

Warner, now living in Prairie Du Chien, when he was bitten in the leg by a rattle-snake. His name was Limmery, and a strange man he was; his eyes were the smallest I have ever seen in the head of any human being, with a piercing expression that once seen could never be forgot. He would never allow a snake to be killed if he could help it, and could take up the most venomous snake with impunity. I saw him take up a large moccasin snake, while we were in the Kickapoo Bottoms, and it never offered to bite him, while it would strike fiercely at any third person who approached it. I could only attribute the strange power of this man to some mesmeric influence.

We were fortunate enough to bring all the Indians to Prairie Du Chien without accident, where they were delivered to a body of regulars from Fort Atkinson, who moved them to their reservation. That was the last of the Winnebagoes in Wisconsin as a tribe. There are now a few stragglers loitering near their old hunting grounds, in the Kickapoo and Wisconsin bottom-lands, but altogether they do not exceed a hundred souls.

In the year 1848 a society was formed at Fort Crawford, called the "Fort Crawford Temperance Society." The object of the Society was to promote the cause of temperance. All that was requisite to become a member, was to sign a pledge to abstain from the use of liquor as a common beverage, for six months, a year, or any length of time a person joining might see fit to set opposite his name. The Society met each Saturday night, and so long as the interest was kept up, its influence may have been beneficial, but like many such societies, it was short lived, and its effects forgotten.

It is an impossibility to keep liquor out of a garrison if the men are determined to have it. No matter how vigilant and watchful the officers may be, the soldiers will smuggle it in some way. Major Garland had arrived at Fort Crawford, and was stopping at my quarters, and was expected to inspect the men. So strict orders were given, to prevent men passing in and out with suspicious packages, and to search all such, to