

During the hostilities of 1874 many of the Indian
horses were captured by the troops, & sold, the mone-
ney obtained from the sale of these was mostly ex-
pended for sheep, & turned over to the Indians,
who had remained friendly, in lieu of the cap-
tured horses. But they requiring different care,
though a hardy race had been selected from the
Sabajos, & Pueblos, many of them perished, either
from wolves or neglect until but few remained.

A few small herds of cattle were among the Kiowa
& Comanches, these serve to turn the attention of
these tribes towards cattle raising, & nearly all
were doing something in an agricultural way,
& one or two had put out a few peach trees.

Their advancement however in agricultural
pursuits is much impeded by the frequent
incursions made upon their pony herds by
horse-thieves, who continued their depredations
during my whole stay among them, & the
loss sustained by the Indians of this one reser-
vation from the time of their settling down
near the Agency amounts to about two thou-
sand head per year until I left them in 1878
about 4 years.

The school under the efficient management
of A. J. Standing & Wife, who were running it on
contract was in a flourishing condition.
It was composed of scholars from all three of the
tribes belonging to this Agency, & numbered
nearly seventy, these were of both sexes & of vari-
ous ages. Many of the scholars I had previous-
ly known only as wild half-naked children,
filthy & covered with vermin. Their present
neat & orderly appearance forming an agreeably
though striking contrast to their former condi-
tion. Many of them had not only made remark-
able progress in their school studies, but mani-
fested a strong interest in Bible knowledge, &
gospel truths. This feature of their advan-
ment in civilization manifested itself in
several of the older people of the Kiowa & Co-
manche tribes, but not to much extent if any
extent among the Apaches.

The Kiowa Medicine Man having died his suc-
cessor was not so strongly attached to the super-
stitions of the tribe, hence they were more open
to listen to the truths of Christianity, when pre-
sented with proper simplicity, than they had
ever before been; & several were in the frequent, if not
constant practice of attending the first day
school for the school-children, & the meetings follow-
ing it. That element in the tribes that had the
most determinedly opposed civilizing measures
having mostly been removed from them, they are
more susceptible to the influences which the Agent
& his faithful Christian workers are bringing to
bear upon them. Two of these latter, viz: the
Doctor & the Interpreter have held several meetings
in their camps. The doctor as a Medicine Man
has much influence, & the Interpreter by his knowl-
edge of the Comanche language, as well as by his
straight forward conscientious conduct, & truth-
fulness, has perhaps no less.

A meeting which was held in White Wolf camp,
& which the Agent ^{his wife} attended, was a remark-
ably interesting occasion, though but few of his
people were present. As a truth presented
by one of a party is strengthened in the view
of these people by being corroborated by those
supposed to be equally well informed, I ventured
to make a few remarks, in which I alluded
to my visit to his camp, & the kindness with
which I was treated while there, & as a consequence
the interest I had felt for him & his people
from that time forward. (See page 276).

Gospel truths had been pretty thoroughly
presented. It might be said they the In-
dians were very closely reasoned with of
"Righteousness, temperance & the judgement to
come" White Wolf was observed to tremble, &
to be much agitated, manifesting deep feeling.

At length he arose, & in much brokenness, &
with many tears, said "My friends you have
been talking to me & my people, & I feel that
if it would not be improper I would like to
talk to you". He was encouraged to proceed.