
G. A. and W. W. Gordon of Savan-
nah, Georgia, grandsons of the Kin-
zies. The latter were at Fort Win-
nebago from 1830 to July of 1833,
and, on their way, horseback, to Chi-
icago, passed along the shore of Lake
Mendota about 86 years ago,—sev-
eral years before there was a white
habitation on the site of Madison.

The invitation to be present is
general. Many are going from Mad-
ison, auto, leads from the historic
Lake Winnebago region, as well as
from scores of other places.

NOTABLE HISTORICAL EVENT AT OLD FORT
WINNEBAGO, NEAR PORTAGE, TOMORROW

Old Fort Winnebago at Portage
probably will have more visitors to-
morrow than at any time since the
troops marched out and away before
the Mexican war over seventy years
ago, the occasion being a great pil-
grimage by the Sauk county his-
torical society, the state society, and
the state archaeologists. Every-
body is welcome, and people are go-
ing from dozens of places, many
from Madison, mostly with picnic
equipment, though Portage hotels
are available. After the noon lunch-
ten Rev. William Dawson of Port-
age is to tell of the significance of
the portage. The exercises are to
cour on the lawn at the Indian
agency house, home of Mrs. J. H.
Kinzie, author of Wau Bun, back in
the early 30's. Dr. M. M. Qualfe
and Miss Louise P. Kellogg of the
State Historical society, C. E.
Brown of the historical museum, O.
D. Brandenburg, Mr. and Mrs. A.
O. Barton and Stanley E. Lathrop
are a few among those expecting to
attend from Madison.
MADISON PEOPLE CELEBRATE AT FT. WINNEBAGO

M. M. Quaife, A. O. Barton, O. D. Brandenburg Are Attending

Many Madison people are participating today in the celebration at Portage over the founding of Fort Winnebago there in 1828. This was a military outpost to protect the traffic on the Fox-Wisconsin river route from Indian raids. Only one building remains. This is the Indian agency house occupied by Mrs. J. H. Kinzie, who later wrote a book of her pioneer experiences called "Wau-Bun."

Fort Winnebago was garrisoned until 1845. The military reservation was sold in 1853. One of the lieutenants at the place in these pioneer days was Jefferson Davis, later president of the confederacy. The principal address there today was made by yRev. William Dawson.

Many Visit Scene

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