

at a place called Elm Springs, where a beautiful spring of good water rushes out of the river bank above high water. The next day I came on about 40 miles, and camped on a stream known by the name of Beaver Creek. Here alone in the solitudes of this mighty wilderness, far from the abodes of men I prepared to spend the night by building a roaring fire, making a good cup of tea, using condensed milk instead of cream, broiling some ham on the coals, which with bread, crackers and peaches constituted the bill of fare for supper. I turned the mules loose to graze until dark then larrrieted them and fed them and retired at an early hour to my bed in the ambulance where I was permitted to partak of a crumb if it be not presumption in me to ~~XXXX~~ speak of that bread which nourishes and sustains the soul, after which I enjoyed a good nights rest, aw-wakening soon after daylight. This morning breakfast the same as supper, which being over I started on and arrived at the Agency about 10 o'clock. On my solitary journey this morning I was favored with the manifest presence of the blessed Master whose I am and Whom I desire to serve. ~~XX~~ ~~XXX~~ Here let my account of this journey end.

A. J. Standing is out with the Appaches. George Dickenson (the man who went out with Satanta) got enough at one trial. Some men can experience more in a short while than others in a whole life,- one woulf think he had found out more in 2 weeks about the Kiowas than I have ever learned, so superlatively quick is he in discerning, but no doubt his experience was great and varied for so short a time, and he did not look when he came in as though he could have gone through with 2 weeks more. Satanta ~~XXXX~~ ~~by~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ and another Indian rode by him coming in, one on each side of his mule, to whip it up to the top of its speed which was not slow as they came the last 12 miles in an hour. Satanta saying he was affraid he would die before he got in and so hurried up to get him off hands as quick as possible. He did not want him to die on his hands, but he is recruiting now. I think Satanta is a bad ~~XXX~~ man anyhow. I would not like to go out with him. But I ought not to tell tales out of school.

The next day after writing to you I got a letter from home No. 27 which is the last I have received, and I want to say that while I enjoyed it all and would not have had any part of it left out, yet the last page, was peculiarly grateful to my feelings. I rejoiced to know that thou had taken up the practice of family reading, and I believe that if it is properly continued in, it will not be found to be lost time either to thee, Alfred, or the children. Dont hurry about it. I was also pleased to hear that thou found time for other good reading in the prescence of the children. X And now let me say that I cannot help believing that if thou wilt take the time for a little good reading to the children, that thy work will get along just as well as heretofore when thy time was wholly engrossed with it, and shall I say, for I have greatly feared it, with unprofitable thoughts, about me, and other worryments. But I do not intend to write roughly. I know thy heart, that it has been with thee as with me, that while I would do good evil is present with me, not that I would say that there was intentional evil in thy heart but a little distrust, not willin to trust all to the dear Master, yet with all our carefulness we cannot change his designs.

I got a letter from Edward by which it appears he has bought him a lot and put up for him a small house, and is learning the tanners trade. I hope he will get at something that he can stick to after a while if it is right, but I fear ~~it~~ that it may be the case with him as with some others that he has put the ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ horse behind the wagon instead of before, if so he will not get along until he has put them right. The tulle is "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added.- " Not seek first the things of this world, and the kingdom shall be added.

My health continues fluctuating, sometimes better and then not so well. I did think of sending home some money this time but will still leave it, a while longer until I see how things will turn with me here. I found that when I