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**Choctaw Nation**

The Choctaw Nation is situated in the South-eastern part of the Indian Ter. It is bounded on the north by the Creek and Cherokee Nation, on the east by Arkansas, on the south by Texas and on the west by the Chickasaw Nation.

The surface is very broken consisting of small hills and mountains.

The most noted elevations are Sugar Loaf, Cananan and Poteau.

These are the largest mountains, Round Mountain, Seven Devils, and Back Bone mountain are the three second in size.

The climate is mild, in winter very pleasant, but in the summer very warm.

The soil is fertile, in the valleys and botoms.

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Cotton, corn, oats, tobacco, potatoes, turnips and millet are the chief productions, But cotton is the staple.

The occupation of the people are mostly farming and raising cattle and hogs.

The Nation is divided into seventeen counties and three Districts Skullyville, Sugar Loaf, San Bois, Gaines, Jackson, Blue, Coal, Wolf, Wade, Towson, Ceader, Boktukla, Jacksfork, Eagle, Red River Atoka an Kaimishe Co.

The Nation is divided into three Districts for the purpose of Government.

Mosholatabi, Pashmahtaha and Apukshunabi, Men are sent from each of these three districts to go to Tuskahoma to help make the laws.

S. F. Dwight is Supt. of education.

The Choctaw people are progressing more and more every day.

There are four large schools, two Seminaries and two Academies.

New Hope is a school for girls, it is situated in the north-eastern part of the Choctaw Nation. Spencer

is a school for boys, it is situated in the southwestern part of the C. Nation.

Wheelock is a school for orphan girls situated in the southern part of the Choctaw Nation.

Armstrong is also an orphan school for boys, It is situated in the southern part of the Choctaw N.

I think it is so nice to have orphan girls and boys a school so they can have a chance to be educated, as well as those who have parents.

Besides these four large schools, there are a great many neighborhood or district schools in the Choctaw Nation. In these neighborhood schools most all children never get to attend any other schools but these.

We have for our Govner at the present time Mr Wilson Jones.

Mr Jacob Jackson is our Natinal Sec. And our National Treasura is Mr Green McCurtain.

The Auditor is Mr Tom Ainsworth.

Besides these we have lower officers such as Marshalls and Sheriffs.

Tuskahoma is the capital of the Choctaw Nation,

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situated in the central part.

I think we have a grand nation to live in. It has  
so many nice farms and such beautiful forests, We  
have very thick forests and but little prairie.

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This is a copy of the Composition written by a student in the New Hope Seminary in May, 1891. You will note that there are some words misspelled but it is an exact copy-except for the type of writing.

Her writing is of good type according to the teaching of those days.

Note some Capitals-A. M.