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18th 7th Clear but cool

Bought some knives, forks, spoons & preparatory to going out to the Kiowa camp, put a coat of better

19th 1st day of week Clear & Pleasant

Attended meeting & the Bible class, & abundance of words in the first, from which I could get no comfort, whatever there might have been in them. The latter was to me also devoid of any good, though I have felt best satisfied in attending them, since being here, situated as I am, yet I fail to find any real food in them, that can afford nourishment to my soul.

Received a letter from my dear family, from which it appears that they were being fed with the bread of affliction, being nearly all sick. I also received a letter from Ruth enclosing one from Sister Rachel informing of the death of Father Gibson in last 11th Mo. Moot No 17 home.

20th 2nd day of week Clear & Pleasant

Gathered my things, tent & all loaded into a wagon & with an Indian for a guide, who can talk or understand but little English started for Kicking Bird's tent camp, but the wagon

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standing of the direction, went many miles in a wrong course & had to return so far that we only got about 5 miles from the agency, before it was too dark to travel, & we had to camp & make our beds upon the ground first spreading our harness out to put our blankets upon.

21st 3rd day Clear & Pleasant

Up early and on our way soon had plenty of Kiowas for guides & arrived in camp in time to raise my tent & put up my stove, camp instead of being among the mountains, as we had expected, was upon a small stream of good water near the Washita River. I ought to have mentioned who my company to the camp was. They were Ollwood Batum, son of the agent of Milton Dean, & Lewis Newlin, agency hands.

22nd 4th day Fair but cool

My company left about 11 o'clock A. M., leaving me alone in the camp, in which are about 130 lodges & probably about 700 people, so of course there must be a good many children who ought to be going to school. P. M., cleaned out the