

“ On the 24th October, hearing that there were two Indians at the ‘Lake’ who had been shot by the Sioux and brought in by some half-breeds, I proceeded there to investigate the matter and, if necessary, furnish medical aid. I found that these two Indians, a man and a boy, were the remnants of a party who had been fired on by the Sioux just south of the line on or about the 3rd of September. The party had included a woman also, but she had died in consequence of her wounds, exposure and privation. The man had received a ball in the calf of the leg, but as no bones had been broken, and he was doing well, I did not interfere with him. The boy, however, had been shot twice, once in each leg. In one leg, the ball had entered above the knee, passed down alongside of the joint and emerged some three inches below, inflicting in its course comminuted fractures of the *tibia* and *fibula*. His wounds I considered so serious that I brought him to the Fort with me next day. On the 26th the Indian agent procured quarters for him in the village * * * On the 27th I administered chloroform to the patient and made a careful examination of his injuries. I found that his knee joint was diseased, and that all the tissues had been so badly shattered that amputation through the thigh would be necessary. I accordingly performed the operation at once.

I am happy to say that recovery was rapid and complete and that he is now able to move about.

The only other case deserving of mention is that of the imbecile half-breed, Ruben. He had his feet badly frozen in November and received injuries from which he died on December 7th. His death was attributable, I think, to the exposure and shock which his low vitality could not withstand.

It was very difficult to obtain suitable quarters for both the Indian boy and Ruben, and I think that these cases exemplify the necessity which exists for the establishment on the reserves of some place where the sick, wounded, and infirm, can be properly cared for and treated.

Appendix A shows the diseases treated during the year, the number of cases, and average duration of treatment.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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