

Office of Indian Affairs, Central Superintendency.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, 8th Month, 16, 1875.

THIS book is recommended to the public as a truthful statement of the customs and habits of the Kiowa Indians; the information of the writer having been obtained by an actual experience, during a residence of eighteen months, or thereabouts, with them, moving as they moved, and camping whenever and wherever they camped.

His services and beneficial influence over these savages, formerly of the most warlike and dangerous, while appreciated by those having charge of Indian Affairs, can probably never be fully recompensed by the government.

Broken constitution and loss of health are his results. But these Indians have been made to understand that they have friends among their pale-faced brethren, anxious to do them good, and that their "Great Father," at Washington, is disposed to deal justly with them. And it is worthy of note that "Kicking Bird's" band of Kiowas (with whom THOMAS C. BATTEY labored) remained peaceable and loyal to the government during the Indian War of 1874, in the Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,

CYRUS BEEDE,

Chief Clerk.

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Extract from a Letter of Transmittal
from J. M. Saworth, U.S. Ind. Agt.
To Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian
Affairs, Transmitting Report
of Thos. C. Battey, Teacher in Kiowa Camps.
Copy
"Kiowa & Comanche Agency, I.T."
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Enclosed I forward Report of Thomas
C. Battey, Teacher in Kiowa Camps,
which while it gives much interest-
ing information, gives but a faint
idea of the self-denying life he has
been compelled to live among that
nomadic people, almost daily on
the move, sometimes being for sever-
al days without bread - without
sugar or coffee - in constant
anxiety to control, or use a good
influence over them, without any
one to talk to who could understand
& enter into sympathy with him -
watching over them with as much