

was to make each one more cautious, when tempted to do wrong, knowing that if he did so, his own individual funds would be made to pay for it, and not the funds of innocent parties.

I also urged upon them the importance and propriety of cultivating the soil, each for himself, and allowing individual rights, where improvements were made; and as the Government had provided them with a farmer to instruct them in agriculture, to avail themselves of his instruction; and by doing as the whites do in such matters, they could live as the whites do. Of these matters he also inquired, and declared his intention to follow my advice. To do this, he first selected a site at Gull Lake, but afterwards, as I was informed, moved to another place, where he made quite a farm, built houses, barns, &c., which is probably the one occupied by his son, the late Hole-in-the-Day, who was recently shot and killed by some of his own tribe.

Nature did much for this elder chief, as also for the younger one. Had old Hole-in-the-Day been favored with an education, he would have been distinguished among the great men of the world. Like his own people, and too many of the white race, he loved "the fire water," fell into habits of intemperance, and was thrown from a cart or wagon when intoxicated, and killed, in 1847.

The little Chippewa boy who killed the Sioux girl, in April, 1838, was thus entitled, according to their custom to wear a large eagle's quill or feather fastened to his hair, as a recognition that he had taken an enemy's scalp; and thus he became a brave and sat in council with the braves of the band; and no one strutted, or seemed to feel his consequence, more than he did. If I am not mistaken, this was Hole-in-the-Day's oldest son; and, if not the oldest, as least his favorite, whom he intended to succeed him in the chieftaincy of his band. Hole-in-the-Day promised, in 1838, to let me have him the next year to educate; but not returning, I did not secure him as a pupil. If I am not mistaken, this was the late chief of that name, who succeeded his father, and fell by the assassins' hand.