

turned the same way. And in the mining country not far from Galena the Sabbath overtook them and they stopped until it was passed. I heard it remarked by some of the people "that they sung hymns all Sabbath day;" this seemed not only new but strange to those who make no distinction betwixt one day or another when travelling.

*Population of the Sac and Fox Indians.*

The Indian Agent informed me that the whole number was six thousand and four hundred. But gentlemen better acquainted with their situation &c. than he, informed me that their probable number was two thousand, and possibly there might be as many as two thousand, five hundred souls; but the former estimation I should think the more probable.<sup>1</sup>

It was stated to me by one man who had resided amongst them four years, that he thought in the seven years since he had known them that their vices and the war of 1832 had diminished the nation one half; another man who had been much with them for some four or five years said he thought they had diminished one third. The statement made in the review of Black Hawk's life (so called) that the war of 1832 had swept off half of the nation is altogether erroneous. By some who were favorably situated for judging correctly, they thought that the loss might be three hundred in all. (See "Review of Black Hawk's Life" in N. Am. Review for Jan., 1835.)

*Country:—Extent and Boundary.*

The Sac and Fox country is bounded on the N. by the Sioux country which commences at a point 23 miles N. of Prairie du Chien. South and West by the state of Missouri and the Missouri river and on the E. by the new purchase on the Mississippi. This purchase was made after the war in 1832 and is situated upon the west bank of the Mississippi 50 miles wide at each extremity and 40 in the middle and extends the whole length of their country upon the river. It is doubtless the most valuable part of their country for agricultural

<sup>1</sup> This estimation does not include a band upon the Missouri river consisting of about 20 lodges.