

Forest Ave. Marion
Wp. W. A.

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Dear Mr. Glavin.

enclosed sketches taken from my note book.
an interesting ceremony took place last night. First
dew for their party - it has some things to do with the
seasons. Some of the performers had fire brands
glued in each hand, also the two leaders & others
had bunches of leaves in each hand. They performed
around a bush - cut from local trees. - two
youths invariably came in front of the spectators & danced
the ladies. Who create the musical part of the program
~~before the rest of performers~~ ^{set in front} took their places. I have
marked it in the sketch. The formations are as near
as possible. I was checking them off in note book
as they took place. - The average number dancing
was 10. These were augmented at times to almost
double. - Women did the singing part. lined at one
side. The only time singing took place with men folk
was ~~at~~ at the 8th formation when the bush was encircled
Here we were sent off as the ceremonies in which
strangers are not allowed were about to take place.
& they were ~~not~~ singing until this morning at
day break.

Yours John A. Dobson