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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 12, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DURKEE made the following

**R E P O R T**

[To accompany Bill S. 196.]

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," and also the petition of Edson Sherwood and twenty-four others, praying for the confirmation to the above named society of its title to a certain tract of land in the State of Wisconsin, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to make the following report :*

That in the year 1829, as petitioners state, the "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," by permission of the Secretary of War, entered upon lot No. 18, situated on the east side of Fox river, near Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin, and established thereon a mission and school among the Menomonee and other Indians in that vicinity. The memorial of the society alleges that the mission continued in successful operation until the removal of the Indians to the west of the Mississippi, and that upwards of nine thousand dollars have been disbursed for improvements made by it on said land. The society, in order to indemnify itself as far as possible, as well as to carry on missions elsewhere, now asks Congress to pass an act allowing it to enter said land on the payment of the usual price demanded of settlers on public lands.

Your committee can see no objections to the prayer of the petitioners being granted, and a bill is accordingly reported, and its passage recommended, authorizing said society to enter, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the tract settled by it, and known as the Mission Farm, and containing 92.81 superficial acres.