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12/8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, Clear & Pleasant  
 Attended Meeting & the Bible  
 Class & the School for the  
 children, after which I was con-  
 siderably hurried to write some  
 No 10 as Kicking Bird was anxious  
 to be going toward his camp, so  
 I made a short letter answer the  
 purpose & started about 1/2 past  
 5 o'clock, P.M. in company  
 with Kicking Bird, Feather Head  
 & Dangerous Eagle, the evening  
 was beautiful the moon & stars  
 shining bright, we proceeded briskly  
 until 1/2 past 10, arriving  
 at the encampment on  
 Apache Creek, the lodge being  
 so full, I spread my blankets  
 outside upon the grass & slept  
 there, in the midst of several  
 hundreds of Apaches & Kiowas  
 who but 2 or 3 months since would  
 have been for lifting my hair  
 had I been where I now am.

As it is sleep without fear  
 though the country is full of  
 wild men & wild animals such  
 as wolves Bears & Panthers

9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> day Cool & cloudy

Broke camp about 9 o'clock  
 Kicking Bird calling my name  
 to follow him, I mounted my  
 horse followed by Trotting Wolf  
 & proceeded to the lodge of an  
 Apache Chief (whos name I have  
 not learned) where we remained

11 o'clock

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12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> day until noon, eating, (the Indians)  
 smoking, talking &c. At noon  
 we proceeded again on our way  
 & arrived at our camp about  
 4 o'clock P.M. On our way  
 I pointed out a herd of deer to  
 Kicking Bird, but they took  
 to flight before he could get his  
 Carbine ready to shoot, so we  
 got no venison.

To day while riding along  
 with the two Kiowa Chiefs  
 Kicking Bird & Trotting Wolf  
 My mind was unusually over-  
 shadowed with Divine Goodness  
 with a precious feeling of calm-  
 ness, in which I was favored to  
 approach the throne of mercy with  
 an unusual sense of nearness there-  
 to, Evening Stumbling Bear  
 in conversation with me, told  
 me of a war some years ago, in  
 which General Hagen command-  
 ed the whites, that he himself  
 killed & scalped five men, &  
 Kicking Bird seven.

10<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> day Cool & snowy, some  
 2 or 3 inches of snow fell last  
 night - the first I have seen  
 this fall. Evening, made rising  
 & gave Koo-oo-her 1<sup>st</sup> lesson in  
 rising making, also gave  
 Topin & her cousin (a little  
 girl a year or so older than Topin)  
 a lesson in reading. Grown  
 colder through the day.