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should, by testifying to things to deep for me "swear falsely" & appear to arrogate to myself more than is becoming to the low state of humility in which I desire to live; but now feel to record as the experience of my soul, 'Hitherto hath the Lord sustained & supported me' or I must have given out by the way long before now.

And Truly I may say in all humility & abasement of spirit, knowing that in me that is in my flesh dwelleth no good thing, whether fruit be borne yea or nay, that I have been among this people, with much sorrow & many tears, under discouragement & heavy burdens which have been laid upon me, in heat & in cold, in hunger, in thirst & in weariness; in sickness, in weakness of the flesh & weakness of the spirit; in perils, in privations, & in ^{besetments of the enemy} discouragements; alone as to the outward & a stranger among a strange people; having home, wife, & children in a manner as though I had them not, yet hath the Lord supported, & by the right arm of his power sustained & upheld ~~me~~ in all, & through, ^{all} even at times when his gracious presence has seemed to be withdrawn & as his hand been underneath, to keep fear up & keep from falling, yea & to make a way where man could make no way, & to overrule the counsels of the heathen & the machinations of evil & designing men; so that I have not only been preserved alive, through dangers seen & unseen, but even the heathen, & the enemies of truth & those who

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14th 4th Clear & cold, Remained in camp
15th 5th Cloudy & cold, Slept but little last night on account of cold

16th 6th day Cloudy & cold Remained in camp

17th 7th day Cloudy, Foggy & Cool

Ponies & Mules brought in ^{last evening} in order to start for the Agency in the morning & though there was nothing to prevent an early start, yet we could not from *meddlatonins* get off until near 11 o'clock A.M.

Soon after noon the wind arose, & ^{the weather} it grew cold with much wet fog at a slight elevation from the ground which froze in the tree tops, where there were trees - until ice was formed on the twigs a half an inch thick while the grass remained dry. The women became so chilled that some of them cried like children, when finding a place comparatively sheltered from the wind by trees we went into camp early.

Kicking Bird having had a very nice buffalo robe prepared expressly for my wife brought it to me just at leaving camp to take possession of, & ^{thru} last evening I put it upon my bed & as a consequence slept very comfortably.

18th 8th day Clear & Pleasant, Arrived at the Agency a little past noon. Attended the afternoon meeting & the school for the children. Evening the Agent arrived having left his wife sick at home.

19th 9th day Clear but cold, Wrote home No 17. A.J. Standing arrived

20th 10th day Cloudy but not cold
Indians who came in with me left