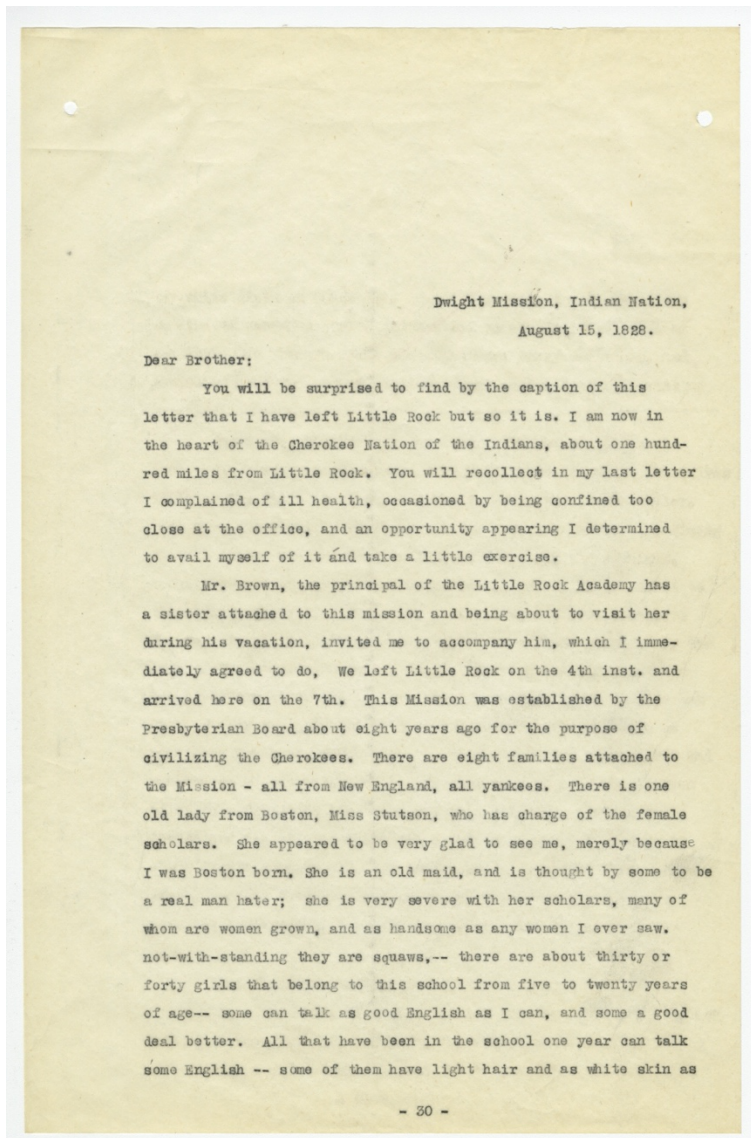




## Dwight Mission, Indian Nation, August 15, 1828



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any white girls in Cohasset. There are a great many white men married to Cherokee girls, and settled in the Nation -- most of the girls who receive their education here marry white men, and generally make the most affectionate and most industrious kind of wives.

There are about as many boys as girls who go to school here. The missionaries chose a very good place to locate themselves it is on the Illinois Creek, and about the center of the Nation. They have about thirty buildings of one kind and another-- a dining room about one hundred feet in length, where all the scholars, amounting to from sixty to seventy-five and every one attached to the mission as well as those who visit them, sit down together. The fare is plain but wholesome. There is a young man here by the name of Thornton, a Cherokee, who is studying medicine, and who has been very attentive to me since I have been here, we ride out every day or two and visit his friends and relations, where we generally see some pretty little girls, and get as many melons and peaches as we can eat. Day before yesterday we rode about seven miles to a friend of his where we staid all day. The man is French and his wife is Cherokee, he has one very pretty daughter about fourteen years old, who speaks and understands three languages, French, Cherokee, and American, she is as white as anybody and is certainly the most interesting little thing I ever saw.

Next Thursday there is to be a Grand Council, about forty miles from here, at a place called the "Horse Head", at which I shall attend with Mr. Washburn, the Superintendent of this Mission. You will recollect that the treaty which was made with

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the United States by the Cherokees last winter at Washington, one thousand dollars was appropriated for the purchase of a printing press and types for the use of the Cherokees, which will probably go into operation as soon as the Cherokees get moved into their new land, which is about two hundred miles farther up the Arkansas; my object in attending the council is to get the appointment of printer to their paper when it is put in operation, should I succeed it will not interfere with my intended visit to "sandy Cove" next summer, as the press will not go into operation before a year or eighteen months from this date. As soon as the council adjourns I shall return to Little Rock.

The paper will be similar to the one printed in the old Nation, part in English and part in Cherokee language; and in Cherokee characters as invented by George Guess, one of the chiefs. When I return to the Rock I will send you one of the Cherokee papers printed in the old Nation. I will write to you as soon as I get to the Rock and tell you something about the council, I anticipate a good deal of sport there with the Indians as there will be a great many present. I hope you are all well at home. Give my best respects to Father, Mother, and all the family.

Yours etc.,

H.A. Whittington.

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