

following days was in school beforenoons only, while in the afternoons I went around to some of the Caddo villages, endeavoring to induce them to send more children to school, but succeeded in getting two girls only.

18th. — The agent, having returned, visited the school to-day, and appeared to be well pleased with its organization, and the progress the scholars were making. He informed them, through an interpreter, that he had in his absence visited several schools, but that he had been in none the scholars of which appeared to be making more commendable progress than they were.

28th. — Though the scholars learn fast, they do not comprehend the nature or use of schools, and I have great difficulty in making them understand that they should keep still, without talking or laughing aloud. They do not appear to know anything about whispering, but talk freely. I had expected this, but when they have been to school as much as some of them have to me, I looked for more improvement in this respect; but not having yet any interpreter, it is very difficult to explain to their understandings what I want or expect of them. I have requested the agent to send his interpreter to my assistance, for half a day or so; but he does not yet come, and I am obliged to get along as I best can without. Again; at home they have no lights in the evenings but the fire, and provide but little fuel; their houses being open, they go to bed early, each wrapped in his blanket, and then talk, sing, laugh, get up, go out of doors, come back, punch up the fire, wrap

at the time whose bodies were consumed in the fire-place shown. Soon after dinner returned to the Agency about 8 miles.

up again, lie down, talk, — and so the night passes, until they talk or sing themselves to sleep; then they sleep very late in the morning. Hence, while I have no difficulty in keeping them up until nine o'clock, I have quite a time in getting them to lie still enough to go to sleep till midnight or after. An immense stock of patience is requisite, and as my supply is small, I have to make the best use of what I have, and endeavor to have it frequently replenished. I sometimes think that the nights are more trying than the days, and require more self-command; tired, sleepy, and worn out, as it were, and yet cannot go to sleep until all these wild children are so far wearied out that they can keep awake no longer, and quietude at last prevails.

29th. — This morning six of our children ran away; whereupon I mounted a pony, pursued after them, and succeeded in bringing back three of them, after a chase of nearly two miles. I would have brought back two more, but my pony would not go any farther; and they, seeing the dilemma I was in, — as they were in sight, — ran and hid in the woods. However, when they got home, the head man of their village made them saddle a pony, and brought them back by noon. The other boy went across the river, and I did not go after him. The reason of the elopement I knew not at the time, but subsequently learned that they were afraid of chastisement in consequence of breaking a light of glass, by throwing a ball through the window accidentally. After ascertaining the cause of their running away, we