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latter was intended as a kind of extra consisting of wild plums & dried & then stued, boiled corn & pumpkins, coffee & bread most of the head men at the camp attended, the kettles containing the food was passed around, with a couple of spoons, each helping himself to as much as he pleased before passing to his neighbor, This I must say in favor of their hospitality to me - a stranger - or sojourner in their camp, what was designed for me - & it was a goodly portion - was put upon plates & with a spoon was passed to me, that I might not be compelled to eat out of the same dish or with the same spoon with them.

21st 5th Clear but cool.

Several scholars I think 10 in school to day.

Evening witnessed another performance, it being a representation of an Apache Medicine Dance, or I would describe it as an Indian Masquerade, as all the performers except two young women wore frightful masks, hideously painted & fantastically dressed in any indescribable manner, with feathers attached to their ^{legs} arms, ^{back} ^{back} & ^{head} dress which was a light wooden frame, ^{small} bells attached to their legs, producing a rattling sound

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as they jumped, jerked, bowed & gesticulated about to the music of many voices & the beating of a drum, the actors must have been highly gratified with the high appreciation of their performances, as shout after shout of applause arose from the assembled multitude.

This performance ended about 10 o'clock & all became quiet. Kicking Bird explained it to me as being the medicine of the wild Apaches to bring rain when it has been a long time dry, this dance is commenced & continued the whole night, & the fourth succeeding night there will be thunder & rain, it being very strong medicine "heap strong medicine" with the Apaches, but of course the Kiowa medicine is much stronger.

22nd 7th day Clear & cool. After getting my wood for tomorrow I had the best session of school I have had since the Cadde's fight there being 17 in attendance besides 3 young men & 3 spectators who behaved civilly by constantly telling them to keep quiet & not talk. Evening alone in my tent, or nearly so.

The difficulties in procuring an irregular school attendance is far beyond any thing I have ever experienced & at times I labor under very great discouragements, & mental depression, govern- ment having in for the Washington