

but were tired of counting longer. These followed us to the head chiefs' lodge, into which we were conducted, & where we met a scene which we shall never forget. It was a "Medicine dance, a warship, but whom they were trying to warship we did not learn, & so intensely devoted were they that they could not notice the strangers entering. We had to set down behind the scene, & there had sufficient time to think over their ~~last~~ ^{mental} wretched condition. What a lost estate they are in, how blinded by satan - There were about a hundred warshipers, all men, who had the upper part of their bodies naked & frightfully painted. Round their heads, & hanging down the back, were feathers of different hues, & pieces of skin, these, together with the curious ornaments round their legs gave them an unearthly appearance, but farther from a heavenly. So they stood round in a circle, until the musicians, who stood near the "medicine lodge" would give the signal with their monotonous flutes, & simple wrought drums, when all would begin to chump, & make a low mormoring noise. As the noise of the musicians would increase, so would the dancers, & chump higher & higher, until it had the appearance as if they were all mad, as they would meet together a tremendous shriek of them all would end this round, & in wild confusion would they fall back again, to the place of commencement. And are these rational creatures? we had to ask ourselves, & we had to answer yes, created by a merciful God, & by a Saviour who came to save them from their blindness, to deliver them from the utter darkness, & from the chains of satan, that they might see, & flee to Him for refuge that they might inherit the Kingdom of heaven, for whosoever shall call upon the name of ~~the~~ ^{the} Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall