

that it might be known where they are; being desirous of remaining at peace with the whites. The other portion of the tribe, with Lone Wolf at its head, joined the hostile Indians. It is now no small satisfaction to me, in looking back upon the privations and hardships endured while wandering with this people, notwithstanding my utter failure in accomplishing that for which I went among them, — that of gathering their children into a school, — that those with whom I was most intimately connected, and with whom I made my camp-home, have steadfastly refused to join the hostile element, and are now manifesting their allegiance and friendly attitude towards the government.

The roads to Wichita being closed, or rendered unsafe for travel except by an armed force, I was obliged to remain at the Wichita Agency for over two weeks, most of the time very feeble.

While here, a party of Cheyennes made an attempt to run off the stock belonging to the Wichitas; but as they were on the watch, the attacking party were driven away, with the loss of a war-bonnet, whereby the tribe of the attacking party was exposed.

An attack was also made upon a man who was herding cattle belonging to the wood contractors engaged in supplying Fort Sill with wood, killed him and run off fifty-three head of cattle; but a company of soldiers, starting immediately in pursuit, recovered the cattle, without seeing the Indians who had run them off. While the wilder tribes were thus opening hostilities

the more quiet, if not more civilized, Caddoes were anxious to learn more of a better and higher mode of life. At a religious meeting held with Guadalupe's band of Caddoes, which I attended, some of the simple truths of Christianity were communicated to this poor people. They were very attentive to what was said to them, and at its close expressed an anxiety that meetings for their religious instruction should be continued among them, stating that some of the things which had been told them were new to them, yet they might be true. They knew that something told them in their hearts that it was wrong to lie, to steal, to get drunk, and to murder; but they did not know it was the Great Spirit that was telling them, in this way, the path they ought to travel. If this was really true, as had been told them, — and they were inclined to believe it was, — it was high time they were paying more attention to it, and they wanted meetings for their instruction continued among them. They wished the agent to be informed that they desired more instruction in this direction. It has long been my opinion, that to present the sublime doctrines of the gospel to these untutored people, without a preliminary work of preparation having been first accomplished, might be comparable to casting "pearls before swine," or sowing good seed on the "stony ground;" it would not be likely to be productive of the best results.

But with these Caddoes I believe the preliminary work to have sufficiently progressed to warrant the