

his hearers in a wonderful way by preaching from the text:
"The scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from
between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the
gathering of the people be." Gen. 49:10.

His religious impressions came to him in early life.
It is recorded that he said that when a small boy he witnessed
some children being baptized by some missionaries, and was
deeply moved to join their number and be baptized but no one
invited or spoke to him on this subject on account of his being
so young; but in later years, with maturer mind, he was converted
and lived among his people a strictly religious life rarely
equalled among men. Many were the examples of his conscientious
convictions. On one occasion he was summoned by a Government
Agent to meet him at Tahlequah to give testimony concerning
some tribal affair. The day fixed for his appearance was Monday,
but he did not arrive until one day late, Tuesday. The Agent
was irritated and impatient at the delay and wanted to know why
he did not appear on Monday. After an apology for the delay,
Checote said: "Had I appeared here on Monday, it would have
been necessary for me to have traveled all day Sunday. This I
could not do because I believe it wrong to use the day that way."
The agent humbled by his remarks, accepted his excuse and told
him that he had done the right thing in obeying his conscience
in the matter.