

name on the roll. The Colonel said this could not be, but if the chiefs were all willing, the child should have his share. They were all willing—the boy's share was given to me, and I gave it to his mother. It was this same child—the same one now taken from us. It is the truth I am telling.

“And now we want your help to get back the child. We still hope to find him. We cannot give him up. We want you to satisfy the public that the child is ours. We hoped to take him home with us this time. We came from a great distance. Once before the child was carried off by force, after the law had decided in our favor, and now he is again carried away. We are grieved and disappointed. This is why we ask your help.”

Oshkosh, having concluded what he had to say, again shook hands with us (the opening and closing ceremony of each speech), and gave way to Souigny, the Head War-Chief, who, though seventy years old, has all the fire and energy of a man in the prime of life. After a hearty shake of the hands, Souigny squared himself and spoke as follows:

“Now, my friend, listen to me. The one who spoke first, is our Head Chief. What he says is so. You see me, another old man, standing before you. I can remember my old Chiefs. They used to own this soil. Green Bay was our principal village. There we lived when the Americans landed on the east side of Fox River, and crossed and came to our huts. They asked leave to live among us, and said their Great Father had sent them to take the Menomonees under their wings and shelter them from all harm. They told us, too, that their Great Father had a very long arm, and that whenever any one did an injury or took anything away from us, he would stretch out that arm and bring it back, no matter how far off. And now we have lost something. We lost it at Waupaca Falls. It is a piece of our flesh. And to think, after all our Great Father promised, that this should have been taken from us by some of his children, the whites, and they should claim it as their own.

“I cannot think my friend, the white man, did this wilfully.