

the one in Ohio." "I knowed him well." "I toted my plunder (baggage) to the boat." "A right smart sprinkling of bears." "I got shet of him." "He is powerful weak to-day." "A mighty little calf."

19th.—Visited Wesport, four miles south of Kansas, and near the line of the territory. This is a small, but enterprising town, with about five hundred inhabitants, to appearance. Here are saddlers, blacksmiths, and other mechanics, with nearly everything needed for an outfit to California. Business is very brisk, on account of the great number of emigrants fitting out here. Our company complete their purchases here, excepting their flour, which they will get at the Baptist Mission, four miles farther on our route, in the Indian Territory.

In the evening, two of our company amused themselves by singing a few pieces from the N. E. Glee Book, which quite astonished the natives, who said they had not heard such good singing before, and thought the singers would do better to give concerts than to go to California. After this our singers were in great demand, particularly when our host had company.

Soon after our company left boarding at the Kansas House, the cholera, which had accompanied us up the river, made its appearance in Kansas, and one night, ten persons in the village died. The next day the wind, which the day before blew up the river, changed and came from the north-west, and no cases of cholera occurred; but the day following there was another change in the direction of the wind, and several persons were attacked. During the prevalence of this disease on the Missouri River bottom, the emigrants removed their encampments to the open lands, where it did not follow them. Our physician was in great demand, as he was more successful in this disease than the resident physicians, and by a request of the people, he met the physicians of the place, and gave them his course of treatment. When the company were about to leave, he was urgently requested to remain, and was promised his board and the keeping of his horse for a year, gratis, and all the business he could do, if he would stay. Notwithstanding some of the Southern and Western people affect to look upon the New Englanders, as a set of bigoted *laborers*, they are very ready to accept of their services and skill, when danger threatens them, and, in fact, the Yankees who settle among them, in spite of all prejudice that some may feel, are the most enterprising and successful men to be found in the community.

On the tenth of May, our company had everything in readi-