

than they had been following. They knew that I would not hurt their children, that when they get out of the way, and I undertake to bring them back into the right road again, — try to cause them to leave off their bad ways, — if their parents or friends steal them away, it makes my hands hang down. I can do nothing. I cannot prevent their watching around, and stealing their children when I do not know it; and if that is the way they expect to do, the school had better stop, for I could do nothing towards controlling the scholars.

He said, when he found out, on Monday, that the boy was not sent back to school, he went to his mother and brother, told them they had done wrong in taking him from school, that they must send him back at once, and not take him away any more, without the consent of the teacher. Thus had he, without my knowledge, taken steps to prevent the continuation of such occurrences, showing his confidence and interest in the school.

*6th Month, 4th.* — Little Nellie Block died this morning, after a lingering illness of some months. She was an interesting and beautiful little girl, of Creek and Caddo descent, and one of the sweetest tempered children it has been my lot to have the care of. I took the school children to see her, and to attend the burial this afternoon. Her remains were buried upon the top of the hill, back of the agent's residence. Most of her clothes, a coverlet or two, were placed in the coffin; and when it was let down into the grave, her mother threw in at the head a bundle of clothes which had been tied

up by themselves and kept out of the coffin. Had some talk to-day with Agent Tatum relative to my going among the Kiowas. A way appears to be slowly opening for this work.

*12th.* — My last forenoon in school. Captain Black Beaver having a team going to Wichita, Kansas, in company with a wagon train which is to leave to-morrow, and there being but two more days of school before vacation, A. J. Standing being willing to undertake to close the quarter, I made arrangements for going home.

Started on my homeward journey on the morning of the 13th. Arrived at Wichita on the morning of the 20th, having made a very quick trip across the plains, during which we passed about twenty-eight thousand head of Texas cattle; two ox trains, one of thirty-five wagons, the other of forty-five; also one mule train, consisting of four wagons, all laden with supplies for the Agencies and Fort Sill. But not a buffalo or antelope was seen on the journey. The waters, especially of the Canadian, were high, but not so as to detain us.

Took the cars early in the morning of the 21st; stopped a short time at the superintendent's office at Lawrence, and arrived at Cedar Rapids about one o'clock in the morning of the 23d. It being the first day of the week, and no train leaving, I made arrangements for forwarding my luggage, and walked home, about eighteen miles, arriving a little past seven in the morn-