

horse-thieves, — who stole upwards of one thousand nine hundred head of their stock within a year thereafter, — and although they were kept almost in a state of starvation, from the failure of the contractor to supply their rations, continued loyal to the government through all, and started as many of their children to school the following winter as the building would accommodate. One of their chiefs, — “Dangerous Eagle,” brother of the notorious “Big Tree,” — went into the school, and rendered valuable assistance, by explaining to the children the wishes of the teacher, and assisting in bringing them under easy control.

The teacher, A. J. Standing, — my colleague in the Caddo school, at the Wichita Agency, — reports the children as quiet, affectionate, obedient, apt in learning, neat and cleanly in their habits, and in all respects pleasant and agreeable in their manners. Their parents manifested great interest in the school, furnishing the boys with velvet vests, and the girls with nice shawls, from their limited means.

Kicking Bird continued to use his influence for good to the time of his death, which occurred the 3d of 5th month, 1875. Being aware of his approaching end, he told his people “he was dying; he had taken the white man’s road, and now he was not sorry for it; that he was dying holding fast the white man’s hand.” Whilst advising his people to keep in the white man’s road, he passed away. His people have followed his advice, and, for the first time, have attempted to raise