

without knowing where to go or what to do, as Kicking Bird was away at the time, so that I could talk with no one in the camp. However, ere very long, Zebbie ^{addle} came to me, and by signs bade me enter his lodge. My goods were soon brought in, so that I felt quite at home.

I have made some progress in learning the Kiowa language, and was particularly struck with the simplicity of their modes of numbering, — being a decimal system even more simple than our own.

Encamped for the night near a Comanche camp, and on the morning of the 16th went into the Agency, finding that a box of books, charts, slates, &c., had arrived, during my absence, for my use, so that I shall be in readiness ere long, I trust, to open my school in camp.

Perhaps it would not be uninteresting to the reader to have a short account of Kicking Bird, whose name will often occur in these pages, as it has already done.

Kicking Bird is a chief of distinction, not only among his own tribe, but has great influence with other tribes, particularly the Apaches. He is not a full Kiowa, his grandfather being a Crow Indian, who was captured while young, and brought up among the Kiowas, married a Kiowa woman, and raised a family of children, one of whom became the father of Kicking Bird, who is distinguished for eloquence, bravery, military capacity, good sound practical sense, and his friendship to the whites.

Kicking Bird & the other chiefs having gone to Horsebacks lodge in order to have a council with him, left an Apache man, myself & two girls in charge of our camp. It being late & very dark when we went into camp, the girls were unwilling to go into the woods to procure fuel. After our tent was erected, & the fire kindled, they levied a contribution upon the wood-piles of the Comanche Women, who were not very well pleased with that part of the arrangement, & pursued them on some occasions even into the tent, when the sight of a white man, would occasion a hasty retreat. At length in one of their ^{forays} sallying, they found a litter of young pups, one was seized, & to prevent the repetition

Insert M.S.