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"Reminiscences of the Dakota & Ojibway feud from 1838 to 1848 -- by Rev. S. R. Riggs" [E. D. Neill's title]

Title page in Riggs's handwriting:

"Dakota warfare -- Peace made with the Ojibwas -- How broken -- Mnahoodan killed -- Dakota treachery -- Ojibway treachery -- Three families killed -- Vengeance sought -- Eagle feathers -- Armor feast -- Wohdooza -- A war party -- Remonstrance -- Mob law -- No success -- Cattle killed -- How to find enemies -- Iron cloud -- Demanding pay -- Affair settled -- A father's grave -- A Dakota killed -- Ojibwas slaughtered -- Hunting his father -- Kacboka killed -- Mayawakan ambush -- Two men killed -- Scalp dance -- Wakeeyoozapee -- New names -- Duty of Government -- Cai bono -- Poetry."

Filed in E. D. Neill Papers.

Letter from 2^x to "Jamakooce"
(His band, Stephen Riggs's Indian
name.)

x probably "Hewanke"

was not in prison while he
wrote this, bec. he tells of visiting
St Berthold, Devil's Lake, etc.

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nase ciyaze do

1 Rewanke miye do

Matelattu he tunkidan
tahaszi ye do

Stephen R. Riggs to S. L. Babcock, November 19, 1850.

[Misc. Files, M. H. S.]

S. L. Babcock, Esq.

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly

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Lacquiparle

Nov. 19, 1850

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In 1848 the log dwellings of the mission were exchanged for more comfortable frame houses, which are situated on the top of the hill, having a fine view of the lake above, the river with the timber in the bottom, and the prairie beyond and behind.

The first frame house on the Minnesota river, above the Little Rapids, is the church and school room at Traverse des Sioux, which was built in the summer of 1844.

The first corn mill in Minnesota.

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[Addressed:]

S. L. Babcock Esq.

Saint Paul

Minnesota Territory.

[Endorsed:]

S R Riggs

Letter Nov 19th 1850

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W. B. Briggs

Sept 19 1854

A. S. Packard Esq.

Saint Paul

Minnesota Territory.



also caused these presents to be subscribed in its
behalf by William J. Hubbard, the Chairman of
its Prudential Committee, & by Rufus Anderson,
the Clerk thereof, (the officers specially designated
by the Charter of the said corporation to authenti-
cate its deeds,) on this twenty eighth day of July in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred & fifty four.

Signed, Sealed &
delivered in the
presence of us.

John Aiken

John B. Treat

Wm J. Hubbard, Chairman
of Board of A.B.C.F.M.

Rufus Anderson,
Clerk of A.B.C.F.M.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Suffolk }

City of Boston }

§ 5. Be it remembered that on
this twenty eighth day of July A.D. eighteen hundred
and fifty four personally appeared William J. Hub-
bard the Chairman of the Prudential Committee of the
said American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mis-
sions and Rufus Anderson the Clerk of the same, (per-
sonally known to me to be the same persons described in and
who executed the within instrument,) who jointly and
severally acknowledged the same to be their free act and
deed in their said official capacities, and the free
act and deed of said Corporation

Before me John Aiken Justice of Peace
for all the Counties of Commonwealth

[July 28, 1854]

Whereas the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, a corporation by law established, having its offices of business & direction at Boston, in the County of Suffolk & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of one dollar paid by Stephen R. Riggs, of Lac-qui-parle, Minnesota Territory, did, by deed duly executed on the eleventh day of July one thousand eight hundred & fifty three, remise, release & forever quit-claim unto the said Riggs all its right, title & interest in & to lots number two & eleven in block one hundred & fifteen in the city of Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota Territory, to have & to hold the said premises to the said Riggs his heirs & assigns, to his & their use & behoof forever; and Whereas, on the third day of March one thousand eight hundred & fifty four, the said deed, then in the possession of the said Riggs, was destroyed by fire at Lac-qui-parle:-

Now, therefore, know all men by these presents that the said American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in consideration of one dollar paid by said Riggs, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby confirm & establish the said release & quit claim of the said premises in the said Riggs his heirs & assigns, & does also by these presents remise release & forever quit-claim the said premises unto the said Riggs to have & to hold the said premises to the said Riggs his heirs & assigns, to his & their use & behoof forever.

In testimony whereof the said American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions hath hereunto set its common seal, & hath

Lac qui parle

June 30 1834

My Dear Miss Lacey

I suppose by this time you are in your own home surrounded by friends & relatives or if you are not you will be before this reaches you. Mr. Blake is going to start to Traverse next week. The Indians got scared and they have all left here & gone down to Yellow Medicine even Ha-kanwin. They heard that a great party of Chippewas were coming to fight them. So now we have to do our ~~own~~ washing ourselves & if it were not for Miss Briggs I don't know what we should do. Lorenzo & Rowanke & ~~Mr~~ Penville are all down at the rapids so we have no neighbors but Mr. McLeod & Mr. W. Bailey. Mr. McLeod keeps himself pretty well at home. He has been here but five times since he came. Mr. Bailey is very ~~friendly~~ friendly I think we shall miss him a good deal. Papa & Mamma went to Yellow Medicine day before yesterday & took Henry along with them. They intend to choose a place for a house. We expect them back to day.

We have been for goose berries this morning. So we were coming back we ~~of~~ rode ^{back} on the wagon from the

There was mine of us on one board & as we were having a great deal of fun the hand spike fell off & one card fell on the ground while the other struck Miss Briggs shoulder & then my neck. If it had not been on my sore it would not have hurt me so much. As it was it hurt me a good deal so I had it bound up & my neck is very stiff.

July 1. They came home yesterday. Henry is very much displeased with the site for a house he says it is ^{very} ugly place. We are pretty busy getting ready for Mr. Blake to go off so I cannot finish this to day.

July 8. Monday Mr. Blake went away. Tuesday was the Fourth here we made scarce any demonstration. Mr. McGee & Mr. Bailey fired a few guns. After our washing was all done all of the folks but Papa & Mamma Mr. Brant Thomas & Henry & I went for gooseberries. They got pretty near fifteen pounds. I have often thought I would give a good deal if I could only know where you were, & so I would. I suppose you heard about the quarrel the men had up here. Mr. Blake took Mr. Hunter's part decidedly. You know Papa is very easy with the men & does not find fault with them. Mr. Stanley is rather particular, & they had some boards that were not sawed exactly to his liking & he faulted with them. They said they did not like him for loss so they would leave. After a good deal of talking Mr. Stanley went. I thought that Mr. Stanley contrived it so as to be

with Miss Briggs all the time. I never heard about pistols till Isabella told us but I suppose they did send for some from what I have heard since. Mr. Stanley got well paid though as Mr. Hunter went with Miss Briggs down to Gelow Medicine Thursday. Mr. Hunter is very jealous Mr. Stanley is very vain Mr. Brant is a great tease & Mr. Blake laughs at everybody Mr. H is in continual fear that Miss Briggs will laugh & joke with some one else & perhaps like them better than she does him. One evening at supper Miss B. kept jumping up all the time before either of us could do so. Mr. Hunter spoke to Isabella when Max Stanley was present; "I wish you would not let Miss Briggs get up so often" Isabella did not reply, Mr. Stanley laughed & said "See how careful he is of her!"

12 Mr. Stanley Mr. Brant & Alfred left on the raft Monday morning They got wedged in at the island about a mile from here & they came back to supper. Mr. Wittson's carts came too. Mr. Cavalier & Mr. Rollette took dinner with us. Papa bought a cow & calf & Mr. Wittson gave him a buffalo calf. Mr. John McLeod left early in the morning. Tuesday Mr. Brant & Alfred went away again. We I had staid at the raft all night, we washed & got along pretty well. Papa helped us. This morning while we were ironing Mr. Greniere's brother came down with a package from ~~the~~ Mamma & said that ~~Mamma~~ Norman & Mr. Muston McLeod

& Mr. Esquire had come. And they & Mr. Bailey are going down to morrow morning! We have them both to tea.

I am sure I would rather stay here as long as long as I stay on mission ground but I may learn to love my new home as well as I do this.

Give me love to your sisters Mary Edith & Phebe. and do not forget your minnesota friends, very soon.

Your affectionate
Martha Riggs

Mother's -

Mr. R. Morris to

Mrs. Spooner -

Mrs. Drake -

Wagleswood Nov 8 1854

My Dear Miss Lucy

I had received your letter several weeks ago but I have not had much time to write since I was very glad to get your letter & so were the little girls. We have got Millions Glee Book now. It was for Alfred you know. This evening Isabella & I have been singing in it for Mr. Brant's gratification. We have received three volumes of Kingsleys Social Choir too I hope you have bought the other volume by this time.

We received a letter from Alfred last week. He wrote that in everything but Luck he was as good as the majority in the class. He is a Freshman I suppose you know.

I suppose he will write to you & tell you all about everything. We also received a letter from Nancy Jane. She was very well when she wrote though she had been sick a few days. She boards with a Mrs. Ferris. She goes to singing school Tuesday Thursday & Saturday evenings. She studies French, Grammar & Arithmetic.

Dr Williamson went to St Paul two or three weeks ago & he returned last Saturday. Papa went down to Red Wood the same day. Mr. Hilton came up with

I. W. Mr Aiton expects to stay here all winter. Papa has offered to him the charge of the schools. I believe he is to teach Dakota school in the morning. English school in the afternoon & to teach the men in the evening. Mr. Aiton brought up a horse & Mr. Hunter Brant ^{bought} it. Jim is dead & Mr Hunter bought another horse about as large as Poly from Mr. Ellison. John Louge is staying here while his father is at Red Wood. &c

Mr. A. Cullough met with a sad accident the other day. He was driving cattle & the whiplash struck his eye cutting the eye lid & eye ball a good deal. He is getting better now. Isabella M. teaches singing school. She has five scholars Smith Martha, Huldah Turner, Angelique. Smith & Martha do not come very often.

14 Mr Brant went to Red Wood last Saturday. He came back Monday, & brought a few letters & some apples. We had one apiece. I got a letter from Grandmamma. The payment was being made when he was down there so I suppose the Indians will be home soon. I have not been much around here yet. I went down to the river the other day. The 10th of this month was Annamma's birthday. She was forty one years old. We had some snow last week. Last Sabbath was pretty cold but we went to meeting however. This afternoon Aunt Ruth Huldah & Angelique came over & spent the afternoon with us. & they & Mr Stanley & Mr Hunter took tea with

us. The stable is almost done. Our sitting room & Mamma's bed room are finished & the kitchen all it is to be now.

16 The northern indians are going home now. Dr & Mrs Williamson were here to dinner. We had prayer meeting this afternoon. John's father & mother have come & so John will go.

21 Aunt Jane took dinner with us Saturday. Isabella will tell you all about the concert I expect so it is not worth while for me to say anything about it. Mr. Braut boards with us.

20 Mr. Stanley & Mr. Aiton are in here this evening & they have been talking about the fire. We seldom talk about it ~~now~~ for we have got another house here now.

O & I do wish you were out here to night & we could hear you play once more. I wonder what you are doing to night & where you are to night.

22 The indians killed Simon's heifer & old White while they were going up. The men are putting up the saw mill this week. They expect to get it running soon. Mr. Hunter went to Lacqui-parle to day to bring down our corn. Mr. McCallough is pretty well ~~now~~. Rosalie is living with Aunt Ruth now. Her parents have gone up to Lacqui-parle. Mr. Aiton commenced school yesterday. He has eight scholars. I study Arithmetic & Grammar & Spelling. We expect to write Compositions too.

Our sitting room & ^{Mamma's} bed room are painted & curtains hung & Papa made a book case & we have unpacked our books so it begins to look like home. We have school in the sitting room at present as the parlour is not ready yet.

I have earned \$4.80 for the melodeon & I will have \$5 by next week. & we hope to be able to get one next spring.

We received a paper mail to day. As we have school half a day every day but Saturday in the afternoon we do not get much time to sew & so we have to be smart about it. & I am almost glad we have no melodeon this winter for I do not think I could practice much without neglecting our other duties.

I don't know when the little girls are going to write to you, perhaps they will sometime; & the boys don't know how so you are not very likely to get a letter from them very soon.

Love to Miss Mary, Phoebe, Edith, your Mother, and keep enough yourself.

Your affectionate Martha.

Hazlewood

Dec 3. 1851.

Dear Mrs Drake

It is a long time since I have written to you nine months I think. I did not think when I last wrote to you that so long a time would elapse before I took up my pen to address you again. We heard of your marriage some time ago through the Christian Herald. Are you not going to come out & see us next summer? You promised you remember that you would come out & see us when you were married.

Papa has been teaching school two weeks. He has on an average sixteen scholars. Peabell & Pae studying Colburn's First Lessons Davis written arithmetic, & Watts on the Mind.

7th Mr. Michel Benville's youngest child ^{she} Harriet died yesterday. She has been sick some times lately, has had a very sore throat. She was buried to day. Robin was quite sick last Saturday's Sabbath & now, though he is not entirely well yet, he is a good deal better.

Anna Benville came to live at the boarding house to day. Aunt Ruth has five girls counting Rosalie, four new comers. Cecilia Demaris. Mary Bonais, Caroline Maxwell Lantemaza & Anna Benville. Angelique's sister Agnes is living with us now. Miss Mary Ellis's sister of Mr. William Ellison was over here last week helping make clothes for the girls. We had Winyan here sewing & all of us except Mamma went ^{to} work at their

clothes. Anna Jane and Angelique made a dress almost all themselves.

11th Mr. Bonais brought his daughter Angelique here yesterday for Papa to take, but as Papa has promised others he said he couldn't take her before spring. The girls at the boarding house talk Dakota so much that it will be some time before they learn English. Celia doesn't know much of anything but French, & the rest talk Dakota most all the time. Celia Mary, Carrie, Anna, & Agnes have all had their hair cut off short, & short hair has become so fashionable that Anna & Rosalie want to follow it & have theirs cut off too. Catharine says she is going to bring Lucy to live here sometime. Lorenzo & his wife have separated. The girls don't any of them sew well so they can't help very much about their clothes & of course it will take a good deal of time to make & mend the clothes of a number of girls. We would be very glad if ^{you or Miss Mary} were out here to help us. It has been more than a year & six months since you went away but we miss you yet. After you went away I used to say to myself "I will try & get a great deal done before Miss Spooner comes back" & that thought that you were never coming back would return with all its force. I do not think so now, you have been gone too long for me to expect that you will come back at least ~~not~~ to stay. Thomas was happy before never had espied Angelique & Anna persist in calling you Miss. Spooner.

17th Next Thursday is the day appointed by Gov. Cowan for Thanks giving day. We are going to have the meeting here.

We have Sabbath school & Mr. Winter is the superintendent. He has

Anna Jane, Angeliques Thomas for his class. Muldah has Rosalie & Thomas Lawrence, Isabella Henry & David. Aunt Ruth teaches Anna & Celia while I have Mary Agnes & Carrie. We have school at the boarding house & yesterday all the girls came to meeting. Carrie's grandmother was at meeting & pretty soon Carrie began to cry. She cries whenever she sees any of her relations. Her father & mother are not here now. Mary & Agnes get a book every day in school - put their heads behind it & sing A. B. C. D. Mary loses her pitch almost invariably when she gets to P. Several of them have very good voices & we would be very glad if we had you or somebody else to teach them to sing. They need some one to keep them still for Aunt Ruth says they make her almost crazy.

Now I will try & answer your questions. We had a very little garden last summer. We had part of it under the windows, where the most of the ~~bed~~ was clay which had been thrown out of the cellar. It was covered with mould, which was of so slight a depth that a strong wind blew it all off & the seeds with it. Very few plants came up & those that did were eaten by the calves. Consequently we did not save any seeds & are entirely out. We would be very glad if you would send us some seeds. Miss Pettigrew lives but a short distance from us about twice as far as our house was from the other one at Lacquie-
parle. She has lately moved to the boarding house; it is not finished yet but it is an better condition to live in than ours was last winter.

Some of the Indians live pretty near. those that live in houses live nearer than the others. The village is about a mile & a half from our house. Joseph Latour is living with a Mr. Bash at the Cottonwood. He has grown a great

deal so Mr. Freniere says. John Long is at Enceipacole. He hasn't forgotten his English yet. Sophia talks some yet; when she was last here she looked as if she had lost all her neatness if she ever had any.

20th Nov. Thanksgiving Day is nearly finished & we have had a very pleasant day. What day was it in Ohio? We had dinner & meeting in the boarding house. Our family took dinner there. And we invited Dr. Mrs. Williamson, Miss Ellison Nancy Jones & Smith & Mrs. Ford & Marion Robertson & Mr. Brackett to dinner. There were eleven at the first table & eighteen at the second. After dinner the children sang 'H. B. C.' and then we all joined hands and going round the table sang 'Children go to and fro'. I think you would have enjoyed seeing those twelve children. Angelique was the oldest, hand in hand. When they went to play they made a great noise. After we had sung 'Thank the Giver God' and 'I'm a pilgrim' it was time to start home.

Sabella and I practice very little ~~now~~ on the melodeon now. I have partly learned that piece of music you sent me "Fly away pretty Noth" and I think it is quite pretty. Do not you think that Angelique and Annapron are old enough to take lessons on the melodeon?

I am trying my skill on a hood for myself. It will take me some time to make it perfect and then will not be made nearly as nice as you could make it. Perhaps I shall learn how after while.

I hope you will not delay writing as long as I have done.

Yours affectionately

Martha T. Riggs

Mrs. Lucy J. A. Drake.

Hazlewood. March 22/85.

My Dear Miss Lucy,

I determined when the last mail went off that I would have a letter ready for Miss Lucy before very long and so to night I thought I would commence it.

When you wrote to Mamma you asked several questions and wished that one of us would answer them. We have not heard anything about Lydia Monticello since last summer. Her husband went up north with Mr. Kitson and she went along. They came up from Traverse and did not stop to see her mother. Mrs. De Coteau went out and saw her. Mr. Gouge and John have been down several times during the winter. We have not heard much about Ophelia lately. She was not very well when they went up last fall. After the death of Mrs. Bronsquette Mr. Bronsquette took Marytkuswinna for his wife and Amanda was very much pleased. Soon he threw her away and took the eldest of the Misses Rackay for his wife. She with her sister went up with him in the fall and when he came down Miss Rackay did not come along. Only think! Francis Gouge has taken

her ~~for~~ to be his wife. Nanema says they ^{brides} are about sixteen
and fourteen years old. ^{or} Victoria and Harriet Anje are both
their parents in Missouri. The last we heard from them
was that Harriet was sick. She had a stroke of palsy and
lost the use of her arms I think. Rosalie is living at Aunt
Butts. Thomas Lawrence is with her too. Emma lives with
her grandmother, she comes to English school sometimes. Anna
Crenville comes almost every day, she never gets washed. I sup-
pose when she does she will come here to live. All we have
heard of Joseph Gatone is what Eliza told us when she was
up here last fall. She saw him when she came up and Julia
told her some things about him. One was that there was a Cath-
olic priest there and one day after dinner he said to Joseph "He
is and another boy that was there" "after a little while ^{I want} you ~~came~~ to
come and confess to me" So Mr. Gatone said to Joseph "My son
you must go and confess to the priest" Joseph said "I won't." After
a little more telling and a few more "I won't's" his father let him
alone. Heos father did not tell him too so he didn't go and
the other boy wanted to but didn't like to go alone so the priest
did not get any one to confess to him.

Isabella and Precieved a letter from Eliza today. She is
going to school to Mr. Mc Masters. Julia has bought Mrs Adams
melodeon ^{I suppose you have heard of it before though,} So Mr. Cagalls gave her lessons for fifty cts apiece.
Julia was at her father's as some of her relations were sick.

We had Dakota meeting here in the morning and Dr. W. came over soon after ^{dinner} we had English meeting. Mrs. W. Miss Briggs. Martha Mr. McCallough and Smith came over. Mrs. Robertson Vannie and three gentlemen from Mr. Robertson's. We went in school right after meeting so we did not get much time to see the folks though they staid some time.

24th. This morning we had Dakota meeting again. In the afternoon 10 persons from this place went over to Dr. Williamson's ^{to meeting}. Mr. Presnere came down from Lacqui-parle. Isabella told me to day that the news Huldah got heard about Harriet was that she was not expected to live. Isabella and I have got almost to Decimal Fractions now. To morrow there is to be communion at Dr. W's. Yesterday Mr. Hunter Huldah Isabella and I with the rest of the children went sliding on a pond that is near the house. Mr. Hunter had a pair of skates but the ice was too soft to skate well.

28th. Last Sabbath several of us went over to Dr. W's to meeting. It was quite pleasant all day. but towards evening the wind rose and such a wind it was. The hids blew off of the house first the ladder came went up and then down came the bell with its tower. The top broke right out. We were very much frightened. The weather has been quite cold ever since and the wind has been high all the time. Two or three weeks ago Mr. Dixon made some ice cream. I never ate any before, I liked it pretty well.

Apr 9th Huldah received a letter from Mr. Stanley. I laughed very hard that day. I am almost through my Decimal Fractions. We are through our Grammar and are receiving it.

Papa and Mamma have been talking about having Alfred come home in the summer. I expect he will do so.

You know I always hated to write compositions, and I have not yet conquered my dislike. ^{for the business} But there ^{are} two times that I am glad, one is when I get my composition written, and the other is when I finish reading it, and Mr. Litor has made his remarks upon it. The girls laugh at me because I blush so. I always felt as if my face was going to burn up.

The mail ~~to~~ carrier has come. He will start ^{back} day after tomorrow. I have been writing with Mr. Hunter's gold pen. 10th I noticed by Miss Mary's letter that you have heard from Harriet later than we have. Francis Louge has thrown away his wife. Mrs Lawrence has a little baby. He was baptized Last Sabbath, George Lawrence. Rowanke wife little boy was baptized lately. His name is Edwin. We learned from The Minnesota Times that the Suspension bridge ~~has~~ was blown over. Angelique has at last written a letter to ~~the~~ you which I enclose with this. Papa has sent for a Prince's melodeon to St Paul. ^{We have earned our ten dollars.} My sheet is almost full so with love to Miss Mary Ella and all. I will say Goodbye. Your affectionate Martha T. Riggs.

Mar. 21, 1857]

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October 23, 1945

Mrs. Ida S. Kohr
Montevideo Minn.

Dear Mrs. Kohr

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by my grandmother Mrs. S. K. Riggs just after the burning of the Mission home in 1857. I do not think that letter has been entirely published tho I think part of it has

The original and my copy of Mary & I is being passed on to one of my daughters much interested in such matters.

Yours

H. J. Morris

Ida Sackett J.

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Lacqui Parle. March 21, 1857

My dear Sister,

If you could look in upon us now, you would doubtless think we were in an uncomfortable situation. But we are so much more comfortably than we supposed we could be two weeks ago last Friday. Before this reaches you, probably you will have received a copy of The Pioneer containing an account of the fire on the 3rd of March which suddenly consumed our dwelling and the greater part of what it contained. Even now it seems so dream-like that occasionally I forget that it is indeed a reality. All the little mementoes of friends save a few very small ones that were in my escritoire are gone. But the remembrance of the givers abides with us still. Yesterday Mr. Riggs brought in a piece of glass from the ruins, which by its shape I recognized as a part of a small ivory box ornamented with mother of pearl and imitation of pearls, which brother Alfred gave me years ago. In it he had written this sweet motto,

"Like the pearls that through chrystal so chastenedly gleam,

May your soul through kind actions in purity beam. A.L."

At the time of the fire our family consisted of fourteen, three of these were half breed children. We had seven beds, three of which with the bedding was saved, though one of the comfortables and bed quilts was badly burned. One chair was also saved and an old pine stand. These were in the room occupied by Miss Spooner and the girls and is all of that kind of furniture which is left us. Not a table or a table cloth nor anything to furnish a table was saved. A few cracked dishes were taken from the fire. No change of clothing for Mr. Riggs, myself, Alfred, Anna Jane, Thomas, Henry or Joseph, our half breed boy of about 12, and not even patches or thread to mend our worn out garments. No flour, no butter, no sugar, no soap, no candles - nothing eatable but two barrels of corn and a supply of potatoes were saved. The stoves all melted and the kettles all but one were melted or broken. The fire swept everything before it so rapidly that we were almost panic stricken. I cut my hand quite badly in breaking open a window to help secure a few books, and everything I touched was marked with blood, until an Indian woman picked up a scrap of calico and bound it up for me. We took refuge in the church and made a fire and warmed ourselves. Before we had time to think how destitute we were, Mr. Freniere, a half Dakota gentleman, in charge of Mr. McLeod's trading post came with a two horse team. He brought us a table, a few plates, tea cups, saucers, knives and forks and a tea pot. Also some of the more substantial, a barrel of potatoes (for ours were beneath the burning ruins) part of a barrel of flour, some coffee and sugar, three pails and two small frying pans. This he doubtless did

as Mr. McLeod's agent. Soon after, from his own wardrobe, he sent or brought a coat, two shirts, a pair of socks, shoes and moccasins and a black silk cravat. Another young man who is three-fourths Dakota sent a shirt and broadcloth for Alfred's pants. His wife brought some flour and a piece of beef, five plates and four knives and forks and his little daughter gave our Anna calico for a dress. A man who is full Dakota gave Mr. Riggs a coat and a piece of beef and his wife cooked us some beans, our first meal after the fire. A Dakota woman who is a widow gave me a candlestick and Henry a pair of boots. Another who is also a widow, but whose husband was a white man, brought us just as we were eating our first meal after the fire, a good loaf of light bread. I hardly know whether I cried or laughed when I saw it, perhaps I did both, for I was excited and wearied. She also brought me later the next day, a dress, a shawl and a pair of stocking, all of which were very acceptable in our destitution. Another Dakota woman who is the wife of a Frenchman sent me a shawl which we also prize, as Isabella's shawl as well as mine was burned. Only a part of her shawl was burned, and the piece we made the most of, in our extremity. One piece was made into a cap for Henry, who like his father and mother ran out of the house bare headed. I have sometimes felt oppressed by these liberal gifts from those who are not rich in this world's good, but I hope sometime if the Lord will to return in part these favors. But if we never can repay them the Lord can.. It has been a great consolation to us to witness their generous sympathy. We see greater evidence that the gospel of Christ has wrought a good work here, than even we dared expect. Surely those who revile and reproach us with folly for laboring among these poor Indians, must for a time be silenced. The day of the fire showed a great contest between the heathen and the Christian people. The former seized upon the few things that they could for themselves, the others tried to save something for us.

On Saturday, the morning after the fire, we sent a Dakota man to Dr. Williamson's to inform them of our situation. On Monday evening he returned with doctor W. bringing us a cooking stove, bed, bedding, clothing, some butter, sugar and dried fruit. Also three Bibles and several other things that we were needing. Thus in the Providence of God, the many comforts which we possessed before the fire, He has taken from us, and supplied our necessities since, in a wonderful manner. Let us praise Him for His goodness and mercy. "He has not visited us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

The church which we occupy has two rooms. We have put up curtains at one end of these and purpose doing so in the other room. Nine of us sleep in one room and four in the other, one of our number having gone to her father's at the time of the fire.

If a young lady has determined to come to our aid ~~do~~ not let her be discouraged. We hope to make her comfortable and furnish her with as much employment as she can wish. We shall need assistance very much when Miss Spooner leaves. Mis Spooner is very nearly my size and she has generously given and lent me such clothing as the circumstances required. She has been a great comfort to us. May the Lord reward her.

Love to all our friends, from husband and myself.

Your sister,
Mary

Hagleywood Minnesota

June 9. 1857.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

In your last letter to mamma you say you wish I would give you some of my talks, so in accordance with your desire, I have selected myself to talk to you with pen and paper.

We received our Cincinnati box a week ago last Friday, all safe and sound, not a week I think after your letter came. I like my dress trimmings pretty well and the collar very much. The boys were overjoyed when their balls were given them, and Thomas said he would write to Mrs. Drake and thank her for his himself, but as he is gone to Traverse he will not do it at present. I do wish you could have seen little Robin when his hat was put on him, he held up his head and marched away as if he considered himself quite smart. Mrs. Achley sent for quite a number of articles to Mrs. Tracy and as Dr. Weed did not mention anything about them, she supposed they were not sent and was somewhat disappointed. But lo! and behold! when the box was opened the first thing was a bundle for Mrs. Achley. We had been wondering what had become of Cassella's likeness that we had not received it, and were

considerably surprised when we found it in the box. I believe every one thinks it very natural. I do I am sure.

We have been exceedingly busy this spring with sewing, gardening and other matters. One uncommon occurrence has served to occupy some of our time, and that is the redemption of Mrs. Margaret Ann Charles, who was taken captive last March by Labadie's party. I send you Mr. Flanders' official account and will also add some circumstances with which he was not acquainted at the time he wrote. About the middle of May we were informed that two young men belonging to the Labadie band, had purchased from Labadie's party a white woman, and brought in to that place. On the nineteenth Dr. Williamson & wife drove up to D. and came back the day following bringing Mrs. Charles with them, and accompanied by her two captors, the wife of one, her father and the father of the young men. All these we had ^{to} feed & provide a sleeping place for, all the rest of the week, and as the Ladies forther Mr. Flanders was here several times there were more after. Mr. F. paid the young men two hundred and fifty dollars each and they are to have as much, again. He made some presents to some women who had been kind to Mrs. C. and were relatives of her captors. On Saturday another expedition was fitted out and started, from which nothing definite or rather very reliable has been heard, but we are looking for its return.

every day. These men west one of whom was Paul, the Pres. of the
Fl. Republic, they took a wagon and horses to bring the women in
also a couple of horses, powder, lead, blankets and a variety of articles
else to purchase them with. Mrs. Charles spent the Sabbath
at De's and on Monday went down to the Power Agency with
Mr. Robertson, and then to H. Paul with Mr. Flanagan. Mrs. Ch.
promised to write to us, or I should say get some one else to, for
she can neither read or write herself. She said she would go to
Dayton Ohio, where she resided for three years previous
to her removal to Kinnasote. She has been married twice, to
Mr. Charles but two years I think, has had one child which died
a natural death. She is twenty five years of age, her parents were
living in Dark County Ohio the last she knew, but she has not seen
or heard from them for several years. She appears pretty well, and
I suppose her being of German descent would partly account for
her not knowing how to read and write. She has been in Kinnasote
or Iowa, I hardly know which Spirit Lake is in, less than a year, came
only last fall.

June 11th. Quite a number of Piskotons came down yesterday.
They say that one of the women was killed and offered up as a sacrific-
e to one of their gods; also that the other was shot at for a mark
she ran to the tent of an Ojibwa man for protection. The man
said no one should hurt her, and he has taken her over to the
James river, so they say. They think perhaps the man intends

bringing her in himself, or if not possibly the men who went out from here might succeed in purchasing her. But we do not know that this is true, at least we hope it is not. Oh! ^{how} much these poor sisters of ours have suffered, more probably than we can imagine.

Gov. McDougall appropriated some time ago ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of ransoming the four captive women, but as there was not a cent of this in the Treasury, I suppose Mr. Henderson hardly felt at liberty to use it when it was not there. He made an attempt to beat the price for Mrs. Ch. down but he could not do it. He said he could have raised the sum of the appropriation at any time in St. Paul. Our late papers state that Gov. McDougall hearing that Mrs. Charles had been purchased by the Indians, started up, but met Mr. Fox Mrs. Ch. and Henderson and returned. One of the women was killed not very long after their capture, as she, Mrs. Thatcher, was crossing the Big Sioux on a log, one of the men offered to help her. About the middle of the river he pushed her in, and finding she could swim shot her. One of the others Miss Abigail Gardiner is only fifteen - just about my age.

I am not studying anything but arithmetic now and I practice very little indeed, all my energies being directed to the sewing line. Please ask Phoebe if she don't intend to write me any more, if she don't I will - well I don't know what I shall do yet. Your sister Mary has not written for a long time I wonder if she is so busy she cannot write please ask her. With much love to yourself and sisters I am yours ever affectionately Charles T. Riggs

26th. The folks extracted from their pine at a high price, having named their city, Petchahoti, or
5422 City of the Rocks. as I have been in the country for some time, and have seen the
very river & saw. You must think it is a large town, but any one should talk of me being
claims on the Reserve, and that they are crying for more, more.
It is probable that the next thing, a fact at least of what is now the Reservation, will be the Reserve no more.
It may be taken off so far as the River, or all or one side. I have a class in the
little school, which it seems hardly right to me that I should keep, but I cannot
enrich me, and so I do. But I know I am not a
stranger here to them either. My and the party, and with the
how can I trust others to the
one being. Remember me and
you. Your aff. Son.

Dear Mrs. Drake

Highland Minnesota
Oct 24. 1857.

Your letter of August 21st lies before me on the table, it was received more than a month ago, and I am fully aware should have been answered long ere this. The only excuse I can offer for my neglect is the old one, old as the hills, almost, not want of inclination but want of time.

I am almost entirely alone this afternoon, as papa mamma, Mrs. Stetley, the men and our two boys have gone over the river for the purpose the Sacchites of old went to Canada, to spy out the land. They talk of laying out a city somewhere over there, of making claims and such like things. Some young men have come down from the Chagoune river or Devil's Lake, some three hundred miles north west from here in the new territory of Dakota. They report the land to be as much richer and more fertile than this, as this is our rocky

Oct. 28th. I am now as usual going to the garden by morning and evening.

James New England. And such herds of buffalo, so tame as to
allow one to approach within sixty paces of them. It is certainly
a glorious country. You ask if I still hold my old opinion
of living and dying in Minnesota. No indeed far from it, as for
going to school at Oxford I think it most probable that if we live,
you will see me in Ohio next fall. That is what papa and mamma
say now. I shall have to review all my studies before I go, as
I do not consider myself quite perfect in any, although I
might perhaps be able to pass an examination in some. Geogra-
phy and Written arithmetic perhaps. Julia Lafleur house is
staying with us now, and is studying diligently, to prepare
herself for entering at Oxford a year from next fall. The
W. B. Den. is the cynosure of the eyes of all girls in this vicinity.
The next candidates besides myself and Julia will be Anna and
Angelique and perhaps Catherine Wallis son. As for thinking
Minnesota is the best State in a particular point of view
I don't do that now. I have learned to care more for the
politics of my country than I did four years ago, and the
Democracy are having things too much their own way in
Minnesota to suit me precisely. The report is that the
Democrats have gained the day in our fall election for
State and County officers, and members for Congress. It may
not be so but if it is, it is no more than expected.

The package your sister sent was received a week or two
before your letter, it suited very well. The new Superin-
tendent Mr. W. J. Butler, is intending to have a part of the
School fund used for its appropriate purpose this winter.
Mr. John McCallough is going to teach a school here in Eng-
lish and Debate, and is studying some Dakota so as to pre-
pare himself. Lorenzo is to teach at Cheyenne and Glasgow at Big
Stone Lake. As for my teaching Dakota it is just the same
old story that I can't. Sometimes I feel half ashamed of my-
self, when I have been living among the Sioux all my life cannot
talk nearly so much as those who have been here but three
or four years. The Indians are quite a number of them out
hunting, as ducks, geese, &c. are quite plenty now. Herak and
his girl wife haven't got along very amicably this fall, he tries
to make her do just as he likes as a native, and she rebels, so
they had quite a fuss about it. Thomas Lawrence is no better
than he was two or three years ago, and it is hardly to be
expected he would have improved much since he left here.
Edna Butler is still at Geneva, but we shall look for her
back within a month. She has made a claim of forty acres
and intends pre-empting if she can, but every one I have heard
say anything about it, says that as her claim was not made pre-
vious to the surveys for the railroad, and it being within

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six miles of a prospective one, she cannot prevent at all.
If that is so she will lose only time and money, and not success
after all. Well if the railroad from Danville to Greene is
finished we may expect to see you in Kentucky may we not?
We have quite a large family now, thirteen in all, but as papa
has received two or three applications for children to be
taken which cannot well be put off as till next month, we
we shall probably have to have it increased. Perhaps you may
remember some of us writing about a Mary Booris, a very smart
girl who was with us more than six months, about a year and
a half ago. Her mother having left her father, she went to
her father again also a younger sister of hers Angelique by name.
I suppose most of the children who were here at school,
before our flight about Sabaudette, will come back again. Ah!
I do so hope that there may be no cause for alarm in future.
I have had one letter from Abby Gardner since she joined
her sister Eliza in Iowa. She was well, and seemed to remember
with gratitude those who had been kind to her after her severe
I suppose you have heard of Mr. Higgins discharge, it is a
sore affliction to his family. His brother in law Mr. Jones & Pettigrew
has gone with him to Ohio, to place him in the Indiana
Asylum at Columbus. I hardly practice any at all on our school-
children now, notwithstanding which, Julia has induced me to give
her lessons. Mrs. Eckley is teaching school now, although she
has but six regular scholars. The weather is very pleasant at
present, and we are enjoying our golden Indian Summer. We
have had some cold days however, which come to show us that
winter is coming. We all have some health, with the excep-
tion of some colds, caused by the change in the weather. Robin is
beginning to talk and growing very fast. Please excuse all mistakes
there may be in this letter for with practicing on this instrument
mine, and moving around the room, I get a good deal. I shall always be
glad to receive your letters whenever you can find time to write.

[Western Female Seminary, Oxford, Ohio]

W. H. S. May 4. 1838.

Dear Mrs. Drake,

I did not think when I promised
write immediately that I should let four
weeks pass away, without fulfilling my promise,
but I have been so busy studying since I came
back, that I have written but three letters two
which were home.

I have had several letters from home since
came, but none very recently. They call the
baby Mary Louisa Maria. Maria had a
fever a day or two since, announcing that
Sarah Pond would soon be Mrs. W. W. Collins.
Perhaps John W. has informed you of that
most astonishing fact. I received a letter
last night from Eliza Higgins, she says
they expect her father as soon as the lake
opens, she says she has much better health
now than she has had for some time.
She mentions the death of Mrs. Hancock, who

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sandy twenty pavers out of the 1000 against. I can save the others for
the same amount if you receive it. I would write more, but am so
laid to the other side. Please take care of those missing papers I left.
I hope you will find them. I am so
sincerely yours
W. H. S.

I suppose you know was a sister of Mrs. Adams.

I reached here safely about two o'clock, Thursday afternoon, we were delayed sometime in Hamilton, or else we would have arrived sooner. Nannie came that evening about eleven. She has been packing to day, and is as one might suppose greatly overjoyed with the prospect of going home.

There has been a great deal of sickness in Oxford, and some twenty deaths of pneumonia alone, We have not escaped sickness here, though we have no contagious disease among us as yet. Lizzie Daily one of our best girls has been afflicted with disease of the spine, for some two weeks, and now has the typhoid fever, in addition, also either scarlet fever, or erysipelas, I believe the doctor has not decided which yet. Her father was telegraphed to yesterday, and arrived to day noon, he lives in Carbonate Illinois.

May 5th. Lizzie is some better to day, and if she continues as comfortable, we are going to have the pleasure of attending a concert up town given by Mrs. Barrett's Glee Class, for the benefit of Mrs. Barrows, an artist who gives lessons in painting, and has for his

scholars four of the teachers here. I guess I shall go, if
for no other reason than to get out of the Seminary.
Not but what I love my home dearly, but this is a
rare chance such as we don't get every day.

You must not think I was ungrateful to you for your
kindness, for oh! I was not. I thank you over and over again
for being so kind and loving to me, though I could not
express it to you the night before I left. I wanted to,
but just as you spoke there came a feeling, a wrong one
I know, but one I cannot always help. Though I mean
to try to, I wish that I had not been a missionary's
daughter. I do not grieve over it often, and I did not
long then, but I could not thank you as I would have
done. Oh! I know, that though I may never have it in
my power to reward you, yet there is One who can, and
who will. You do not know how I thanked you in
my heart, for speaking to me just as you did the after-
noon we were shopping, for I want to overcome that great
feeling, so much. I sometimes think that I never can
conquer myself, but I know that by God's grace, every-
thing may be accomplished. It is so strange to me, that
God has given me such friends as you, who will bear with
my waywardness, so lovingly, and so gently, as you do.

How lonely you must have been after Lewis went away. I suppose you have not heard from him in regard to his prospects yet, as it is hardly time. Miss Holt had a letter from Mary, a week or so since, but I do not know of any one else, who has had one from her this term. Miss Lusk is to be at the Sem. sometime in June, she sent a box of Persian curiosities, among which was a complete suit of clothes which Anna Weston donned one afternoon, when we were in Hall, and furnished us laughing matter for over a half an hour.

May 6th. The larger part of the girls went up to the concert, and enjoyed it very much. The first restriction we met with was being placed in double columns, with whoever Miss Peabody might happen to select for our companions, which ended in our having some very uncongenial ones. But we had to take it as it came, and all followed Miss Peabody, while some of the other teachers brought up the rear. When we arrived at Mr. Thayer's he came out and marched through the campus, while we followed dutifully of course. I don't suppose it wanted long of mid night when we came home, and I guess there are more than a few tired and sleepy ones this morning, and doubtless some tardy ones, as those mischievous bells will ring at just such a time.

I received a letter from home last night, they write very little in the way of news. Isabella talks some of coming to Oxford next fall yet. She says Emma gone, Angelina and Agnes are sure they can do all the work, for they do it now.

I have been studying Botany this term, besides Latin and algebra, and like it very much. I have analyzed

that I may have them. If the winter and winter fly around as
 rapidly as they have since, but I must go some where to do my share
 before these years are over, and I must go some where to do my share
 well. I shall then
 it will not be so
 very long before we
 all go home.
 I have hardly heard
 a word from the
 Yemassee since,
 I left there, my
 correspondence is
 all very negligent
 I think.
 When I come to
 see you, I am going
 to forget some of the
 tired that I am,
 all of seventeen,
 and be a little girl
 again, and have you
 teach me as you
 used to do, give and
 give you ago, Ah!
 but I need teaching
 just as much now
 as I did then, and
 I feel my need of
 it more.
 Remember me ever
 Yours affectionate
 chas.

1859.

I was very glad indeed to find that
 you were able to write me, for I always prize your
 letters highly and they are doubly precious to me
 now. I intended to have answered it right away
 but have been very busy, as most school girls are at
 the Western, especially when the spring examina-
 tions are so near at hand.

I am decidedly of the opinion that the Chero-
 kee folks are exceedingly negligent about writing
 not only to us school girls, but to all their friends
 in Ohio. So I will try and give you some informa-
 tion in regard to them. Miss Mary Butler and J.
 B. Renwick were united in the holy bands of matrimony
 on New Year's Day. Papa performed the cere-
 mony, and Mrs. Ashley and Mr. J. McCullough
 were groomsman and bridesmaid, it passed off
 very pleasantly, and they went to house-keeping that

night. They have Anna Penville and a cousin of hers;
a very sweet little girl living with them. Mrs. Cherry
Penville has been teaching school since she went
there, and has had twelve or thirteen scholars daily.
Alfred teaches school evenings and has about the
same number, mostly young men. I believe they
have fifteen in all in the boarding school, and
some very bright children indeed. But Mrs. Brin-
ningham has such poor health that they cannot
do as much as they might otherwise. I want to get
through here, so as to be able to go back home and
take the place of matron to the school there, that
is provided God should so please, and I am able
gather up patience by the way, sufficient to enable
me to take the place. I don't know though as
I shall ever become good enough and patient enough
to do what I want to, Time will show.

The weather here has been very dreary and rainy too, though
we have had some few days when the deep soulless
blue of the skies reminded me of Minnesota, while at
the same time it was a perfect shush under foot. Our

Wednesdays in particular are dull and cloudy. But this need not matter if there is only sunshine in the heart. I think I am getting some good, and overcoming in a measure some of my faults in consequence of having my present room mate, though I cannot say I love her much. But I am learning to conquer my own impatience by seeing the effects of hers, and I am learning to not to speak evil of another. The last is a hard thing to learn, I think, for I if I dislike a person or do not particularly like them, am so apt to speak harshly concerning them. Most of the girls who sit near me at table do not care to talk of much else, so I get the name of being very quiet and taciturn. I guess many would talk to me as she used to about cultivating my powers of conversation, but the fact is, I can't talk like other girls, and that is one thing I never expect to do like other girls. I think that is the greatest evil resulting from our praise education, and yet if our human girls are a specimen, we know more of the world at large, than many other girls who have been brought up very differently do. I was

considerably amused lately to hear one of the girls saying that Nicholas was Emperor of Russia, and all I could say, I could not convince her that he was dead and buried long ago. They seem to go on in the same old track at home, with the exception of the wedding crew Year's Day, but I guess they don't have much trouble with their sewing, now they have a machine. I was so glad that God put it with good ones. Bodley's heart to get it for them, for mamma ought not to have a thing more ^{useful} than ~~it~~ ^{is actually} necessary, and Belle could not have done all there is to be done at home, without the machine. I know it must be a great blessing to them.

We have had three added to our little band of newly awakened ones since I last wrote you. We hold little meetings Sabbath afternoon, just by ourselves, and they make me feel most bitter by my own unworthiness, though I enjoy them not without singing. I sometimes think that I have much more to overcome than most persons, for I have such an unmanly will and temper, and it seems as if it were much harder for me to be good than for others. But I may be mistaken. You will not forget me when you pray, because you have known me, and known too my particular faults and failings, which I need to guard against. We have had several letters from Chas read at our monthly concerts. It makes them so much more interesting to have known and loved the writer, but I enjoy all our monthly concerts so much.

I love dearly to get your letters, but you must not try and write me any oftener than you can very conveniently. If, for I shall feel that it was done at the expense of aaching head, or whirling brain. And I know you love me, even if you do not write, and I shall write you as often as I can always. I am anticipating seeing you once more in about four weeks, and if they pass as rapidly as the past four have done, it will not be long before them. I have to think of it, and I hope I am truly grateful that I have, at least one place in Ohio I may call home. I do not expect to have more than two examinations this spring, though there is a slight possibility.

Sept 23rd Wednesday night. And whether you went to the Harvest
Festival, and also whether you and Helen have finished your
dresses and articles in time, but had some trouble finishing
any dress, as they were putting a new-
front on the house,
and I had out some
enough to go in any
house. That comes of it
living in the bath.
Here I am, having
all my life.
Remember me to
all who rejoice for
me. With much
love for yourself and
Helen. I am
Yours affectionately
Frederic S. Briggs
1839.

Uncle J. to have some one meet me at
the landing. I met a Mr. Ross on
board who thought I must be a double
brother of uncle J.'s as I so closely resembled
cousin Martha Robinson! in his eyes.
He was very kind to me, also Mr. and
Mrs. Pratt the Presbyterian minister
and wife of this place, and old friends
of papa's. Mr. Stephenson was at the
wharf, and he put me and my baggage
into an Express wagon, and forwarded
me. Many friends in town were here and
Gracie Robinson came in the course
of the afternoon. I have seen nearly
all my relations living in town and
vicinity. I need not have dreaded
coming here so much, for I found
myself very warmly welcomed, and
that they had been looking for me
ever since school was out. I have

my underclothes. Cousin Martha has a
Sewing Machine, and I can go down
there and get them sewed. she says.
I have staid at uncle's ever since
I came, and have been out very little.
They have a large house and no one
in it but themselves and a girl, for
all their boys are away. So I have a
nice time of it by myself, but I don't
get lonesome. Cousin (which comes
home Saturday night, as he keeps
aboard for Stephen) at Bristol. Aunt
Rebecca has poor health and does not
go out much, nor have much com-
pany. I have made several acquain-
tances however, some of whom I like
very much. I have been visiting
considerable since I came, but have
not waded through half my correspon-
dents yet. I had two letters from home
while in the city, forwarded from
this place, and one since. All in
usual health, but not any particular
news. I begin to give up going to
Maricopa, as I don't see how I can
afford it.

I want to know very much who took
the great prize at the Debating Society

and another I did, and which is one consolation. The subject
of the composition I am to leave here is "Peaching up various times".
The crisis of which I experienced to my heart's content. The first
series weeks of this time.
Our section told Miss
Glas, that any one
might know some of
our compositions
would be fit to be
read as an invitation
as there was no other
one copying. The proof
sheets of the catalogues
have been raised. I
found they did not.
just but three o'clock
was Comahos. There =
was wrote me that
they had lately again
effect the place from
"The Mounds" to the
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Please excuse my
little note sheet, to begin with, for
I entirely "disremembered" to pay the
Stationery a visit this afternoon,
and this is all I have. Fannie
wrote me that you wonder why I
have not written, and I, on my
part, wonder what has become of my
letter. I wrote you more than a week
before N. left, and enclosed two dollars.
If some one took a notion to steal
it, I am sorry, but can't help it.
We have been looking for a visit
from Edith and Julius Branch for

qui parle and called the city Regalence. I regret to see Brown be with
had so different course for the first time. I had expected them even more con-
fidently next, as the track for the cars
was finished, and several freight trains
had been run, though I do not know
whether any passenger train has or not.
We are all overjoyed to think that we
shall again be obliged to ride in
some stages.
I have not received any letters from home
since mine, and do not know any thing
more than Bulli's coming back there.
I sometimes think they mean
to go home this summer, and
I hope, but I do not know. I am
glad they send for me I shall go, of
course, though I had much rather not
finish many accounts.
finished Botany, and Algebra

all but reviewing, I am waiting for some others in the class to finish also. I have Physiology, Rhetoric and Latin, the first and last I recite to Miss Phoebe McGee. I shall be obliged to apply myself pretty closely for several seasons, as we have but ~~six~~ weeks on Physiology instead of eight or nine which we should have had, and besides our Latin will require some study in order to finish what we expect to.

A week ago Saturday Miss Peabody let us all go up town to see a Pan-columbian Diorama or something else of the Russian War. I was very much interested as I had never seen any thing like it before. I was considerably amused at Miss McCabe when I went to get my ticket. I had domestic work, so I could not go when the others

said. She asked me if I was not going, and I said I guessed so, and she said in her quick way. "Well I guess you had better go." I suppose she thought I was something of a barbarian, and needed to look farouder the world a little. I thought so too, so I went.

My room mate and I have very pleasant times, though she does get most disconsolate by home sick every day or two. I think she tries to keep the rules as a general thing, but there are one or two I am sorry to see she does not.

I find it is getting rather warm to study now. My recitations all come in the morning, so I have two long hours of study hours in the afternoon when I find it to be almost an impossibility to keep awake. My new domestic work, "cooking for the sick before supper" is very tiresome and not very pleasant in some respects. For fact. I should have preferred any other work in the house, even range furniture or mopping. but "beggars mustn't be choosers" you know. I was told however that I must have known how to cook before I came here, which thanks to my dear

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W. L. I. Oct. 27. 1839.

Dear Mrs. Drake

Your letter was particularly welcome, and valued very highly, for I know you are not able to write often. I am very glad indeed to get your letters, but don't trouble yourself to write, for you do so much for me anyhow, and I know with your aching head - writing must increase the pain. I thank you very much for the cup of jelly you sent, my roommate Eliza said she had not tasted any thing so good as that and the bread and butter as the girls gave me, since she left home. I received a letter from Alfred about

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two weeks ago - he was safe in Chicago and
very comfortably settled there. I have had
letters from home quite frequently for the
last two or three weeks - mamma writes me
that Robin has been quite sick but is better.
Isabella and Mrs. Eckley were down at Geneva
at the meeting of the Lyceum - friends there
are all well. Me and Mrs. Jones Pettigrew
are going up to teach in Mayapa's band this
winter - the band is at the mouth of the
Mayapa river about fifteen miles above our
place, I think. Mr. James Haggins is to teach
the Dakota school at our place this winter.

I have had two roommates since rooms were
changed - my first was Hattie Reinck - an
old scholar and considered one of the worst
girls in school. I was very sorry at first
when I was read to room with her, but
in time became reconciled and we got

along very pleasantly. Though she could not
be a congenial companion at all. I did not
dislike her, but I feared for myself - lest I
should fail in my study. Last Wednesday
however Miss Peabody sent for me, and
said she wanted me to change my room-
mate. One of the girls had not been able
to get along with - hers, so she gave me hers,
and her mine. My present roommate is
an Indianapolis girl Lucie Underhill by
name - she seems very pleasant but is not
a professing Christian. So my responsibility
in that line is by no means lessened.

Lizzie was very sorry she could not room
with me, and I was on the whole, for
though her roommate is a very pleasant
girl, she has not enough independence
of character to have a good influence over
Lizzie - who has as little character as any

girl I know of. She is not bad - but is easily led by any and every one. She is not a professing Christian, and though she expressed a strong desire to be one, when she first came I fear she is forgetting it. Miss D. tells me that Fannie Knicker ^{Wick} is anxious for her soul - will you not pray for me often - that I may have that grace which will be sufficient for us.

Julia and Phe have their room all furnished now, and it is one of the most comfortable looking rooms in the house.

I found my rose looking very nicely - it is growing very well although it has not blossomed since I came back.

Julia is getting along very well - she likes the school very much.

I was very sorry to have my roommates changed for several reasons - one was - I know they will think the change was made because I could not get along - just as they did last winter - but it wasn't so.

Write much for yourself - Sister Eliza - and all the rest - I am

Yours very affectionately
Martha B. Rogers.

B. L. I. Nov. 16/39

Dear Mrs. Drake.

Julia is in need
of some purchases, and though I
hesitated some about writing to you,
for fear you would not be able to
attend to them. If you cannot
do it conveniently -- I don't want
to have you trouble yourself at all.
Julia wants quite a number of
purchases made, and I a few.
Julia's are --

11 gals. delaine, good dark dress
for winter about 30 cts a yd.

2 1/2 yds. for the same, with

facing lining - sewing silk and
every thing else ~~necessary~~.

3 yds bonnet lining for winter.
She is not very particular about
the color though she likes purple.

1 pr morocco boots - $4\frac{1}{2}$ with heels

" " calf skin " " " "

10 yds duck cutie.

She wants some kind of a woollen
hood also.

I want some buttons to match
my dress - also a couple of nets
for the hair. I want to put my
hair up - I would like one with
tassels - Then I want something
for a bow to wear with my
dress and if black velvet would
be best. I would like it, if not
something else. I believe this

Q. B. S. Feb. 7. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

The girls are having a regular jumble
tea to night - as it is one of the two nights in the
week that they can enter rooms. I started out with
the very laudable intention of going visiting - but
could not find any of the few girls I know in
their rooms - so I came back - and will try and
pen a few lines to you - if I can collect my thoughts
amid the noise every where around me -

My trunk came safely Thursday night - Thanks
to the one who remembered the trunk - I feel
every day as if I could not thank you enough
and therefore it was no use whatever to try -
I am so sorry you were sick - and was very
fearful you would be - when I saw the stormy
day you had to go home in - Mrs. Pyle told

me. she saw you in the city Saturday - so I presume you were better. I was sorry I could not have seen my Portsmouth friends - but then now mind it is only a little disappointment - and need not be so very hard to bear - you might it to be even if it had been for greater -

I had three or four letters from home a day or two after I came here - but no very particular news. Isabella teaches the boarding school and has ten dollars a month - She teaches four hours each day - excepting Sundays and Thursdays - only three - the additional hour the other days is for teaching Dakota. Anna is afraid that baby Cornelia will be no longer a baby - but a great big girl - before I get home.

On some accounts I like this school very much indeed - but others not so well. I do not ever expect to like it as well as I did our Seminary - for I still stand up for the old place in some things - if I don't like all of them

We have a very much better table here - and far more wholesome food - which is quite desirable. I think - I heard that Mr. Honey said he had no idea the Seminary would be re-opened until a year from next September - I believe there has been some talk of purchasing this building - but although very convenient in some respects - it would not be suitable at all in others - for an institution conducted on the Golyoke place - Mr. Poil and Mr. Cary are making attempts to place this Institution in the hands of the Public and had a meeting of Trustees Monday to talk over the matter - I understand that it is over \$60,000 in debt.

Feb 9. One of the girls came in the other evening - and took me off to the meeting of the Townville Society - so I did not get to finish this. I am trying to do so - before breakfast this morning. I hear through Anna Stuart - that Miss Higgs and Miss Gley have started a school

in Madison for the benefit of the Seminary girls - They can pursue the same studies they would do at Oxford - and only have to review them in review weeks - I think they are to board exclusively in private families -

I have not heard from Alfred yet - so I have not decided about taking music - Our class instruction in Vocal music is very good - I think - there are only five or six others in the one I am in. My studies are Chemistry, Divinity and Lyot's Earth and Man. My time is not very closely occupied - or will not be when I get accustomed to the style of the Latin we are reading -

The young ladies have two societies here - where they debate - read essays and recite various pieces - each is performed and is criticized by any member who chooses to do so - They call the societies the Somerville and Hesperian - the former of which they say is the plainest - and the most for real improvement - I think I shall join it - for I have acquired such a habit lately of reading and reciting very much too low - and I am (in hopes I shall receive some benefit in that line -

I attended a prayer meeting last night - composed of those who profess themselves Christians but think there are not over twenty in the whole school - Is not that sad?

With much love to all -

Yours very affectionately Martha

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help - and I must say and make the best of it. Love her and
 Mrs. Shoback gone
 to Prigwin yet?
 I hope you are all
 prospering finely.
 Rem and her mother
 sister and sister
 with much love.
 Yours affectionately
 Charlotte

Mother
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O. G. S. Dec. 18. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake

I feel as if I must
 write you a little note to night - in
 order to keep you informed of my con-
 tinued well doing - and happiness.
 I am getting along very well indeed - am
 quite contented and satisfied - I am
 becoming more acquainted among the
 girls - and find some very pleasant ac-
 quaintances. Every one is very kind to
 me - Mrs. Pitt - Mrs. Day and all the teachers
 You know I talked of taking music les-
 sons before coming here - and had set my
 heart on it considerably - I find however
 that I can not afford it - so I have given
 up the idea. It don't trouble me much

though, for I know it is all right. The only
reason I am sorry is that papa and mamma
won't have any one to play for them.
and the children no one to teach them
when Isabella comes away. But it is all
right. I know. I received letters from
papa and mamma yesterday. which were
written the same day and the day after
they heard of the fire. They seem to think
I did quite right in coming here. though
mamma worries herself because she thinks
I will have a hard time here. Papa says
that she and aunt Jane agreed it must
have been ~~one~~ who climbed out of a
fifth story window in such a perilous
way - as they don't think ~~one~~ one she
would have been so foolish and so dan-
gerous as to attempt such a thing. Pretty
good for my character isn't it? I never
once thought of such an idea entering
their heads. so I didn't say any thing
about it. neither did I feel - and the

newspaper account they received did not
mention the young lady's name. Papa
writes me that he can let me have \$50
more. which is to take me home on -
and if I can't get along on that I must
leave school and go home - for I can't
have any more. I have now eight dollars.
but would prefer reserving that for Sta-
tionery - and little things I may find
I need and have not calculated for.
I have written to our uncle of mine -
for the amount due me from a small
legacy left by my grand mother - which
is at present about \$13. He may send
the whole of this and he may not.
Chamma says it will take \$35. to take
me home - but I don't see how it can.
and she may have made some mis-
take in the figures - as she did once
or twice to my knowledge. If it does -
and I have \$40 to pay for tuition -
there is no course left for me - but -

to go home - Mr. Pail is not at home
at present - nor do I know where he
will be - but as soon as he does re-
turn I will see him - and ascertain
precisely what my expenses will be -
I do not think it hardly fair for
me to pay any less than \$40 - so I
do not see but I shall go home after
all - I have become quite interested
in my studies however - and should
be sorry to do so - But perhaps it
cannot be helped - Papa only allows
me the same amount he would
have done had I remained at
this Seminary - because he says he
has made a careful estimate of
his salary and finds he cannot
afford any more - I know that only too
well - and that was one reason I did not
want to come here - for I knew his salary
wouldn't grow any - if I did get burnt out -
But I am here now - and that can't be

O. L. C. March 8. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

As I have a few moments to spare to night. I take up my pen to scratch off a few lines to you.

I arrived here safely on Monday afternoon about half after four. Thought I had quite a time hunting my carpet-bag - as I went up to the omnibus stand in time for the two o'clock bus out here - But as it came all right in the end - it makes no difference whatever.

I saw Mr. J. G. Root - (who is one of the
Oxford trustees) in the omnibus and
made some inquiries about the new
building. He says that he presumes
it will be opened next year but not
probably before December and perhaps

not until January. but they all expect
it will open some time along there.
He says also that they expect to build
it so it will hold two hundred schol-
ars. and some are in favor of having
it but two stories above the basement.
So I guess the future occupants of the
future Seminary won't be much
troubled with running up and down
stairs. That will be one benefit.

I didn't have to change my room-
mate after all. of which I was very
glad indeed. Lelia told Miss Phoe-
berdine she didn't want to room with
Miss Ross - the stranger - and Miss L.
concluded we might stay together.
Mrs. Gail told me to day that she
thought it would be all arranged so
I could stay - but I don't think I had
better stay. even if Mr. Gail should
offer to have me remain entirely free.
There are other reasons besides those

I mentioned you - I am very fearful
this way my headaches now that I
shall be troubled the same way I was
last summer - and I don't believe I
could stand it very well - I know I
couldn't do any thing at studying -
Besides that my eyes trouble me so -
and ache worse and worse every day -
and I really fear I shall lose my
eyesight before many years if I don't
rest them awhile - So I think I had
best go home, ~~take~~ hold of the house
work and rest eyes and head awhile -
If some of my Portsmouth cousins
don't write to me before very long -
I shall not try to go up there before
going home - for I think if they can't
take any more notice of me than
they have done - I won't trouble my-
self or them either by going there -
There may have been some good
reason for their not writing - however -

and then perhaps I may want to go
up to Portsmouth.

I have not had any home letters
since I came back - but shall look
for some soon - I expect papa will
be writing for me to come home some
of these days - and I had better get
the start of him.

I had a letter from Fannie yes-
terday - she has cut her hair off - She
had lately received a letter from Isa-
bella who spoke of a plan formed for
a Term at home - Andrew and Fannie
are to be the Goonly - Isabella and I
the Senior Class - Julia the Middle
Class - and Emma and Martha for
the Juniors - Quite a plan is it not?
She says also that they think they can
finish before the last of May.

I do hope your health will improve -
and I shall hope to see you some of
these days - if the weather is pleasant.

With much love for all

Yours affectionately
Mother

Portsmouth April 28. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

I dare say you have thought me ill - as I have kept my promise about returning so poorly - notwithstanding which I am and have been quite well excepting my poor eyes, and aching head which accompany them. I found that my friends here would not think of my leaving them in so short a time as a week - and as I staid until I could not go to Chicago as I had at first expected - I thought I might as well stay a little longer. I suppose I shall not go home until Dr. Williamson does - though I could have company as far as Chicago in about three weeks - but it might not be convenient for papa to send.

down to Geneva, for me at that time, and I should not gain much anyhow by leaving two weeks sooner - So I will wait contented. I can not tell certainly by when I will leave here - but shall do so either Wednesday or Friday of next week - if nothing happens to prevent. I am getting along wondrously well on my week's supply of clothing - and if it don't turn warm I shall continue to do well enough.

I suppose Eliza and Lewis have taken up their abode in other quarters ere this, and you must feel lonesome at times - I writt tell you how much I want to get back to you - almost as much as I want to go home - If I ever do feel discontented with my lot - I think a visit here - would completely cure me - I have always been somewhat thankful for this way I have been

brought up - but I never appreciated so fully the blessing it - has been to me to be a poor missionary's daughter - I should have made a woman like those whose character I so thoroughly know and cherish, for I feel that I have it in me to be proud - vain and heartless - a worshipper of shammon, if it had not been that I have been taught steadfastly - I often think how good and kind others are to me - and especially you - even when I so little deserve it - I don't know what I should have done if it had not been for you - and I do sincerely hope I may be able to repay you some day - and even if I cannot - God will - and his favor is worth more than all else beside.

I hope you will think and think seriously of coming out to our house this summer - you don't know how much we

should enjoy it, from many a party =
early.

I wonder if there are any letters for
me from home any where. I hope I
shall find some when I come down.

With much love and kind wishes for
all - with a kiss for Ethie,

Yours very affectionately
Charles E. Peggs.



Chicago May 31 1866

Dear Mrs. Drake

I have been waiting quite a while this morning - and am tired using a pen. I have picked up a pencil - in order to scribble a few lines. I arrived here safely day before yesterday morning. My ride was all the depot - so I had no trouble what-
ever. I had as pleasant a ride as could be expected. Made a very pleasant acquaintance who stopped at Indianapolis but saw me safely on the cars for Chicago. My first view of the lake as we came into the city was magnificent. I could sit forever and

gaze. it seems to me -

I hope you are much better than when I came away. and will soon be quite well. I went down town yesterday morning. passed the Court House. a fine building. I suppose I can get machine needles here just about as well as in Cin. so if you have not purchased them yet. you must not do so.

This is a very pleasant place. the look is away from home. but is expected back in a day or two. I think Chicago a prettier city than Cin. cleaner - wider streets -

I propounded the matter of like success to St. L. Ryer's Co. yesterday and I presume his highness will finally consent to have his profile

taken - which is to be hoped for.

It is quite cool this morning - and I am desirous of getting to a fire - so I will bring my scribbles to a close. Besides which I don't feel extremely like writing any more.

I hope to hear from you - that your health is much improved - before long.

Love to all - from

your affectionate

Charles L. Briggs.

I will write soon again - Address
Box 1482 -

W. L. I. Jan 7. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

I intended writing
you immediately after the Christmas
holidays to thank you and your mo-
ther oh! so much for that beautiful
pin you sent me. You don't know
how I prize it - and always shall. I
never look at it without thinking how
God has favored me - in raising up for
me such friends as you have all been
to me. I can never thank you enough -
and I can never never begin to
repay you. I have been intending to
write ever since Christmas - but have
been quite busy with one thing and
another - and have put it off until

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I suppose the
letter - and will
soon be well - are hope-
fully written - you since she was sick - she is much

I should have more time. But I find that time will not come, so I write a little note this morning - for fear I shall neglect it still longer.

We have all been very much amused at the report of Phoebe's engagement. I have not the slightest idea how any one could have imagined such a thing. It is said that Miss Low is the authority, and the only time any of us can think of, that she could have caught hold of even a straw, was on Saturday afternoon when quite a number of us girls were in Annie's room. She was among the number - and Miss Low came in to see about some body's domestic work. We have quite a laugh every time it is mentioned.

I hardly know what to do with myself this coming vacation, I believe,

I am expected at Portsmouth and Ripley.
I have an invitation to go to Indianapolis
from Anna Stuart, one of my particular
friends - and I know I can have a
home on Walnut Hills - Cincinnati.
If you think I cannot go to Portsmouth
without considerable expense - I will
not do that entirely - I suppose I should
have to get new bonnet trimming of
some kind, - as mine is so light, and
I am afraid I should have to get a
new spring dress too - I don't know
though - The dress I have made
is light - and would be very suitable
to wear there - but I am afraid I
should have to have another if I dressed
so that my relatives wouldn't feel all
the time like giving me a dress.
Please tell me what you think of it.
I have an invitation from several to visit

charities - but that is entirely out of the question.

I am getting along quite well now. I have some new domestic work - which is making fires - ringing the first-bells - and making the quilts for the early domestic work. I like it very well though; I have to get up very early - at half past three some mornings - and at four others - but I go to bed early also - and shall try and not lose sleep.

My room-mate and I get along very well - although I don't like her and don't ever expect to. I thought quite seriously of asking to have my room-mate changed - but I concluded that it was nearest I should learn a lesson while with her - and accordingly I ought to be satisfied. I often times think that these little trials are but the beginnings of sore afflictions - for I always did feel as if - if I ever made a woman - anything of a true woman - it would be by great afflictions.

I would write more - but must study my lessons for Monday - again I would thank you all for your great kindness - Remember me with love to all my friends.

Very affectionately yours,
+ Charlotte

Chicago June 9. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake.

I was very glad indeed to learn through
Ph. that you were so much better - and hope you will
still continue to improve so rapidly. That before long
you may be entirely restored to health. I have had
a very pleasant visit thus far - and can hardly real-
ize that it is nearly two weeks since I came. But
all things whether pleasant or painful must have
an end, and my pleasant visit must draw to a
close next Wednesday morning. Alfred had a note
from Dr. W. yesterday stating the time he expected to
leave Cincinnati - and requesting him to have one
at the depot waiting, or rather ready I should say.
Alfred and I went to a Daguerrian Gallery a day or
two since and had our pictures taken which we
will send you. I had Anna's bonnet very nicely
pressed and cleaned for a quarter. I have been
sunbathing around considerably since I came here.
Alfred took me off some where or other nearly

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every day. so I find it rather hard work to progress much with my sewing. For you must know I found Alfred quite badly off for shirts; and have undertaken to make him four. Three of which are already finished and the fourth partly so. I hope to finish that also before leaving here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook with their little son. Alfred and I went up to a place called Lakeview about five miles north. yesterday afternoon. Had a delightful ride. went over Hurfoot's Gardens. where is a miniature lake - with little islands scattered here and there. mostic bridges and seats - arbors with an oak in the midst. and quite a variety of other pretty arrangements. We could only take a peep at the conservatory. where were some of the most splendid fuchsias one ever laid eyes on. We went down to the lake shore. where Alfred attempted to drive his horse in to water. The horse shied and jumped whereupon the pulling arrangement felt with a smash. and he perfectly satisfied with his manœuvre stood quite still. By passing into service two halters and a check rein the thing was tied together and we managed to get home finally.

June 11. I was anxious to finish my shirt on Saturday.
so I left this unfinished. but will endeavor to finish
it to day. I have just returned from a call on a
Mrs. Edwards who as Miss Reeve came partly new going
out to our mission some three or four years ago. Per-
haps you may have heard Isabella speak of her. She
is a very pleasant lady indeed. one of those kind
with whom one feels at home almost immediately.
Ly. Alfred is desirous that Isabella should attend
the Musical Institute next fall. and Mrs. Edwards
has offered her a home during that time. I enclose
a circular of this Institute. I hope Isabella can take
the full course without inconveniencing her other children
for it would doubtless be of great advantage to her.
I finished my last shirt this evening, and feel as if
quite a weight were off my hands.

Before I forget it. if you can conveniently. I wish
you would enquire into the amount of Dr. Thomas'
bill against me, and tell me. I never happened to
think of it at the right time, before I came away.
Papa writes Alfred that Isabella has had nine
communications for their paper - from one family
alone. I think if all the rest do as well, there
will be no need of my spending time to scribble

Consequently I will have the best of the bargain. Alfred is writing some kind of an essay for me to take home - and expects to have another written before long. The jubilee meeting is to be held at Exeter. so I think it probable I shall not be there at all, as I will have but lately returned from there you know. So I will stay at home and take care of the house - mamma must go by all means. Alfred - who has just come in from the garden - says that I have made quite a mistake in regard to the place of meeting for it is at Hazlewood. So all my remarks go for nothing. I wish you could be there so much. I haven't had a particle of washing done since I came here - for several good reasons. and expect to have quite a time getting safely home on what I have. It seems from some of Papa's and mamma's letters that they have been greatly worried about me. and thought it rather a foolish proceeding for me to leave school where I did - You didn't think so. did you -

Remember me affectionately to all my friends - not forgetting yourself and Hester!
Yours ever -
Matthew B. Rizzo

Piquette P. O. July 18. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Duke.

I know you will be desirous to hear of my safe arrival at home, and the welfare of us all - as I write. I intended to have done so sooner - but I have been quite busily employed since my home coming - and have hardly written at all - except since our quarterly meetings.

I have been home nearly four weeks now - having made the journey from Chicago in a week and a day - and stopping at Traverse from Saturday until Tuesday noon, meanwhile. I found my boy there greatly to my relief - for I had been somewhat afraid it would not be there for some time yet. The can of peaches burst open - but fortunately was not much wasted - the other was all safe and sound. They were quite a treat to mamma and she thanks you

for them very much - as well as for all
your other kindnesses to us. Indeed I don't
know what we should do were it - not for
such a kind friend as you are - Mam -
ma thinks her dress very pretty indeed - and
will prize it - highly because you sent it -
I believe all the purchases suit - very well -
Angelina's shawl is a beauty - and Emma
Jane's is very pretty - while her bonnet is a
perfect "love" Isabella says - Isabella likes her
very much too - The boys are perfectly charmed
with our coal oil lamp - and for the first
few nights talked of nothing else and looked
at nothing else - We shall be busy enough
to get both girls ready by the first of Sep -
tember - as they must go fully that - soon
if Isabella attends the Musical Institute
at Chicago - I believe it is nearly certain
that - Isabella will go back to Oxford - but
Emma's destination is not fully decided
upon - I found all the girls grown
very much - Edgar is as tall as I am -

while Anna Jane and Angelina are taller. The boys don't appear to have grown very much however. Little Cornelia is a pretty child - but I fear she will be sadly spoiled - for she is such a pet among us all.

Our jubilee meetings were very interesting indeed - I wish you could have been here - for I know you would have enjoyed them. The Memorial Sermon was preached by Dr. Williamson on the 8th. Papa preached the afternoon previous - "Trials and Triumphs" - which was very interesting indeed. We had Communion on the Sabbath - taking up our usual collection - which amounted to some \$15. Our jubilee contribution for the special benefit of J. P. H.'s jubilee station amounted to \$15.00 and odd. On Monday we had various articles read concerning Education among the Dakotas - from Alfred. Drew and Mr. James Huggins - also one paper which was entitled "Blades of Prairie Grass - which Isabella and Annie

read. and which were all very interesting. Some forty of us took dinner together in Mr. Cunningham's dining room. We had anticipated dining out doors but the weather prevented our doing so. All of Mr. Higgins' family were with us - except Rufus - Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Holt-sclaw. Besides ~~whom~~ were Mrs. Pettigrew with her two girls and one of her boys. We had hoped to see some of the old missionaries here - but as it was we enjoyed it highly.

I suppose you have been enjoying Mary's and Edith's home exceedingly for several weeks. I am anxious to hear from Phoebe - so that I may hear of the state of your health. I hope it is good now.

Chamman is as well as usual for her. I think I am better than I have been though I still suffer from headache occasionally and don't feel as strong as I should like to.

Remember me to all my friends - not forgetting Elsie and yourself. All and love.

Yours very affectionately
Charles S. Briggs

Piquette P. O. Sept 19. 1860.

Dear Mrs. Drake

I had been thinking for a week or two back I ought to write to you before long, and mamma said last night she wanted me to write you soon. so to night I write. Meanwhile mamma is giving me an occasional remark on the faults of my letters - so don't be surprised if I leave out half my words.

Esther's letter came a couple of weeks since - thank her very much for it, and I will try and answer it soon. but don't know whether I shall find time this week.

Isabella and Anna Jane left us a week ago tomorrow, papa took them down and will go with them as far as La Crosse. They expect to spend about two weeks with Alfred. if nothing happens to change their plans. I think they

will be in Cincinnati during the first week in October, and will be out to see you for a little while, though they will not have time to stay any long time. I expect you will think Anna Jane has changed very much indeed in these seven years. I thought she had changed much when I came home. She is a little taller than I am already.

I was very sorry indeed to hear that you were ill again. I should be so glad to know you were strong and well - but I suppose that may not be. here. I wish I could do something for you - and yet when any of us go there, we only make the more work for you. But then I know God has a blessing stored up for you - for all your kind care and love for us all. Though we deserve it so little. I suppose the girls will trouble you just as Isabella and I have done there last four years. Dear Mrs. Duke, you don't know how much I think you for your kindness - even though I am so wayward at times. For

those last talks of yours. I think you more than I
can tell. I want to grow better - and I hope I may.
I know I ought to, with such kind friends to care
for me - and above all such a kind Father in
Heaven. And yet - I am afraid I doubt.

I wonder if Mary has paid her expected visit home
yet. You will be glad to see her I know. Does
Edith remain at home this winter?

You will want to know why Emma Jane goes
to College Hill instead of Elizabethtown as we
first expected. Mr. Fair offered to take her for
\$50 a year - or for \$75 including music, saying
that - a letter which papa wrote him had been
of so much service to him, that he felt as if
he ought to educate her & daughters for nothing.
but in the present embarrassed state of the
Institution he did not feel as though he could
do that - this year. He complimented papa
greatly on his promising daughters. This letter
was more business like than any thing I ever
heard of his doing before. He said that he did

not intend that I should have paid any tuition
last spring - and would refund it if papa pleased
I say he ought to have told me so then - but
papa says he presumes he wanted to find out
what kind of a girl I was. I am sorry Anna
could not have gone to Oxford for the first year
at least - she is so young - I fear she will be
ted as they - more easily than she would have
been at the good old Wetherin. (You see I have
not lost my love for Oxford yet - nor do I think
I ever shall.) But I know God can and will
care for her as well in one place as in ano-
ther - and with this I would just be content.

We have taken another little girl - about ten
years old - Her name is Rupa - and we call
her Clope - She seems very well contented to
stay, and I hope will continue so - I am
half sorry mamma did not take a boy instead
of Clope - for every one thinks we ought to
have plenty of time to do every thing imag-
inable, because we have so many girls.

I hope you will find it convenient before
a very long time to come and see us -
You know we should be so glad to see you
in our own home again. Perhaps you may
see both papa and mamma next spring. I
think you will if papa is sent to General

which we know nothing about as yet - but we think he will be as likely to go as any other. If he does - mamma has promised to go with him - and I mean to hold her to her promise even if it is at the expense of my staying out of school next year. I don't know as I shall go anyhow - though.

Papa has gone down to attend Synod at Redwing - expects to be back the first or second week in October.

Sept 18. Bed time called me from my letter last night - I've just been looking at one of the most beautiful rainbows I ever saw - it seemed as if set in the hazle bushes right back of our house - and the trees and river bluffs were gilded with its shadow. Aunt Jane sent over for mamma this morning, to help her about her little girl Bessie - who was taken away some months ago - and was brought back to day. She was afraid our mother would demand the pay ment of five or ten dollars.

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before leaving Bessie - but she didn't - Bessie
was shown from Pembina not long ago - and
told aunt Jane she had put Eda to school
with the Roman Catholics. Of course aunt
Jane feels badly about it. One little girl
is a grand daughter of Wamsick's - her
mother was killed by lightning last winter
and her father is - no one knows where.

Aunt Ruth came up last week - to take
charge of the cooking at the Boarding
House - The school is not much larger than
when she was there alone. Mary Higgins -
who has been here all summer went down
this week - but will be back again in a
month or so - as she is going to stay at Mr.
Petigohn's this winter. Eliza is going to school
at Shinnepolis - and Eli at Redwing.

The girls will tell you all about us - so I
need not write more at this time - I
will enclose a note for Emma. Mamma
sends much love -

With kind regards for Mr. Drake and Lewis
and much love for Elsie and yourself -
as well as others who may remember me -

I am
Yours very affectionately
Charles J. Riggs.

College Hill Nov 30/60

Dear Mrs. Drake

It has been some time since you were here, but I could not write sooner. I commenced a letter to you last week but did not have time to finish it.

I think your visit did me a good deal of good. I have not felt homesick or at least not much since. I thank you and Hester very much for those nuts and apples you brought me. The apples are all gone but I have hardly begun on the nuts yet.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving day. I spent it very pleasantly. We went to church in the morning heard a very good sermon. Then returned and partook of a sumptuous repast. The afternoon we spent in visiting and after tea were the tableaux. They were pretty good. We had them in the parlors. They have always had them in the chapel till now and they say it is

a much better place but it is much larger, so all the students come and the girls cut up of course but when they have them in the parlour only the "select few" can come. I had a bad headache and so I did not enjoy the scenes, as much as I might have done had it been otherwise. The parlours were crowded considerably.

I had a letter from Mamma and Henry last night. I ^{was} overjoyed for I had not had a letter from home for nearly two weeks. She said that they had invited Dr. Williamsons folks all over to our house on Thanksgiving day.

The letter before was one from Papa. He said they were expecting John Williamson, but I don't know whether he has reached Poplarville or not. I have not been able to ascertain.

The girls got up a petition to have a holiday to day which is Friday. They granted the request and Mrs. Lyle is going to have a Sewing Bee this afternoon for the Bethel children of color. I am going to write letters all morning.

We are having beautiful weather I hope it will

continues for I hate snow when its always melting.
Is not as pleasant today as it has been for two or
three days past.

I am getting along finely with my studies but
I am in a hurry for the term to close for I want
a little change. It is just three weeks yesterday
till our term is closed.

Afternoon I guess I will go to sew pretty soon
but we are just through dinner and I don't
feel like it just now, so I will write a little in
my letter to you.

Betsy Osborn is in our room and of course is doing
her best at galloping to Mother's Lane so I will
be apt to write desultory.

I was introduced to a Mr. Buck & a Miss D---
last night on account of their being such great friends
of Cousin Brown. I was just leaving the parlor when
Miss Emma Hunter came and asked me if she
should introduce me to them I consented
though I had a awful headache.
Evening. He spent a very pleasant afternoon.
There were quite a number of garments fin-

Die 1. Saturday morning. I have cleaned up the room and bathed and it is late to write and my
letter is growing fast. I will try to send this afternoon. But I am a little nervous.
mashed and the rest are to be done before ten
tomorrow for Mrs. Pyle to take in to the city.
After supper the girls asked if they might
go in the parlor where they danced and played
the piano all evening. I went in there a while
and they wanted me to sing some in Dakota
so I did so. The retiring bell has rung but
I can write a little - Before the gas is turned off
Mr. Tail has been in New York and just return-
ed this evening. He spends a great part of
his time there as he has some sort of busi-
ness there. He always calls me daughter &
I believe he calls all the girls though. I
guess some of them don't like it very much.
Mrs. Stace is not well as she had the superintend-
ing of the tableaux.
My roommate Mattie Lane has gone down
stairs to sleep with one of her particular friends
so I am left alone for tonight. It seems strange
to have no school for three days. I thought I was
going to get even so many letters written in three
days and two of them are gone already & I have
only written to you. Give my love to all but keep
the greater share yours self from June 1. Love

April 27, 1861

See letter of Joseph R. Brown to S. R. Riggs, April 27, 1861; also
one of May 1, 1861

Also letter of Riggs to J. R. Brown, April 29, 1861;

in *Joseph R. Brown*
~~R. I. Holcombe~~ Papers

Planned Sale May 1861
May 3. 1861
The following Articles left with John B. Renville Esq
and to be sold at such prices as he may be able
to get & to be accounted for to Ed Brown or Order
when disposed of

2 Bed Steads Sold for President
1 do do Single Bed To Mr Briggs
2 do Cords —
5 Old Chairs
6 New Chairs
1 Arm do
1 Crib or Small Sledge
1 Large Sledge
3 Tables
1 Stand

Carved Sledge

Some Pork. Flour, Corn Meal, Potatoes, Beans,
Peas & 1st Powder — the Flour, Meal &c to be
weighed or measured by Mr Renville —

John B. Renville

Uxlow Medicine May 6. 1861

John B Penwell Recd on the 6th May /61

No	1	Butter	0.50			
"	1	Pail	0.40			
"	5-lb	Baking Oil	75			
"	1	Large Spoon	12			
"	1	Knife	25			
"	1	Silver Tray	50			
"	43 ^{lb}	Flour at 12 ^{1/2}	5.37 1/2			
"	1 1/2	Sugar " 12 ^{1/2}	1.43			
"	13	Coffee " 16 ^{2/3}	2.17			
"	6 1/2	Salt " 5 ^{1/2}	43			
"	1	Gal Molasses	1.00			
"	52 ^{lb}	Flour at 4	2.00			
			\$14.92 1/2	article taken		
			2.62	away		
			12.30 1/2			
7 Bags & 1 cask of Flour left for Sale			Scap \$3.00 taken			
left till furniture taken			away			

What counted for at

next day meal

+ Vets she has not used

+ don't want

11 40 1/2

25.92 1/2

10.50

15.42 1/2

2.05

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The soap I first placed on the ape
rendered me _____

L. B. Revell

Bell, Ohio

Hastings May 28th 1861

Rev. J. R. Riggs

Dear Bro.

There is nothing of
interest to state in reply to yr. inquiries.

We have contributed, I think \$7. to Ed. F.
Nor, none, or nothing, will ans. each
of the other questions.

I regret to make such a report
but it is even so.

Very little interest is felt here
in educational, & religious matters
if we may judge from what is done.
I hope however, there is more feeling
than is manifest & that, it will
work itself out.

With very sincere regard
Yr Bro.

Chas. Sedgwick

From A. J. Fremont

(1861 rather
than 1862!)

Wants newspapers.

Had subscribed \$20. - to church
at Lower Agency.

Lignon peddled around Bois des
Sioux

Regrets that a part of the Sissetons
are kept waiting for their land.

Nov. 26, 1861

Lac qui Parle
Nov 26th 1861

Rev S R Briggs

My Dear Sir

If you should at any time during the winter have an opportunity of sending me papers please do so, send the Pioneer & Press & Statesman & State & New York Times - don't send the others because temptation of reading stray papers is some what stronger than my will. I am beginning to feel the effects of such falling - I had promised to subscribe twenty dollars towards building Mr Wellman's Church at the Lower Agency but forgot about it until now, please write & let me know if there has been sufficient funds subscribed to finish his Church. I am told by Indians who come down from Lake Winnipeg that there is a white man publishing the detestable drug to the Indians in the neighborhood of Bois des Sioux. I shall so soon as I get up to Big Stone Lake make an effort to put a stop to it. Keeping a part of the Sisters

Waiting for their parcels is an unfortunate
affair for us; I did not know
before the day before yesterday that there
is so many of the skeletons at Yellow Mountain
there is about thirty or so one owing
us, I don't see how Major Holbrooke
could be guilty of such a blunder
I regret that I could not see you
before leaving the Yellow Mountain
I had wish to ask your advice in
regard to some private matters
of mine - I however shall be
down in the month of Oct.

I enclose you a note I received
from Mr Thompson in regard
to your husband's Monthly Journal
My respects to your family
In haste

Very truly
A. A. H. H.

St. Paul, Dec. 24th. 1861.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Pajutaze,

Dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for your notes of Oct. 9th. and 31st. giving the results of the election as regards the subject of "Lincoln" County. Your note of the 9th did not come to hand till Dec. 5 which accounts for my having written to you a second time about the matter.

By mail today I forward to your address (for your personal acceptance) a ^{sheet} map of Minnesota on which I have marked out the unorganized and un-named districts lying north of your region, ~~into~~ ^{into} counties according to the provisions of a bill, drawn up last winter by Mr. Jernison (the Gov's Sec.) and myself, and which went safely through the House but was disfigured in the Senate by altering the names to those of living political leaders, and was finally killed by the Senators not being able to agree on the question of the relative advantages of Georgetown and Shagbena for ~~the~~ ^a county seat.

I have no knowledge that there ^{are} any settlements in the territory thus mapped out, and it appears to me that a reference of the subject to you for consultation with the principal people of your county would be most appropriate. If such a division be deemed advisable a petition or memorial might be put up and entrusted to your representative or senator - in that event I stand ready to furnish him gratuitously a similar diagram to the one furnished you as above mentioned.

The advisability of some such bill I think will be evident from the following considerations: 1. The area in question ~~is but~~ contains only the remains of older counties resulting from the formation of new ones within the last four or five years - indeed a large part of it has no county name at all, certainly something anomalous!; 2. The southern boundary of Toombs County, at present indeterminate, will be properly adjusted; 3. The ridiculous triangular ~~portion~~ ^{as} residuum of Davis Co. ~~totally~~, ~~and~~ also the "disjected" piece of ^{will be} ~~the~~ ^{Cap} ~~Cap~~, ~~totally~~ abolished; and, 4, none of the counties concerned being organized the bill will require no popular vote, but can take effect "from and after its passage".

For convenience of reference, I have tinted the area of the region subject to change red, and

that of your county yellow.

It is a wrong custom, to my mind, our western legislators have of naming new counties after living politicians, and the events of last winter and the present summer ^{form} ~~is~~ a good comment upon such idolatry - e.g. - Pierce, Polk, Breckinridge, Fomels, Buchanan! The names of Mr. Jennison's bill were suggested by myself and I would like to have your opinion of them; Traverse, Big Stone and Tiptonina, I thought ^{were chosen} good locality names, and the remainder for the following reasons, (1) "Pope" from Capt. Pope (^{the present} victorious Missouri general) who explored the Red R. country in 1849, and was the first ^{official explorer} who described the White Bear Lake country. (2) "Stevens" from Gov. Stevens of the Pacific R.R. Exploration of 1853 who passed through said proposed county, and, (3) "Puice", merely retaining the present name for ^{a smaller} ~~the~~ portion of the original county. Pierce and Tiptonina however might be rejected for "Chippewa" and "Lac qui Parle" - locality names. Now it is my view (in the interest of the Historical Society) that it would be a desirable thing to work in all the names of ^{the} old explorers of our country into the names of new counties, as far as they will go, before having recourse to the names of men who know little and care less ^{about} ~~for~~ Minnesota. It will be more appropriate, also, to use the names of

gentlemen for the districts where they have
been, and ~~if this chance be lost~~ the tract
now described is all that remains of the
ground trod by Pope and Stevens, as yet
without a county name. Of course we
may use their names further north, but
~~they~~ will no longer be appropriate.

Apologizing for troubling you with
this hasty scrawl,

I remain, Sir,

Yours obt. servt.

Alfred J. Hill

2981
1862
A. J. Hill

New. Ulster Decbr. 24. 1861.



Rev. Stephen P. Riggs

Sjista Lee -

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Decbr. 11. is received and in regard to the new Judge of Probate for this County I must state that the Governor has appointed me in Mr. Fischers place. - I would hastenly send You the Paper You ask for in Your Letter, if the former proceedings in regard to Your appointments as a Guardian were legal & according to our Statutes. It does not appear that You ever made an application to be appointed, - ~~not that there was a hearing thereof~~ - nor that You was appointed. All I find is a Paper called on the Heading: "Guardian Bond", but said Bond requires two persons for securities while it is only signed by one "Robert McCullough" - and, is defective in other respects. Also: the Bond Mr. Fisher accepted of You is defective - the Sureties have not stated, therein under oath, that they are worth the sum of \$1200 ⁱⁿ and were they sworn.

As real Estate is in question in this Matter, I think it much more necessary that all proceedings should be strictly legal & according to the Statute, and, if I can regulate this matter I will try my best. The best would be if You can lay the same over untill You come down to N. Ulster.

If You have any Papers in Your possession
relating to, - or containing, Your appointment,
You may send them to me by mail, in case You
should not intend to come here soon.

Enclosed please find the first Bond I spoke of, which
if You can make correct, will please remitt.

I also send, You the other Bond, Mr. Fisher
got of You, to which the Affidavits of the jurats
may be attached, and sent back to me.

If You have an appointment of the former
Judge, Castor, please send the same, so to be recorded
and, I may perhaps be able to correct all the
mistakes, without having You to come here.

The fees will probably amt. to about 4 or 5 Dollars
which You may please enclose with the Papers.

I am dear Sir

Truly Yours

John. C. Rudolph,