

telling them, "Kiowas heap talk — heap laugh — I would wait till all done, — then, when no more talk — no more laugh — children talk," — keeping the children for some time standing silently before the charts. After a long time, they understood my meaning, and became silent, when I proceeded with the reading. Thus my long-cherished design of opening a school in the camp of the Kiowas is accomplished. I feel it to be but the beginning of many trials, and much labor both of body and mind. May I be favored with strength and fortitude sufficient for the occasion, and may the undertaking prove a blessing to this people, is the ardent desire of my heart.

30th. — Since opening my school, I have continued it from day to day, first day excepted, up to this date, though the violent snow-storm of the 27th, during which about twelve inches of snow fell, and the succeeding cold weather, which was intensely cold, — the mercury at the Wichita Agency sinking to thirty-four degrees below zero, — very much interrupted the school. It was impossible to warm my tent so as to be comfortable, and yesterday morning, after suffering from cold through the night so that I could not sleep, I went to Kicking Bird's lodge, where a fire had been kept up all night, in order to get warm, and from the effects of the heat, though I kept at some distance from the fire, I so nearly fainted, that I could not sit up; but had school in the afternoon.

This morning Kicking Bird informed me that the