

enabled at length to obtain quarters at the Indian Agent's, a Mr. Davenport,¹ and who has since been dismissed.

Dr. W. had left this place also the day previous in company with Mr. D. and gone to meet the Chiefs of the Sacs and Foxes in council. As Dr. W. has doubtless made a report of this to the Board I shall pass over it and only give the result of my own observation, &c.

On the Sab. I crossed over on to the main land and preached to the people whom Messrs Byington² and Kingsbury³ afterwards visited, and who had emigrated chiefly from N[ew] E[ngland].

¹ M. S. Davenport was the agent for the Sacs and Foxes.—Ed.

² Cyrus Byington was born in Stockbridge, Mass., March 11, 1793. He graduated at Andover Theological Seminary in 1819. He departed for the Choctaw nation in September, 1820, and arrived at Eliot, Miss., April 17, 1821. He was ordained in Cincinnati, October 4, 1827, and was a missionary among the Choctaws until his death at Belpré, Ohio, December 31, 1868. He married December 19, 1827, Sophia Nye of Marietta, Ohio.—W. W. W.

³ Cyrus Kingsbury was born at Alstead, N. H., November 22, 1786. He graduated at Brown University in 1812 and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1815, and was ordained at Ipswich, Mass., September 29, 1815. He was home missionary in Virginia and East Tennessee in 1815-1817. He explored with reference to a mission among the Cherokees; and having arranged for land for a station on the Chickamauga River, arrived there January 13, 1817. This station was afterward named Brainerd, and was the first station of the American Board to North American Indians. It was situated on the Chickamauga three miles beyond the summit of Missionary Ridge. In 1818, Kingsbury left Brainerd to establish a mission among the Choctaws. In four weeks he arrived in the Choctaw nation, four hundred miles from Brainerd. His station with this people was Eliot. He labored among the Choctaws with the American Board until the discontinuance of its mission in 1859; but his labors with them did not cease until his death. He died in the Indian Territory June 27, 1870. He married in New Orleans, December 24, 1818, Sarah B. Varnum, of Dracut, Mass., who died among the Indians at Mayhew, September 15, 1822. He then married, May 10, 1824, Electa May, of Goshen, Mass. He received the degree of doctor of divinity from Brown University in 1854.

In the summer and autumn of 1834, Kingsbury and Cyrus Byington made a tour among the nations west of the State of Missouri, visiting the missionary stations among the Osages, Creeks, and Cherokees.—W. W. W.