

a fortune to the owner. There are other places in the vicinity where petroleum is found. I know of two within ten miles of Fort Sill; but there being no means of cheap transportation, it is here valueless, except as an application to the sore backs of mules and ponies.

There are undoubtedly many minerals existing among the mountains, as well as upon the plains, which will in time prove valuable. Iron exists in the form of a black sand, and salt is found in immense quantities, on what are called the salt plains, in the western and north-western parts of the territory, in the form of ^{common} barrel salt, being formed by the evaporation of salt water arising from beneath. It is as pure, if not purer than the salt of commerce. Farther south, on the Salt Fork of Red River, it exists in solid rocks in immense quantities and easy of access.

My health not improving sufficiently to admit of my going to the Kiowa camps, I drew up the following report of my services there, and submitted it to the agent.

REPORT.

KIOWA AGENCY, FORT SILL, 7th Month 31st, 1873.

J. M. HAWORTH, *U. S. Ind. Agt.*

RESPECTED FRIEND: Notwithstanding I have not succeeded according to my anticipations in the work which I undertook among the Kiowas, and possibly have not answered the designs of the department in my employ, that my position, the difficulties attending it, and

the attitude of the Kiowas in relation to the government, may be fully understood, I make the following report:—

After the necessary preliminary arrangements had been made, I first went to the Kiowa camps on the first day of the 12th month, 1872, but did not attempt to open a school among them until the 23d of the 1st month of the present year.

Having erected a tent, and fitted it up, I commenced a school, with twenty-two children in attendance, which continued for something over a week, during which time the children manifested their aptitude to learn by the progress they made. The elder people also manifested much interest in it by their frequent visits, their attention to the exercises, and their encouraging words to the children. About this time, much sickness prevailing among the children in the camp, some superstitious Cad-does, who happened there, attributed the sickness among them to me, telling them I was a bad medicine man, and had made some of their children sick when I was with them, two of whom died. This had the effect to entirely break up the school, though I continued my efforts to renew it for nearly two months. Sometimes, when I would get a few children collected, they would be driven out by their old men. Sometimes young men would come in, laugh at them, and abuse them until they would leave. After about two months they became more unsettled, moving from place to place almost continually, searching for better grass for their stock, better water,