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letter in the public part of
the tent, or my school room
several Kiowas joining in
the work, evening sprinkled
some.

23rd 5th day Clear but cool
I slept alone in my tent
last night, Opened my school
this morning, 22 children
& young men taking part as
scholars & probably as many
more, ^{men & women} in the room as spectators.
This my long cherished project
is opened, it being the 1st school
ever attempted among these
Kiowas & I suppose I am
the first white man - not a
captive - who ever spent a night
in their encampment.

May the undertaking, which
has cost me a sacrifice, which
at many times I have thought
more dear to me than my natural
life, prove a blessing to them.

This morning while in
the gaged in the exercise of the
school, the scholars sitting
around busy with their slates
& several young men standing
around as spectators, a young
man came in with an
uplifted hatchet, as though
to strike some one, angrily
exclaiming ^{in broken English} "G-d do-a
son of a B-ech" & making
words me. I stepped

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over a little girl who was seated
between me & him seized him by
the arm, telling him "No good"
no such talk in my lodge"
& put him out of the tent
having no thought of fear
until after closing the session
for the forenoon, when thinking
it over, I thought very probably
that there might be several
of the young men, who may look
upon the movement as an ag-
gression upon their customs,
& made the attempt to fright-
en me from the field, but ^{meeting} ~~not~~
^{prompt action,} succeeding I hardly think that
he will be likely to repeat it.

P.P. So many spectators who
know not what a school is that
I found it next to impossible
to bring the scholars to any kind
of order except disorder, as
soon as the children attempt-
ed to pronounce a word after
me, from the charts they would
beat into a laugh every one
talking in a loud tone so
that it was impossible to do
anything, until I gave up
trying, & told them "Kiowas
heap talk, heap laugh, I would
wait till they all done, then
children talk," they under-
stood after a long time & stood
round silently while the children
read.