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[Jan. 6, 1862]

Big Stone Lake
Jan 6th 1862

Rev. McKim

My Dear Sir

I herewith enclose five dollars, two dollars for the Independent and one dollar to pay postage on my letters and the remaining two dollars you will please send for the Weekly Journal of Commerce, remit the money to Messrs Hallack & Hale & Hallack Editors of the Weekly Journal of Commerce New York City, I think it's two dollars a year but am not positive,

My assistant Pichette came home yesterday from Lac travaine rather in an excited state of mind, he tells me that there is a white man by the name of Hill in company with Rasnall a Red River Half Breed selling whisky to the Indians at Lac travaine, he found all the Indians intoxicated, so much so that he could not stay over night but came home the same day he left here, — This Man Hill lives three miles this side of Fort Abercrombie & is the same from whom all the Indians buy their whisky, If Major Galbraith choose to take no notice of this abominable traffic which is now more than ever carried on extensively and if he thinks that it will not result in serious

consequences, Why I then, I have nothing
more to say and shall never again trouble
him in regard to the matter, at any rate,
it is none of my business & should not
meddle with it, I think you had better keep
drumming at Major Galbraith until he
does some thing or nothing.

I feel very anxious in regard to eastern news
hope you will find an opportunity of
sending me papers, Its been nearly
three weeks since I had the last papers
I think of going down when our team
gets back from the Yellow Medicine which
will be in about two weeks from now
If you have this years Almanac please
send me one - With you & all your
family a happy New Year -

Yours truly
J. A. Freestone

2781
1862

J. C. Freestone

St Anthony Jan 12, 1862
Rev S R Riggs

Allow me to ask you a few questions — as I now intend to prepare a series of ~~lectures~~ embracing many facts & much information concerning the Indians — their Condition — their treatment & management — and almost every thing of interest connected with them so far as I can obtain it — the desired information.

Please furnish me answers to the following questions

How long have you been among the Dakotas

How many have professed Christianity among them

How many have had Christian
burial

How many have adopted the
habits of civilization

Is it the best mode of civil-
izing Indians to teach religion
with agriculture & education
(literature I mean) or one first

What change in the Government
policy would be most ~~promu-~~
-tive of the interests of the Indi-
-ans?

Have any of the mission or
Christian Indians yours or
Dr Williams been guilty of
stealing or getting drunk
or going to war against the
Chippewas? (I ask these last
questions because one of these
rochers in Sheeps Clothing - the
traders said to me at Yell-
-ow medicine that the Concord
or missionary Indians were

the greatest thieves liars
& meanest men & women
of all the indians

(This detestable man was
no less than Mr Garvey)

We took great pains to talk
to me & tell me these in-
portant truths — as he called
them.

In how many instances have
you known white men have
squaws — or children by
squaws & then desert them

Try to recollect by the aid of
your family & I should like
to hear Dr Williamson as-
sist you in writing down
the names — so far as mem-
ory serves of all who have
abandoned their wife or children

Have any traders or their
Clerks or any whitemen
ever married as Christians
do any Squaws—if so how
many & whom?

I have sought &
am seeking only the good
of the Indians & I shall
not be deterred by the abuse
of traders nor villainous
rust agents & I intend to
pursue my arduous la-
bors in the fear of God
not of men—not even of
Ex officers or agents

Yours truly

Geo E Day
In all cases when Agents of
Gov or Employers have ~~gone~~
as above say so & Traders or
their Clerks say so

Rev Mr Reggs

I have addressed the
same questions to all mission-
aries & old settlers among
Sioux & Chippewas—many
whom — & I wish to know of
any or how many ever have
been married according to the
usage of Christianity
I want all the facts

Yours Geo E H Day

I expect to go to Washington
next month and desire an
early answer

My kind regards to your
family & Mr Cunningham
& the teacher & my friends your
neighbors

J. W. Hottel
1862

Harvard des Lions - Min

January 13 "1862

Rev. S. K. Riggs

My dear friend

Mr Hunter

Started up with a load for you yesterday
and in my hurry I forgot to send you
a description of the load. The following
is a description.

4 bbls flour @ 25

10 Bns Corn @ 15

14 1/2 " Barley @ 10

48 lbs Hams @ 6 cts

100 lbs Freight. (Lard & Candles.)

Mr Tetchum furnished the lard at 6 cts
(as we had none to spare.) he charged
the lard to your account.

Mr Huggins and Perry have no brooms
on hand. I do not know what you
will think of the barley coming so
high. I paid 20 cts for it here five cts
less than what it is selling for here.

Hardly any oats can be had here even at
24-cts for bus. I am buying barley for feed
Our oats did not hold out as we expected
We have to buy for seed. I sent four
bushels to Thomas in the little package.
I have been down twice to pay tax
but have not accomplished any thing yet
and going again to day.

I shall be obliged if you can send me 24¢
the remainder. I wish to go on the mill
account. Has Mr Hunter paid you any
thing on the mill yet? I do not
know what the hog weighed that
Mr J Pettigrew took up. I suppose
you have our accounts all. I have all
but the hogs. I will attend to your
tax as soon as I can.

We are all tolerably well. Some of
us would like to attend Presbytery
if it is not too cold.
Love to all.

J. W. Hottelands

J. L. McCullough
1862



Milo M

Jan 18 1862

Pro S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

When I arrived home today
I found a letter from you
which I was glad to get,
I wrote a letter to you a few
days ago. thinking perhaps
you had not rec'd the letter
which I wrote before, you may
think I have a good deal of
time to write, well I have,
I don't teach Saturdays. so I
have plenty of time.
You mention Mr Day, colle-
cting money, I have waited
a long time on Uncle Sam
and will wait longer before I
trust a stranger, and before I
pay. Agent Colbraith and or the

Superintendent percentage for
collecting I will let the tail
go with the hide. It is news
to me if the Supt- has to
be paid by the employees.
Mr. Hays I want you to do the
best you can up there, and
I'll hook here. I have written
to Owen Lovejoy in regard to
the matter. If intend to know
something about it soon. If
I don't get it pretty soon I
don't expect ever to get it. I
certainly think that we are
sold to Jeff Davis, and every
day makes me stronger in
the belief. Cameron resigning
and the appointment of one
of Old Buchanan's cabinet
to fill vacancy. looks wrong
to me. I wish that Washington
was sacked and old Abe too

Our large army never can save
the union in the cause of
Slavery too, but that is what
I our leading men are trying
to do. They are too afraid of
touching slavery. When Fremont
undertook the right kind of a
plan, they expelled him, and
if any man makes a move
in the right way, he loses his
head. If matters don't change
soon I think the north will
secede. We are all in very good
health excepting mother.
I heard a few days ago that
Stoddard was married to Martha
W. That is strange, I wonder
if it is so. I get my news
from the east. My best respects
to all your folks. A happy new
year to all.
Very truly yours John Mc

Lakota River Jan'y 18th 1862

Rev S. K. Higgs

Dear Sir

I do not know when we will have a chance to send letters down but I will write a line & have it ready.

Our school does not diminish any but rather increases. I have not made any calculation yet but I should guess that we have had an average of 18 since the first of January. We still teach principally in Dakota.

The attendance on the Sabbath has not decreased but has changed somewhat. There are more women and fewer men. Lojanjan has not been to meeting since I came back from Yellow Medicine. I think it is owing to ill feeling between the two divisions of the band. Those living up the river seem to dislike Wakannani & his band & Wakannani & his friends lose no opportunity to speak evil of Takorpi wakan & his friends. Nape ya was here the other day and he told me that he trusted in God or in other words he had faith in the Christian religion but he never came to meeting because there were two men up the river

who were very bad & killed a man but "hin-
nakaha" they come to meeting, so he did not come
I told him that was not any reason for staying
away, that God knew who was sincere and who
was false, & that he would judge rightly.

Monday Morn. Jan 20th Oramma is here &
says he is starting to Pajutages & I send letters
by him. Our congregation was much larger
than usual yesterday, including men of both
parties. I tried to make them understand
that "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

I was much surprised on Saturday to learn
that Uncle Jonas is still at home and got
no money. I am really sorry for him and
for myself too.

My health is very poor. I have had a hard
cough ever since I returned from Hazelwood
I often find myself completely discouraged. I
hope I am improving now, I certainly need
both strength & energy, and have little of either
while I am so unwell.

In haste

Yours Respectfully

Amos W. Higgins

W. F. College College Hill

Jan. 20, 1862

Dear Mr. Riggs

It has been as much as two months since I received your letter I don't know what the reason is for my not answering it. It keeps raining and raining all the time it does not seem much like winter when there is not much snow or not any. it snowed little just before school commenced so that the folks called it good sleighing. It was so slippery that Martha and I were afraid to come in the Omnipus so Mr. Lewis Drake brought us back in a sleigh so we had a sleigh ride. Miss Allison says that this school is fuller than it ever was since she has been here. Last term there was only sixty that boarded in the college but now there is about

a hundred two or three. I had a very pleasant time in vacation. saw a good many wonderful things when I was in the city we went to the slaughter house and saw the performance there. I expect if Old weeping beauty and Kitawinna had been there they could have got plenty of the entrails. My music teacher is changed for the third time and when I am changed I have to practice just what I have been. she does not seem to be as good music teacher as Miss Hitchell her voice is not as strong for when I am singing with her I can hear my voice but when I sung with Miss Hitchell she would think I was not singing when I was doing my best. now I have to blame myself so I expect I will learn more in the singing line.

I expect you will feel honored to know that one of your daughters is a president there were a good many up to hear her

Inaugural address. Miss Wallare. Miss Allison. Miss Lathrop Miss Kendrick were up and Mrs Rose Pres. Day would have come but he was invited out some where else.

Miss Vere Smith had been the president before she told Martha she hoped she would fill the chair better than she had done then Martha went up and took the chair. I felt quite honored to room with the president.

We do not hear any thing about the war it just seems like there was no fighting don once in a while Mr Ryke tells us some thing about it. when they have had a battle.

The room right over father's I expect he thinks we are quite noisy sometimes. One morning the tank leaked and came through the ceiling and Mr Vail came up to see what was the matter so, as he saw what the matter was he ran down stairs and had the servants come up with

buckets, and he went around and got
all the dirt pans and then he came in
our room and took all our trunks. I do not
know what he did with them. After he
got through he came in our room and
thought it was his he looked all around
~~and~~ saw that we were in the room he found
out that he had made a mistake he had
taken off his spectacles and was going to sit
down he found out that he had made a
mistake he looked so funny we could not keep
from laughing. I think he is such a queer man
he was preaching on Sunday and he stopped
in the middle of his sermon and said he
was glad the young ladies were paying so
much attention. A kiss for baby and a love
for all the rest

I am your Affectionately

Angeline Kenneville

2781

Angeline

Rev S. R. Riggs

St. Peter Jan 27 1862

Dear Sir: 3

Your favor with the petition and bill for legalizing and authorizing a poll tax in Yellow Medicine township was rec'd duly and I introduced the bill in the Senate where it passed unanimously.

In the House it went into the hands of the Judiciary Committee and was there discomred to be unconstitutional, on account of having two different subjects in one bill.

The Section legalizing the tax already assessed was one subject, and the section authorizing such an assessment in future was another subject.

It came back to the Senate with the Section legalizing the past action stricken out.

The Senate unanimously disagreed with the House amendment, not being able to appreciate the free-speech Constitutional objection of the House.

It may be, however, that

the House will insist on its amendment,
In that case shall we concur?

I presume you will answer in the affirm-
ative, and perhaps suggest that then
another bill be introduced containing the
provisions of the section stricken out in
the House.

I am not positive that a bill
containing nothing but a section legalizing
a past act not legal at the time
it was done, will get through now as
the whole bill did when introduced.

Now am I certain that it is good policy
for a Legislature to establish too
many precedents for legalizing past
illegal actions. Some other propositions
have since been made in the Senate
looking that way that do not meet
with favor, and they might now
affect the success of your measure if
introduced again by itself.

I shall be glad to hear from you
and will do just what you advise.

I am

Very Truly, J. M. Smith
Wm. Schmitt

P.S. In regard to the Constitutional question it seemed to me that a bill amending the Criminal laws and practice containing several sections relating to several crimes, or a bill relating to the practice in Courts of Justice of the Peace having a number of sections relating to jury trials, others relating to garnishees, others in regard to attachments, others about Criminal Suits &c. &c. &c., were just as liable to the objection of unconstitutionality as your bill.

The subject of the bill is the levying of a poll-tax in Yellow Medicine, and that is the only subject referred to. The best lawyers in our branch laughed at the Constitutional point raised by the House, but yet that body may insist, and we may have to yield for the purpose of saving the better half of the bill. -
I return to St Paul tomorrow - H.A.S.

[Henry H. Smith]

St Peter Minnesota
Jan. 27th 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

I have a Friend
here that desires a few pieces of Adult Sioux
Half-Breed - Scip: of 80^{lbs} & 40^{lbs} & will remit
the Gold on their ~~location~~. Can they be had
and at what price? No. 0 acres can be
had here, at \$100 per acre but no smaller
pieces. I think I had the pleasure
of your acquaintance going down the River last
Spring. Will try & make it for your interest &
assist my friend

Your Obedt Servant
Abner Gibbotts
Register

Sand Office Henderson Min.
Jan 29th 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

Enclosed please
find Patent # 412. B. for Julia Capramboise
hereafter the parties that want to draw Patents
must come here and take the oath of Allegiance
any Person that refuses he can not have his Patent.
As regard to the Renville Scrip I have been
requested to return the Patent issued on the Scrip
which I returned, the Scrip has not been
Received as yet.

Very Respectfully
your Obedt servant

P. A. Renz Register

Nicolett. Traverse Minnesota

Jan 29 [1885]

Mr S R Riggs

Dear Brother

I received your letter dated Jan 6th the
24 of January. after you and i had the talk
about the note i have tried to collect
The amount but have failed in so doing.
To get it i have tried to sell my team
To raise the amount have failed in that
those that are owing me i offered them
the same that you offered to me

I hope you will bare with me
If the times changes i think that i shall
Get all or a part of it soon
if you cant wait
write to me

Yours Truly

Ja. B Gault

Before you
Proceed enny
Do enny thing

this note is all i do owe to
enney Roddy give me a few months and i
think i can all or a part of it

Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON,

January 31, 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Pajutazee, Minn.
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 3^d with
with account for two quarters, ^{+ vouchers,} to Decr 31st, is
at hand. I note the draft of \$100. - favor James
Thomson, on A. Merwin, as yet unpaid. The periodicals
charged you August 31st, amounted to \$13.63; the books
bought by Mr. Merwin in Decr, to \$4.44, instead of \$5.80.
May your hungry Sakotes find the Bread of Life, as
well as that bread which perisheth.

Truly yours,

James M. Jordan, Treas.
By S. W.

Lutpa River, Feb. 1st 1862.

Rev S. R. Riggs,

Dear Friend,

We were very much disappointed this evening in not getting a mail but as Mr Cransie did not stop to get it, or at least did not stop at your house, there is no blame any where. The last mail we got came down from Big Stone Lake by Mr Finiere. My health is better than when I last wrote & I am kept as busy as a bee. Julia has sore eyes and I have to teach nearly all the time between 9 o'clock A.M. & dark. Indeed I might teach all the time if I were disposed to do so. But teaching Indians in classes of one and two is slow work and the progress made although pretty good is by no means wonderful. We still use principally the first Lawoonchee and the children are not very careful of them. I have saved them all I could but we have not more than four or five on hands now which not as many as we need every day. I would like for you to send a dozen by

the first person that can bring them
February 5th Our mail has not yet arrived
Hake was here on Monday and said that
his father brought it as far as Uncle
Jonas and forgot it there. We may get it
this week and possibly we may not get it
this month. Our school has been rather
falling off since Julia has had sore eyes, but
her eyes are much better now, and she thinks
she will soon be able to go into the school
again. I have found several persons who
can read but have no books. If there is any
provision for such cases, I would be glad
if they could be supplied with a Bible &
Canto Leca. If there is not, I will try to
supply them myself to some extent if you
can send me the books and charge them
to me, say half a dozen of each kind.
Narpiyakahoton was here to day - can read
and write quite well; says he has no book
You know Kangi'orjinea, A. Frenier's
Father-in-law. He has the most assurance of
any body I ever knew. He has called on me
very often and almost always begging. He
does not beg as an humble suppliant but
pretends to have a right to special favor

on account of his being a leading man. He spoke to me several times about feeding the head men some because I was here in their country and burning their wood &c. I told him I would not do it, that if I fed any body it would be the old women.

Presently he came with the new chief and again edified me with a long harangue and ended by asking that I would give the head men some provisions for the wood I burnt. I answered them very short that time and they said no more. To day they came with Waxyte who also made a speech. They changed their tactics entirely; flattered my Father & told what a friend he was to the deceased chief; how his royal son now present was brought up with me, and how sorely he was now afflicted by the loss of his Father and to add to his misery he had nothing good to eat. He had just been made chief by the white men and now they wished me to do him honor. "Niye tokaheya unyeciduonihapi kta" Well, suffice it to say, the fire was so hot, I had to yield, and made him a present. Wakanmani has been quite cold

for some time. I suppose he will feel
no better now.

I do not know whether you have sent
on to New York yet or not, for the goods you
want to get from there. If you have not I
would like to get you to send for Barnes
notes on the Gospels Vol 1.

I should also like very much to get some tin
or brass plates for printing, such as Dr W. has
but do not know what they would cost. If they
would not cost more than two or three dollars
and you can send for them I should like
to have you do so. The small letters should
not be more than three quarters of an inch in
length or height. They might be a little less
Feb 16th Mr Le Clair is just starting. I received
the money safe, wanted to send it to Mr
Peterson by Uncle Jonas but was too late
The man has started

Yours Sincerely

Amos W. Higgins

1862

Amos W. Higgins

Angelique

W. F. College College Hall
Feb. 1, 1862

Dear Mrs. Briggs

This is Saturday morning
and I have just got my composition
done for which I am very glad.

I do not know what I am going to do with
myself I am getting so fleshy that not
one of my dresses are large enough and I
think I must be growing to my new
calico dress is very short and there is not
a bit that I can let down unless I
facet. Martha has got my dress done
all the girls say it is very pretty it is
black and white flaps and trimmed
with red buttons. they think Martha
is very smart. they ask her if I do
not know how to sew. The ladies
on the Hill are making up a box to

send to a Hospital in Louisville
Mrs. Pyle got the girls to contribute some
money to buy the things and she got
six or seven dollars. Mrs. Brooks brought
some linen for us to pick lint she
had some linen that Mrs. Worthingtons
mother spun in the Revolutionary war
I was going to knit a pair of socks but I
was afraid it would take me so long
that they would not want them

Feb 3. Lewis came to see us so I did
not get this letter done. he staid
nearly all the afternoon.

In vacation we saw Mrs. Boddy and
she asked us to come there some
Saturday and stay till Monday but
we have not done it yet.

I saw the silk bed quilt that a lady
made for Pres. Lincoln and a watch
case for Mrs. Lincoln the bed quilt is not
very large it is little larger than

babys. in the center was all embroidered
it was made very nice.

Marthas cousin Charly sent her his
picture and she showed it to some
of the girls and they all fell in love
with it some of the girls did care for it off.
Tell the boys that the girls think
their picture is a very pretty one of
them said Oh what sweet boys if
they were here I would kiss them and
another said she would like to
kiss them. So I expect the boys
will feel very ^{much} flattered

Friday night I go up to society to hear
them speak and read composition
I think it is very fine. Kuldah Hill
is such a good speaker I like to hear
her better than any of the others
I sit at Miss Copelands table it is one
of the noisiest table all the little girls
sit there. They order me around so

much I do not like it. They think
I must do it sometimes I think
I won't do what they tell me to and
then they commence and scold me.
I used to think I was the only one
that got vexed at any little thing but
since I came here I see others that do
and I think how silly it is.

Kate Wood gets mad very quick at some
things that I just say in fun and
do in play so I have come to the
conclusion that I will not be so
any more. How much larger is baby
than she was when we came away?

I's Mother well and all the other folks
I forgot to tell you that I received
a pair of gloves and under ^{the year's presents} slives for
from Mrs Drake. Give my love to all
and a kiss for baby.

I am your affately
Angelica Kenville

John F. Williams
1862

Lower Sioux Agency
Feb 3, 1862

Rev S K Riggs

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a Mission letter which I have just received from Bro. Treat.

I have your letter which I should have answered long ago. It was however just ten days on the road & I received it as I was about starting on a trip to Traverse, which I made a kind of Missionary Tour along the valley - preaching several times on my return. I found the foreign element so strong that the field for English Missionary labors is as yet comparatively small.

As to your inquiries - I know very little about the price cost of setting up music, which

I would wish to know better than I do before I could say whether I would prefer a hymn book with tunes or without. Some additional cost I would willingly incur for the use of tunes. But the number who make any use of them is so small, that I think it hardly right to make ~~them~~ all pay a tax for the benefit of so few.

In case of the Tract Soc. Tunes I suppose this is so small that no one can object - but the benefit from the tunes is also correspondingly reduced. If we use only the Tract Soc. Tunes it is very immaterial to me which way the book is published. If we add tunes & it increases the cost of the book (say ten cents additional or more) I cannot say I am in favor of it. I think it very desirable that the Indians should now acquire the habit of pur-

chasing their own books & if they do the cost should be as small as possible.

Then our Dakota schools sufficiently advanced I would like another plan - Have our Dakota Hymn book published without Tunes. And then publish a small Dakota Singing book. But I only suggest this as something we may hope to attain to in the future.

As to the composition of Hymns it is something new for me & I have not much confidence in my abilities for it, but will make trial.

I will think more on the subject & talk with you at Presbytery, which I am looking forward to with interest,

Your Humble Brother
J. P. Williamson

Saint Paul: July 8 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs

My dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th ult and with Mr. Remond's request as conveyed through you.

I have deemed it necessary to advise Mr. Remond of the fact.

The money has not yet come to hand.

I shall leave for Washington on Monday next and shall expect to make the collection soon after getting there of which you shall be immediately advised

Yours very truly

Geo L. Becker

Allegany City, February 14. 1862

Dear Brother [Stephen Riggs]

I believe I have not written to you since I have been in this place, nor do I remember the time when I last wrote you - I will therefore preface this with a statement of the reasons of our being here &c. - Rebecca having been an invalid for 14 months past, suffering very severely for 4 months last winter & spring with an inflammation & swelling on her left ankle joint, had seemed to improve some in the summer, but when we supposed her recovering of the disease in her ankle, a more alarming character of the disease, appeared, of palpitation of the heart, - as she had, during the long time, in which was protracted with the disease in 1851, exhausted the "Materia Medica" of the Allopathic practice, she became very much depressed at the thought of such a course again, and indeed found, on resorting to the remedies she had formerly used successfully, that now they were almost without effect - So at the solicitation of Harriet who is a firm believer in Homoeopathy, we came up the middle of November to spend the winter here under the care of Doct. Cooper, Harriet's family physician. - I returned to Portsmouth in Dec. intending to spend the most of the winter there, but in Jan'y, by a fall my wife got, I was urged to return immediately & have been here since - Before the injury from the fall, Rebecca seemed to be improving, although the Doct. has expressed to me his apprehension that her disease of the heart is organic, and if so is beyond medical skill - for several ^{days} after the hurt she suffered much & did not regain what she lost for 3 or 4 weeks - but seems now about

as well as when I left her in Dec. - She came here intending to remain until Spring or longer if there should seem to be a prospect of permanent advantage by so doing - She now thinks she must return in early Spring so I think we will go down in March, probably the early part of the month - Harriet has concluded to remove her family down to Portsmouth, that she may take care of her Mother, which she can do better than either of the others, of our children - Although it may not be long, that she will have this charge, yet I feel grateful to a kind Providence, for Children, willing to care for us in our age, and infirmities - My general health is better this winter than for several years, yet I find I am unable to endure much labor either of body or of mind, especially is my nervous system becoming so much affected that sometimes I can scarcely write at all, - I find it true in my experience, that after beginning to descend the down hill of life the farther we advance the faster we go - the years seem to be much shorter now than twenty years ago, and oh how much shorter than in Childhood - But if they are only spent in a wise way, then they may speed their flight - they will only waft us sooner over the tempestuous sea of life, -

In your last letter, which I have not at hand now - you expressed your belief, that the Lord would not permit this war to close without the destruction of Slavery - I have entertained the same opinion, but have feared that in order to accomplish this end - this must be a protracted war, and indeed have often thought that I should not see its close - The recent movements however seem to manifest that it is to be conducted with more energy and possibly the rebellion may be crushed sooner than I have expected

And then what is to follow. Is the Constitution to be re-instated with the Slave power restored, and the very Cause of this wicked rebellion be suffered to remain — perhaps this may be — & should the war end this year, by a submission of the South, I presume it will be, and yet possibly Slavery may have received its death blow, which after a season of lingering may be finally ended — If, on the other hand, the war is carried on as it has been, fearing that it will hurt somebody in the South, and especially that it shall not hurt or damage Slavery, the summer will not pass, without the interference of some of the European powers — and then will follow such a war as the world has probably never witnessed — and in that, I have no doubt that Slavery must be finally destroyed — But the Lord reigns and will bring Good out of this seeming evil, — Therefore we need not fear, — And as my speculations may be of little importance I will desist —

Our sons are none of them in the army now — but both our sons-in-law are — Newton Robinson is Capt. of an artillery Company, now under Genl Sander at Romney in Va. Joshua is Major (or I believe now Lieut. Col.) of the 33^d Ohio Regt. in Genl Bush's Army in Kentucky now said to be moving from Green River towards Bowling Green — Samuel was married in Pittsburg the 31st Dec. and has returned with his wife to Kansas — he married a Miss Kate Earle, — and we think has got a very fine wife she is poor, her father having failed in the Dry Goods business some years ago in Pittsburgh — but she is none the worse for that; she had spent a year or two in Lawrence, Kansas, teaching school —

Edmund is in Cin^{ce} Charles is in a Banse in Pittsburg, Brown
is at Leansburgh, now in the junior year of his College Course —
Stephen lives in Portsmouth, as also Eliza Jane & Martha —

Should we get home to Ports. in time we hope your daughter Martha
will visit us during her Spring Vacation — And should you come
in or any of your family for her at the Close of the School year
you will certainly make your Calculations to visit us in Portsmouth

Rebecca & Harriet join in Love to you & Mary Ann and
all the rest of your family although part of them are to us
unknown, with Ever Affectionate

Brother

Joseph

2781
1862

Joseph

Siorus Agency Feby 17th 1862

My dear sir

Your favor of 15th inst. in regard to the case of "King making duly rec^d. Whilst I agree with as to the policy of making chiefs, yet I am admonished that it must not be done hastily or inconsiderately. I therefore make Washechoo-maza a chief on probation till the time of the next enumeration of the Bands prior to payment. When if then is a good report of his character & behavior, such as to show his fitness for the position I will confirm him by given him his commission. In the mean time he can organize his bands &c &c -

Please communicate this to him in your own way with such admonitions & suggestions as to you seems proper -

Very Truly Your
friend &c.

Thos. J. Gault
Siorus Agent

Rev^d S. R. Riggs, Esq
Missionary &c -
Hazelwood Minn.

Big Stone Lake
Feb'y 21 1862

Rev. Mr. Higgs

Dear Sir

On my way up or as I
was about starting up Miss Ellen Brown
wished me to ask you for a Hymn Book
(Temple Melody) but forgot to do so,
If you have one to spare will you please
send her one for me,

Mr Kennedy's Stearns brought up my
mail yesterday, About five or six weeks
since I sent you five dollars by Mr Pickett
for the Independent & the Weekly Journal
of Commerce if the money has not
reached you please write,

our Train is going down to New Ulm
I told our man to call at your place
on his way up for my mail,

I had such a good time when I was
at the Yellow Medicine that I have
had the Blues since I came
home, give my respects to Mrs
Riggs & Miss Isabella & believe
me truly yours
O A. Froese

[1862]

Sacramento. Feb. 21.

Mr. Riggs-

Again I am obliged to ask another favor. That is to send my draft to Mr. Helburn or any one else you think best. I don't send any of the money now or I don't know as I shall till I go to school.

Isabella has stamps of mine if she will please hand you what I owe you it will be a very great accommodation to me.

In haste your friend
Julia.

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NEW-YORK.

Feb. 24th 1862.

Mr Alfred L. Riggs.

Theo. Seminary, Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

As you suppose the data you give us is inadequate to give you a definite answer as to the cost of stereotyping a book of music. This varies according to the amount of matter, size of type etc. Small type being more expensive for the same matter in music, although not so in letter press. But we will answer you as well as we can -

1. The cost of stereotyping a L. or C. M. Tune will cost from \$1.00 to \$5.00 according to space occupied. Size of type number of staves etc. The cost of such a tune in style of S. W. & T. Book 8th edition would be about two dollars, if it occupied only two braces - i.e. two braces of two staves each. It will cost more if the tune is printed on braces of three staves
2. It would be no economy to use plates already made, if the words are to be in a different language.
3. You will see that we have no means of giving you the cost of 500 or 1000 copies of a book. But the stereotype plates are made, a 12m volume of 132 to 148 pages can be manufactured in extra cloth binding, by Editions of not less than 500 copies, at from 20 to 30 cent apiece, according to the quality of the paper. It may aid your calculations when we inform you that a page of S. W. & T. Book of either Edition cost from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per page -

Partially the stereotype plates of a 12 mo. book such as
you intend a 12 mo. good clear type, of about 150 pages
could be made for from \$500. to \$600. You will
see that the great expense is in the stereotypes, after which
the books can be produced as cheaply as any other
books -

We would cheerfully grant the use of our copyright
times any length, for such a book as you propose,
provided the proper credit be given -

Truly Yours
Wm. W. Phelps.

Sioux Agency Feby 27th 1862

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th inst. duly rec'd. I have to reply that Mr. Huggins & Miss Lafromboise suit me exactly so much so that I hardly know how I could be induced to change them. Their retention is a fixed fact. Mr. Pettyjohn & his Lady are doubtless excellent people & their example is good. I like them both. Objection has been made to Mr. Pettyjohn that he is incompetent, inert. There is no objection to Mrs. Pettyjohn. On the contrary much good. When objections are made to any of the employes it is my duty to investigate the matter & act pro or con, the objection to Mr. P. is an unfortunate one & one I fear which might be extended to many others to some who make it to him. This objection can easily be removed & I think a suggestion from you would settle the matter. Mr & Mrs P will be retained. I never intended to remove them until further advice.

The Schools are all suspended - for what I deem the best of reasons, They shall be resumed soon say about the opening of navigation.

While I would be happy to please you & every body else yet the little experience I have thus far had, warns me to rather look to what is right & proper than to what will seem to please. Since I have been here to some extent I have been guilty of trying to please & as a gen-

everal things I regret it. With this motive I made some
appointments, that never did suit me & did some
things which I did not think best. I have determined
upon a corrective, and it shall be applied.

My duty here is clearly to ^{do} what is best for the
Indians, regardless of all others. I intend to try
to do my duty.

Whilst I desire & need you as much as
the support of every good man, in my administration
yet I regret that you leave it to be inferred that your
continued support of my administration depended
upon my compliance with your request. I do not
believe you so intended, I need not say it would surprise
me if you did so intend.

I enclose you copy of Paragraph alluded to above.

Very truly

Your friend &c.

Thos. J. Galbraith
Sinner Agt.

Rev. S. R. Riggs.

1882
Thos. J. Galbraith


St John N.H. 1/62
Rev. S. R. Briggs
Pagetaza

Dear Sir,

Yours of 26th ult containing
T. J. Mulbrith on Promissory Note
is at hand. We place the amt
to your Cr subject to your order.
as we are not in the habit of
& do not like to give our obligations
except in New York where we are
compelled to. I shall start east
about the 10th inst. be in N.Y.
say 1st April if I can do any
thing for you there by addressing
me at Merchants Hotel. will
attend to it with pleasure

Truly Yours

J. M. Ketchum

Regards to your family

Sioux Agency March 3^d 1862

Gentlemen

Your communication in which you ask that some provision be made "for sending on a few young men" (of the Dakota people) "to spend a year or two at some good academy or boarding school in the white settlements" has been received & filed.

The subject matter is of a grave and important nature & is worthy of the highest consideration.

I shall give the subject my early earnest & candid attention & at the earliest possible day forward the communication to the Supt. of Ind. Affs. with my opinion thereon, a copy of which will be furnished you for perusal if you desire it.

I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Thos J. Galbraith

Sioux Agent

Messrs

Rev. Thos S. Williamson

" Stephen R. Riggs

" John P. Williamson &

H. D. Cunningham

Dakota, Minn

(Triplicates)

Red Irons Village.

March 6th 1862

Brother Riggs,

As I expect an opportunity tomorrow of sending letters I thought I would write you a few lines, although I have but little to write. Several of us have been almost sick, but none of us confined to bed. Head ache, sore throat, fever & cough are what we have been complaining of. At this time however we appear to be convalescing. I have written a short and respectful epistle to Mr. Pierson wishing to be informed as to the full import of his letter. I thought it best not to write to the Agent until I knew certainly what Mr. Pierson's intentions are. If he has really determined to put a stop to all book education amongst the Dakotas, I for one, am determined to have his plans and his dignified personage set aside if it can be done. For my own part I am willing at any time to vacate this place when I have reason to believe that a person of more usefulness is ready and willing to take it. But I consider it to be a perfect outrage on all sides, to close the school and remove us, and put some one here that is a stranger to the Indians, to the language & to the work that is to be done, and this I believe is just what Mr. Pierson intends to do if not over ruled by some one. Mr. Red Day is here and wishes me to say to you, that you stood by at the treaty and interpreted and heard the Commissioners promise, that when they they got settled and wanted teachers they should have whoever they wanted. He says he has canvassed the village, and that every man & woman is in favor of our remaining, and he wants you to say so to

the Agent. — Mr. LaBelle ~~came~~ here last Friday
on his way to Lacquiparle with a load of provisions & iron
for the blacksmiths, but has been unable to proceed on ac-
count of the snow. He has unloaded and stored his load here
and is here himself. Yesterday he started for home and got
beyond the little creek, and in the evening made out to
get back with his horses leaving his sled on the road.

He hopes some one from below will be up today to break the
road for him. If no one comes I believe he intends
to try it again tomorrow himself. I have not been to
Amos', nor do I expect to go soon. We sent his
mail up last week. I feel anxious to hear to hear from
your place. We want to know how Eliza is, and whether any one
came up to presbytery, and if so when & how did they get home,
Tri. Morn. Mr. S. is starting without his horses
thinking some one will break the road.

Yours in haste

Jonas Pettigrew

1872

Jan 1 P.M.

Confidential
Anthony March 10, 1862
Rev J. R. Rigs

My Dear Sir

I am going to Washing-
-ton to remain til navigation opens
on the river — I have a plan to pre-
-vent fraud one plank in my platform
is to have an honest man autho-
-rized by the Government to attend with
Sgt & Superintendent at each payment
& assist in making up the payroll
& seeing that it is right keep a copy
of it have a clock & keep an ac-
-count of payment — know how much
is paid to each & how many are
paid — the aggregate paid with some
other duties I intend if the plan
succeeds to have you for Yellow
Medicine & perhaps Mr Williamson
or his son for Red Wood Mill
you accept & tell Mr. Williamson
Let no one know but him

Rice Lake Minn
Feb 18, '62

Rev Mr. Riggs

Dear friend

not long since

I was at St. Peter
and paid your tax
that is all I could find assigned to you
The good Mr. Corner could not find a
his books. I could save only about \$1.00
this year by using County orders, for
having to pay part of our County tax
in cash, this part is called Special tax
What shall I do with the remainder of
what you sent to pay your tax with?
I can turn it over to Mr. Ketchum if you
like, the amount is \$0.89, - your letter with
the check came in due time.

We are all in tolerable good health. Uncle
James Pettigrew came down last Friday, we were
glad to see him and to hear from the folks
up country. We have not heard from
Eli. Hygien but once since the battle at
Barnes pt. St. P.

Love to you all,

Yours &c,

J. W. Pettigrew

Please write me at Washington
and if I can do any thing
for you Command me
My kind regards to
your family
Yours truly
W. G. H. Day

Please write me any suggestions
there — Do & answer me for the
Dr — Williamson — or ask him to
write me

Ms. B. 1. 27
1862

S. W. Higgs
1862

Laogui Parle Mar 10th 1863

Rev S. W. Higgs

Dear Friend

I received your favor by Akanna, for which I thank you and also for your efforts in my behalf.

It is true that we received notice of the suspension of our school or indeed all the schools but Julia received also a private note informing her that in our case, the suspension would be ^{"probably"} only temporary, but at the same time warning us, on the pain of dismissal, not to tell anyone that there was any probability of our reappointment. **He** said "some would not be reemployed," meaning as I understand it, Uncle Jonas. I do not know what the main motive is, unless it is to scare or drive me away without positively discharging me. He knows I cannot live here and support my family and be without wages half the time. If I had any place to go to, I should feel strongly tempted to take the hint and go. Sometimes I think it would not be right for me to go till I was obliged to; at other times I have such a sense of my unfitness for this responsible post, that it seems almost wicked for me to stay.

Wed. 12th Marshall Cleveland & his party arrived here about noon on last Monday. They have three prisoners with them. They had a very hard trip, and got here starved & exhausted & the Marshall has his feet very badly frozen. He manages with difficulty to hobble around with a cane. They left their sled five miles from here & yesterday Mr Kemp and John Cramie took the oxen back to bring it. They succeeded with difficulty in getting to the sled and bringing it about a mile and a half. They then left the oxen there exhausted & came back. They expect to get them in to day, and start down to morrow. They sent an Indian on yesterday.

13th The company are here yet. The sled was brought in to day. They start tomorrow.

I had not heard that Eliza was sick till you stated in your letter that she seemed to be a little better but was very weak. This is all we have yet heard. I forget whether I wrote to you that my wife's oldest brother died in the hospital at Mound City, Missouri. He died in January & his father got there two days after he was buried.

Give my respects to all the members of your family.

Yours Truly.

Amos W. Huggins

If you can spare any ink powder I would like to have you send me some & charge it to me.

Red Cloud Village Minn

March 12th 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs.

Dear Friend,

Letter by Austin was gladly received. I thank you for the information, suggestions, advice kind offers &c &c. I had thought that Mr. Pierson was driving at something more than school teachers, but had no idea of the extent of his villainy. I think the Agent will be too smart for him, although Pierson is great by his superior in Freemasonry. After considering matters somewhat maturely, I have come to the conclusion to leave here just as soon as possible. I don't feel willing to wait here a month or ^{more} hoping to get a reappointment, especially when I think it so uncertain whether I get it. I may be compelled by deep snow to stay here until the Agent returns, in that case I might possibly apply for a commission. But my intention now is to move by Mr. Pratt's teams if they come up again, but if they shant not come I don't know what I shall do. If Pierson should come back as Supt of Schools I have no idea that I would get a reappointment, for I think he has persons now waiting to take our places. We expect Deputy U.S. Marshall Cleveland, Sheriff Sadden & some prisoners here tonight. I expect to send two or three letters to the P.O. by some ^{of them}, but as I have no stamps

now prepaid envelopes here. I will be obliged to ask you
or some one else to put stamps on them. We are all
in tolerable good health.

Yours as ever

Jonas Pettijohn

P.S. If we should get a chance to leave soon would you or
Mr. Cunningham be willing to keep and milk our cows until
we find out where we are to be located.

J.P.

March 15

Our mail and your last letter was gladly
received. I have no time this morning to write much but would
just say that I have about concluded to stay here, although I
hardly feel it duty to do so. I was aware a long time ago that
some of the department folks had discovered my want
of energy. I know all about how the discovery was first
made & by whom.

Yours &c

Jonas Pettijohn

1882
J. B. R. 1882

Copy

Sakota Mission

March 13 1862.

Hon. Thos. J. Galbraith,

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of Feb. 27th has at last reached me. I am very glad to learn your intentions in regard to Mr. Pettijohn and Mr. Huggins.

In looking at the closing sentence of my note to you, I can readily see that it is objectionable in its form. But I am glad that you are not disposed to put the worst construction upon it. I certainly did not, and could not, mean it as a threat of withdrawal from your support. No - that precise form of expression was produced by the pre-shadowing of a feeling of despair. I will explain a little, that you may see my standpoint thus, and be assured that no slight matter can lead me to withdraw my support from you.

You will remember that I once asked

of you the office of Superintendent of Schools. I felt confident that I was pretty well fitted for the place - that I should have been able to fill it with advantage to the Dakotas, and with credit to your administration. But the appointment was given to one, all whose manifestations have showed him to be eminently unfitted for the place. I am not aware that this had ever influenced me in the slightest degree, in my purpose to help you. At the same time it would not be strange, if, ~~with~~ your knowledge of me and things, (for I think a lawyer's knowledge of me must be well nigh perfect in some aspects,) you might, at the time of the payment, have supposed that I was working against you, in keeping the Indians from receiving their money. When you made that charge against white men, in your office, in my hearing, I had no idea that you could mean myself; for never had I worked harder than I did that week to get the Indians to take their money at the earliest possible time.

Now when I was told by others that I was the

blamed one, I could not but feel that it was unjust, but I do not think it has influenced my conduct.

Three things are among the part. I am somewhat aware of the kind of influences pressing upon you in those times - and I have only referred to those circumstances to show that no refusal of a favor will induce me to withdraw my support from your administration.

In the work of the education of the Dakotas, using the word in the broad sense - I am sure I feel a deep interest. Hence when the government Boarding School was disbanded, I felt disappointed, because it looked like a step backwards. During the twenty-five years past we had tried, and seen tried, almost every conceivable plan, and had come to the conclusion that the Boarding School, in some form, was the only place where we could teach English successfully, and where we could best train them in the habits of civilized life.

The 24th of February last Mr. Pettigrew was spend-

ing the night at our house - and while here he
opened and read his letter of dismissal from
Mr. Pierson. As it appeared to us all, there was
not the slightest intimation that he or Mrs.
Pettigoh would be retained in case of a reorgan-
ization. It looked very much as if the intention
was to dispense with their services. I remem-
ber too that Pierson was reported to have
said last fall that Mr. Higgins would not
probably go to Lacquiport. I had myself heard
him say that he was prejudiced against Mr.
Higgins. And now it looked as if Mr. Pierson
had got the control of education among the
Dakotas. And if this was so, I was very
well assured that I could be of no more
service to you in that department. It was
under the influence of that feeling, thus
produced, that I wrote that sentence.

The developments which have taken place,
and come to my knowledge since that time,
go very far to satisfy me of the wisdom of
your proceedings. I accept of your declaration
that the last step was taken for good reasons,
believing that I shall see it to be so, at no

distant day. At the same time, I must say, it seems very hard that Mr. Higgins should, by this course, be compelled with his family to live on the proceeds of four months employment during the year.

I am not the man to find fault with you for doing a thing because it is right, and not for the sake of pleasing other men. Indeed I have for more than a quarter of a century, endeavored to make that the rule of my life. But with this as the life-principle unabated and unabridged, I think there is large room for doing personal favors to others. A good deal of my time for years past has been spent in doing things as personal favors for Indians and white men. But what I do as a personal favor must appear to me to be right. You may rest assured therefore that I shall never ask a personal favor of you that I do not think is right. And then if it does not seem so to you, I shall not blame you for not doing it.

But I do not often ask personal favors, and I think now it would have been better if I had not used the expression in my note to you, but had based the request simply on its righteousness.

After speaking so plainly on these points, I ought not to close this letter without saying distinctly, that in my intercourse with you, you have uniformly treated me with all the kindness and consideration I could desire. My views of various things have much more frequently coincided with your own than I had previously any reason to expect. And I may be permitted to express the hope that this good understanding and kindly feeling will not be soon interrupted.

Yours very truly,

J. R. Briggs

Scrip sent herewith
1 for 80 + 1 for 40 acres = 120

Mendota, Mar 14th 1862

Rev. R. Riggs
Pagutase,

Dear Sir,

I should have sooner responded to your fav. of 30th Jan. in which you prefer the request of Michel Renville that the 120 acres of his scrip should be sent him, but for the fact that I desired a safe oppy. to forward the scrip by private hands, rather than risk the chances of the mail. Having waited a long time, without having had any such oppy. I have concluded to transmit the scrip by mail which I now do. You will find the 120 acres of scrip in the same envelope with this note.

I had previously advised Mr. Renville, as you are aware, that I should retain the scrip in my hands until the deeds for the land upon which the scrip sold for him had been placed, were safe in my hands after having been duly executed and acknowledged by him and his wife. There are still some one or more of these deeds un-executed, and I part with the scrip only with the understanding that when they are presented to him there will be no objection made by him or his wife to executing them &c in due form. I have been waiting for some months, for the parties interested to bring forward these deeds, but they have not yet done so.

Please present the kind regards of Mrs. S. & myself to Mrs. R. and believe me

Yours very truly
A. H. Sibley

A. W. Huggins
1862

Laurel Park,

Mar. 15th 1862.

Rev S. R. Riggs,

Dear Friend,

Your letter of the 13th inst. is received and at the same time one from Dr W. We were somewhat amused to find how all our friends had suffered in sympathy for us, while at the same time we have laughing at "Old Pierson" and his confidential and private communication. At the same ^{time} we are sorry that you suffered so long without cause; but you will believe me when I say that the prevailing feeling inspired by your letter, was that of gratitude to you all, and gratification to find that those whom we knew and trusted in before as true friends, were all so ready "in the hour of trial" to lend us their aid and sympathy. For myself I can only say "would that I were worthy of confidence and esteem which I enjoy".

You advise me to make out an application to Mr Galbraith as early as possible. I do not see the necessity of it and do not think you will when you learn by my letter by Mr Cleveland that Mr Pierson privately informed Julia that he was satisfied with us and that in our case the suspension would be probably only temporary. As we have not kept the conditions strictly perhaps we need not claim the promise

I think it possible that Mr Galbraith told him to give
me some assurance that it was not the intention to dis-
charge me; still I feel that it is very unjust to deprive
me of two or three, or even one months wages, especially
as I receive lower wages than any other man in
his employ, excepting only the common day laborers
who have no responsibility whatever, and generally no
families. I have thought of writing to the Ag't setting
forth the facts in the case, & asking that my wages should
be continued without intermission. I think the Ag't
will do me justice in that respect if he can conveniently.

If I had ^{not} received any explanation from Mr Pierson,
I should still dislike very much again to apply for this
place. After waiting over six months last summer, in an
imploing attitude most of the time, enduring every thing
from coldness to insult, to fall at his feet after only
four months, and implore that he, of his boundless
fulness ~~should~~ would ^{grant} me another poor crumb —
this would be worse than poverty; and it is still worse
when it is doubtful whether even this would drive away
the horrid specter. I shall be glad to hear from you,
and thankful for any advice you may see fit to give af-
ter all the facts are before you. We have of course
kept on in our school just as before, never telling
the Indians or Mr Crombie that we were discharged.
In regard to Piersons injunction of secrecy, it is possible
that he wished to worry you, and see how hard you

would work to secure my reappointment. If he had so little a reason as that, I suppose he has his reward.

Mr Cleveland and his party arrived here on Monday at noon and stayed till Friday morning. I think he is a man - a gentleman. His feet were frozen badly, and he lay on his back most of the time he was here. He is by no means talkative but I pumped out some facts in Mr Day's history from him. He thinks Mr Day is really sincere in his religious professions, but says that he is a very singular man. He thinks there are two compartments in his head, and that the partition between them is so thick that one part has no influence whatever on the other part. He told of some things Mr Day had done which were fully as mean and dishonest, as it would be for him to steal all my money. Of the three prisoners the principal scamp among them is Mr Hill, who has an establishment near Fort Sherburne. He is a sly fox, smooth as oil, very polite, and denies his guilt - feels very sure of an acquittal. The old Frenchman does not deny his guilt at all, but says, according to Mr Tadeu, that he is going to let God do as he pleases with him. He is an old miser; had gold laid up in various places about the house; some buried in the cellar. He feels very badly - tried to kill himself before they got here & came near doing it. The Marshall says he would kill himself any moment if he could get a weapon.

The half breed Laravie has been in Kennedy's employ for some time, but was at some former time in the liquor business. The famous "Wovapi Tokyu" was not to be found. I believe he was gone to the Chippewa country.

In regard to the Chorus of Hymn twelve I believe your criticism was something like this "That the music ~~was~~ ^{is} rather sad and plaintive while the words are rather joyful" I have been thinking it over and I came to the conclusion that the Music is not of itself sad or plaintive, but that it is the natural association in our minds of the idea of death and the judgment with the music in our English hymn that ~~it~~ makes it seem so to us. The measure or time of the music, viz. two short notes with one twice as long, is very suitable to such hymns as "Come let us anced Our journey pursue" and "Come away to the skies My Beloved arise"

The Chorus you suggest is very good if it had a hymn to suit it, but I do not think any hymn does suit it.

I do not like the Phrasology of the present Chorus at all, and would be very glad to have it improved if the same idea can be retained. This is I think essential ~~to the~~ If the hymn was a literal translation of the English hymn your chorus might be the most suitable, as it certainly sounds less awkward. But it is not. Take for instance the first verse The hearer is called upon to hear the glad news given us in Gods word. The Chorus tells the news, viz. That we are invited by

God to his home in the heavens. This it seems to me is a more natural sequence to the verse than the announcement that they are summoned, or are to appear to be judged.

In the second verse, all who hear are called upon to ~~shake~~ up their minds as to whether they will accept this joyful invitation which follows again in the Chorus.

In the third verse, all men women and children are called upon interrogated as to whether they really desire the joys of heaven. They are again offered in the Chorus.

In the fourth verse the hearers are told that in heaven there is abundance of the water of life and that those who partake will live forever. The invitation is again repeated in the Chorus.

Finally in the last verse the listener is told of the misery that awaits those who slight the invitations. The singer presses the hearer to come quickly and follows in the Chorus by assuring them that it is God himself who invites.

I will look over it, and the rest of them and see what can be done, or rather what I can do. When do you propose to have the book ready to send to press? Do you intend to get any songs printed at the same time?

I would like if we had some more songs. I think it would be a good plan to have the Odowanna Iteska printed and sewed up with such of the religious hymns as were best adapted to children. We ought to have more songs I think. Can't Alfred & John make some?

Our Sabbath congregation is about the same. The day school is much less regular than in the beginning of winter. Some days we have as many scholars as ever, and at other times very few. The progress of our pupils is not as good as I hoped from the way they commenced last fall.

In the matter of log houses I am likely to be disappointed. I encouraged men to cut house logs promising them that they should be hauled, but Mr Cleveland's party took ^{the open} ~~their~~ for their sled, and they were out two days without hay, and being shod, they cut their fore feet very badly in the snow drifts. It was a very hard trip on them and they came near getting so weak they could not come home. They will not be able to do much more this spring. The snow has been so deep for some time that it was next to impossible to get logs out of the woods.

You may well imagine that I am glad that there is a possibility of Pierson's being removed but I fear there is no such "good luck" in store for us. I knew before that no one about the Agency respected Pierson a bit. When Francis was asked he said the common talk at the Agency was Pierson's Secessionism. Mr Fadden says "There is the least of that man of any man he ever saw." Marshall says "He comes the nearest to being a natural fool of any man he ever saw." V. R. V. P. V. C. It is a comfort to know that Ed rules and that he can make the wrath of man, and his follies too, to praise him. Yours Respectfully Jacob W. Huggins

Mezaxa, Minn
March, 17. 1862

Rev. S. K. Riggs

My Dear Friend,

I remarked to you in my last that I was aware that some of the Agency folks had made the discovery that I lacked energy, and I knew when it was made, & by whom. I will now tell you how, when & by whom it was first made, that is, as I suppose Mr. Goodell & Mr. Carson made it when I was haying, and on this wise. They came one evening and I was stacking, and had Owtin pitching for. They observed that he pitched very awkwardly, and Carson remarked that he would teach him how to pitch, and thereupon got on to the load and pitched a considerable portion of it off, calling Owtin's attention to the way in which he held his fork, threw up hay &c. He did nothing more than I had done a great many times, and have done the same many times since, but have never been able to get one single individual to use the fork aright. Very soon after that I heard of Mr. Goodell's remarking that he did not think that I had been very energetic in teaching them to work, and spoke about the awkward way in which Owtin used his fork, I suppose that was the start of it. Again, just before I started to St. Peter

in Feb. I received a note from Mr. Goodell requesting me to see all of the former Indians here, and take account of the rails they had made, but charged ^{me} particularly to take no ^{acct} of rails that were not hauled out. I made inquiry of the Indians at once about their rails, and told ^{them} what Goodell wanted. They seemed pleased with the idea of having their rails counted, but there ^{was} not one of them done hauling but Owatin. I went to see his rails, and found the greater part of them buried deep in snow. Some of them having at least two feet of snow ^{on them}. I made no attempt at counting them, but took his word for the number. On my way down I met Mr. Goodell & told him just how the matter stood, and told him that they were still hauling. He appeared satisfied, and said if he could get within two or three hundred of what each one had, it was the most he cared for. But I suppose he took my conduct in the case as another evidence of my want of energy. But the truth is we have done more than ten times as much to teach, help & encourage the Indians here in working than ever Mr. Goodell has. Last summer I ground and hung all of their scythes, which by the way was no small job, for they do not know how to whet, and have to grind so much the oftener. Last spring too, I helped them a great deal, and went out and measured all their fields for Mr. Goodell's special accommodation and at his urgent request, and he is not the man that ever said thank you, much less to name pay.

I suppose it is true, that the smallness of my field, and the want of a fence around our house has helped to confirm the impression that I was lacking in energy; and still I think if the whole truth was known, there would be some abatement of judgment if nothing more. Last winter, besides teaching more or less almost every day, I got my own fire wood, and also enough to do me until the beginning of this winter, and also ~~got~~ out fencing until I supposed I had about ^{enough} to enclose a small field and our house, but when I came to put up my fence I found the rails minus for the house. And even if I had known certainly they would have fallen short I don't see how I could have helped it very well, for the snow got so deep that I could not get about in the timber, and more than that, I had purchased my oxen after putting up my hay, and it fell short so that I was obliged to send them below to have them wintered, or kept the latter part of winter. As to making a larger field I made it just as large as I could last spring. There was but one plow here last spring that would break prairie at all, and it I could get the use of ^{for} but one day.

Now I don't pretend to say that I have done all I possibly could about our premises here to make things comfortable and neat, but I do say, that if I had spent one half of the time in fixing up, that I have spent helping the Indians in various ways, and for which the department gives me no credit, but argue rather my want of energy, things would look very differently from what they do. I have written somewhat at length to you, not because I think the case need arguing before you, for I feel conscious

that you have all the confidence in me that I am worthy of ~~and~~
and more too. I thank you for writing so freely & fully to me,
for your suggestions &c. I would like to stand high in the
estimation of the Department, if I could, and feel that I
was doing right, and maybe I can. You say it is possi-
ble to line down prejudices, and I believe it, and if I
remain here shall try to do it.

April 21. My Dear Friend,

You will see that this sheet
has been on hands a long time. The reason is, because I
had concluded not to send it, but this morning the chief
has come along unexpectedly, and I thought I ought
to send you a few lines, and as I have not time
to write I send what I have already written.
I am about laid up now on account of a
sore finger I don't know what kind of sore it
is, but don't consider it anything very dangerous
but feel as tho I would much rather be at work
this fine weather. We are all in usual health.

Have but a small school. Expect to sow
some peas this week. We hardly expect a mail
this week. Yours &c

Jonas Pettijohn

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J. Pettijohn

Manhato March 18th 1862

My Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th Ult has just been received. It reminds me of a duty which I ought to have discharged in due time. I received your letter with the draft you mention in due course of the Mail. As there was no instruction accompanying it, and as I was absent from the Synod when that subject was before that body and the pledge you spoke of made I did not know but that it was intended to go towards sustaining directly the Synodical Missionary. As I was about going to Red Wing with my wife on a visit, and would, probably, see the brethren of the Synodical Committee I concluded to take it with me. I saw Br. Le Sue - the Chairman of that Com - who told me they had no Missionary now, and that in corresponding with Mr. Wallace he ascertained that their Com was a super-numerary appendage, as the Domestic Missions were expected to be conducted thro' the Presbyteries. He advised me to use the draft myself if I was drawing from the Committee. As I had just received a draft from Phil

Committee and B. Peck the Commissioner had as yet received nothing I assigned it to him. This was done about the first of February. In writing to you a few days since in conjunction with B. Peck I entirely forgot this matter as it had been some time since it transpired. - After failing to get to Presbytery, and supposing that there would be a pretty general failure and that it would not perhaps be very inconvenient at least for B. J. P. Williamson to attend either at Davenport or Mankato, at an extra meeting this Spring called to suit your convenience on your way to the Gen. Assembly, B. Peck & myself concluded to have such meeting called, in case you had not adjourned your meeting to such time and place as would render such call inexpedient, and sent you a request to that effect, which you will doubtless have received before you get this letter. I wished such a meeting partly for my own sake - The state of the little churches generally, as well as Mankato and of other brethren as well as myself render it desirable I think that we should have an opportunity to confer with each other on sev-

and subjects before the meeting of our Genl. Assembly
I am very much discouraged with the prospect of
our church matters at Marikata and am on the
point of determining to leave the State. If it had
not been that I knew you have been wishing to
attend the Assembly for some years and are
now expecting to go agreeably to nomination
and appointment I should ~~have~~ liked to go
this year; because I am on the point of going
back to my native State to see if there is room
for me there to spend the little remnant of my
days in peace, in some sphere of usefulness.
I am yet possessed of a good share of bodily
and mental vigor, for a man at three score
and it is exceedingly unpleasant & mortifying
to me, to think of resting out, in my
declining years. But I have been pained in
every attempt, made in this country, to do
any thing, effectively, either for Education or
the Church. The obstacles to success are, & have
been beyond my control. Some of them I
have tried, on former occasions to explain
to you. I feel as though it was desirable to see
the brethren, before determining, finally, what
I shall do. I have not preached regularly here
since the first of January, and cannot con-
sistently, continue my labours here, without a

radical change in the administration of church matters here. It, never entered into my plans, at any former time of life, to spend my time in teaching. All my efforts on the subject of Education have always been made, designedly, in the out-of-door department of that important branch of labour. I have never doubted, but that I could, with a due amount of application, teach. But I have always preferred other spheres of labour. It would now require an amount of close study to qualify myself to superintend an Educational enterprise; especially where it has to be, in a great measure, originated that is more arduous, than I should think at my age, is required of me, by the Master.

You will, doubtless, have acted your pleasure before this reaches you in relation to the expediency of a called meeting of the Presbytery. I felt very much disappointed in being providentially prevented from being with you and unaccomplishing myself more at large in propria persona your brother in the gospel.

Jas. Thomson

1862
James Thomson

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Ducollett Minn
Traverse

March . 20. 1862

Rev S R. Riggs

Dear Brother

your
Letter Feb. 28.th came to hand it stated
That you would extend the time to
the first of April. I was glad to
hear that for i have been trying
to get that amount but i fail
to get the amount i have got a few
Dollars which i have made a payment
On the note, i live in hopes that i
shall have all or part of it ^{soon} i shall
Pay it in as fast as i can get it if
It is not more than five dollars to
a time i hope you will care with
me and i will do my best to get it for
you be as favorable as possible

So remain Yours

Jas B Gault

James W. Holtzclaw
1862

Travelers House Minn

March 22 1862

Rev. A. R. Ryce

Dear friend

Yours of the 10th just came to hand day before yesterday. I was much surprised to learn you had not received your flour corn &c long before this. Mr. Hunter told me he had left some of his looking at Mr. Horners. I did not know he had left so much, too I had supposed he had taken the remainder up the time before this last, he (Mr. H.) started up from here Tuesday or Wednesday last. I was told (Mr. H.) was going to get two other teams besides his own to go up for him. I did not see him myself. I suppose your flour &c is on the road now. I will enquire as to the matter. I am sorry about it.

the matter, and would have tried to help it if I had known about it, —
You will see from the tax receipt that the girls land is taxed for 1869.

I was not aware of the fact till I went to get the patent and deed recorded as you directed, they could not be recorded till the tax was paid, consequently I assumed the responsibility, The following are the charges —

Certificate from Co Collector, 25-

For recording the two 1,40

Tax on four lots 9, 10, 15 & 16 4 28

As I had but the one patent with me at the ^{time} I was at the Reg^s office I could not find out what the tax was on the whole, I have not been to the office since, — We will rejoice too if Mr Purser gets well "blowed up", It is bad on Mr Pettigrew & Anos, We are all tolerable well, We had not heard from Eli for some time, The last we heard the Miss

2 — no on the way down the Miss
We are glad to hear that Eliza was getting better, We have had considerable anxiety about her, —

I suppose that you have heard before this that Mr Peck and Mr Ellison went up to Hazelwood and did not get there, I have not seen Mr Peck or Mr Ellison since they came back, The roads are so completely blocked up with snow that we stir out but little, The snow on level is our trouble at one time was about 30 in deep, snow enough

I suppose you have heard that our farm has gone by the board, We hardly know which way to turn, We have talked some of leaving the country, If we do our little hill hom is for sale, We have 40 acres of land on top of the hill, We have not determined yet what we will do, We are going to try to tend the old farm this season
Our love to you all,

J W. Whittemore

Agelie Revile

C. F. College College Hill
March 24, 1862

Dear Mr Riggs

We were very glad to hear from home for we had not had a letter fore four or five weeks.

I was very much disappointed about my reports for I had studied very hard and tryed to get them. I hope I will have better ones the next time.

Good many of the girls are going home and those that are not make a fuss because they can not go. I do not see what they would do if they lived as far as we do. The little girls here are so crazy when they see a boy good many of them have got themselves in to trouble.

28. I have been so busy that I have not had any time to write but today is

the last day and I am so glad.
The wonderful exhibition that is going
to come off to night and which Martha
is the president. She is fixing her white
dress. April 2. This letter has not got
finished yet. Mrs. Drake Hester and
Lewis Drake came out to the exhibition
and staid all night. I went home
with them and stayed untill monday
Mrs. Hasbrook and Phoebe Bayliff came
to the city with me. Mrs. Drake wanted
me to have my picture taken so Mrs.
Hasbrook went with me to have it taken.
I had the funnest time I did not know
the way and got lost a few times
untill I came to Comingsville then
I walked the rest of the way.
I am studying Latin I like it very
much so far. I never thought that I
was using up so much money untill
I received your letter. I expect that if

Martha was not here I would use more
especially when the apple woman comes
some times I want some so badly that I
do not know what to do then Martha
does without them so I can.
I should hate to be the one to pay up the
bills of some of the girls I always thought
little children were the ones to eat candy
nearly every saturday the girls go in
to the city and when they come home
their baskets are filled then on
monday mornind good many of
them are sick.
one thing I have improved in is that
I have learned to controle my temper
there was for a while that I thought I
would never get along well with Bete
Wood because she wanted things one
way and I another but I just thought
there was no sense in doing that way
so I have stoped though it is very

hard to sometimes. There are some girls here that fairly swear I always thought only boys and men did. When I write any compositions about the Indians the girls all want to copy it so they can read it for a their composition some times. Every thing looks so green now. some of the folks have commenced ploughing. I saw one man plough and a little boy following behind made me think of Robby how he used to do.

When I commenced to write the first part always looks different. I do not see what the reason is.

I guess this is the last letter I will write to you. it will be soon untill you come. Am I going to stay or come home if I was to choose I do not think I could for I want to come home and would like to stay. Give my love to all the folks. Angie Kenville

St. Paul. Minn.
March 29th, 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
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Dear Sir,

I have long since been in receipt of your letter of Jan 27, but have deferred replying to it until a statement of the results of legislative action on the proposed counties could be sent you. I was glad to know that the project met your approval. The bill however was already before the Legislature (introduced by Mr. Swift) ~~at the~~ time your letter was received. By dint of a little personal attention the bill went safely through, without being mutilated as it was the preceding winter. Altogether I got some ^{up} half dozen county line bills, a description of which you may read in the enclosed slip cut from a recent number of the St. Paul Press.

By the aid of Mr. Swift and others in the Senate, and of Col. Stevens in the House, the entire batch went safely through. Such of the charges as come within the limits of my Dakota map I have marked on a copy of the same which I to day mail to you for your acceptance and use.

The copy of Sewall's map of Minnesota I sent you was compiled now some three years since, and before I knew the best method of procedure in order to obtain correct information or to whom to apply: besides Mr. Sewall did not wish any particular pains taken with the portion beyond the surveys, in which I always thought he was wrong. In compiling my own map (Dakota &c.) I paid particular attention to the unsurveyed regions and to the Dakota orthography; for which latter I submitted lists ^{of words} for correction to Mr. Lynd of Henderson, and subsequently to Mr. Pond of Shakopee.

When the larger map of Mr. Sewall's, for which I am now collecting information, is sufficiently advanced, I shall be glad to send you a list of all the Sioux names comprised within its limits, as it may be advisable, as you suggest, ~~not~~ to follow the system of the Lexicon but to write phonetically for English eyes - e.g. Owoboptay vice Owobopte. At any rate I shall be willing and glad to abide by your decisions, and shall do all in my power to make Mr. S. see things in the same light. Apropos of this subject can you tell me the meaning (if indeed they are Sioux) of the words "Manstitsa Kara", "Otan Kara", ~~and "Hanta Wita"~~ written on Nicollet's map in the neighborhood of the north end of

Lake Travers - I have myself searched the Dakota Lexicon in vain respecting them.

Will you do me the favor to examine and correct the enclosed tracing (vellum cloth) from the drawings of the forthcoming map. In particular I wish to have identified the following lakes given on Nicollet's map - viz: Ta^{or Kasa} Kua, Kandiotta, Ktutukw Sapa or Black Oak Lake, Chedi, Witadan^{and}, Wita Chanta; also "Dog Lake which is said in Schoolcraft's book to be in the centre of a boundless prairie" and to be the source of Tawtonga or Buffalo creek the principal fork of Crow river. Thinking you may not have a copy of Nicollet's map at hand, I enclose a tracing of so much of it as covers the ground comprised in the other tracing: by the aid of these sketches, and of Sewall's smaller map which you already have, your local knowledge will doubtless enable you to locate^{or identify} the above lakes with tolerable accuracy.

A year or two ago, a young deputy surveyor (now dead) who had been in your regions told me of a tributary of the upper Minnesota which was named "Sacred Flat" river: I have since been able to learn nothing concerning it, can you tell me anything about it?

In the Dakota Lexicon a hill termed Heyukati is spoken of as about 10 miles^N east of Laqui Parle. Is it on the Chippewa river, if so which bank, please mark it on tracing.

Before returning the enclosed red ink
tracing I would like ~~you~~ to make whatever
corrections and remarks on it, ^(in black ink) you may think
proper, and more especially to draw your at-
tention to the following points concerning which
I am desirous of obtaining information, viz:
actual size and shape of Lac qui Parle; Red Wood set-
tlement; Joseph Brown's farm; "Grand Portage"; "Little Falls";
Wabasham, & Red Iron's villages; "Capt. Peabody's farm"; "Renville,
county seat of R. Co."; Brown's ferry; Patterson's rapids; Trails
in general; distance of mouth of Itasca R. from foot of Lac
qui Parle; groups of mounds; and locations of former mining
villages and trading posts. The neighborhood of the
Yellow Medicine is drawn from a sketch furnished
me by Mr. Leavenworth the surveyor a year or two ago.
Whenever you can find time to devote
to the consideration of these matters I trust
you will write me fully on them.

Respectfully, Sir,

Your obt. servt.

Alfred J. Tall.

1862

A. J. Tall

Minneapolis Minn
Mch 29th 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs

I wish to buy some Adult
Half Bred Snipe -

Govr Sibley informed me
today that a young man by
the name of Michael Rinnell
had some that I could probably
get - And referred me to you.
Will you be kind enough to
inform me if I can get some
in your vicinity -

I will pay Seventy Cents
per acre for one or two thousand
acres -

If there is any there that
can be bought I will come up,
or would pay at Mess Thompson
Brothers St Paul -

I would forward to you the requi-
= site papers to enable me to locate - and
convey the which would be executed
there and forwarded to Mrs
Thompson & Bro. together with the

scrip and I would pay the
cash there on receipt of same
or if any other way is preferable
you will please suggest it -

By your early reply you
will much oblige

Very Respectfully
yours &c

Wm S. Chapman

1862

Wm S. Chapman

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Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK, }
 Rev. O. EASTMAN, } SECRETARIES.
 Rev. J. M. STEVENSON, }
 O. R. KINGSBURY, ASS'T SEC'Y AND TREAS.
 S. W. STEBBINS, DEPOSITORY.
 No. 150 Nassau-st.

American Tract Society,

New York, April 1. 1862.

My Dear Bro. Higgs,

We have yours of Mar. 5. Let me first ask if you will ever wish for any more of the Sakota hymns & tunes, printed 6 years ago. If not, we will cancel the Star plates.

Our printer he give the following as the probable cost of the new book proposed: say 280 pp. 18mo.

Cost of composition & typesetting -	\$150.00
Paper & type work (<u>500 copies</u>)	22.00
Binding do. do. ———	5.00
	<u>\$177.00</u>

The 24mo which you mention is rather an inconvenient size (nearly square) very little in use, & from its width would lose space at the beginning & end of the lines unnecessarily. We should decidedly ^(18mo) recommend the common 18mo in stead.

The Society's means being much curtailed in the war of this horrid Rebellion, our Committee do not feel so free to make large appropriations as formerly. I've ordered to you to propose (if we are to print this work) that the Soc. grant you \$50, & you agree for your people to pay the remaining expense. I think our Com. would sanction the \$50. The book may be larger or smaller, & the expense more or less than as estimated.

^{elsewhere} If you can have it printed to your liking by all means, do so. Foreign languages are troublesome &c. but we do not shrink from whatever duty manifestly calls to.

With respect & love to you
& Mrs. Riggs, & prayers for your
best success, be affec^tly
Wm A. Hallack,
Sec

Land Office Henderson Minn
April 7th 1862.

Mr S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the
Hon Commissioner of the General Land Office
to call upon you to furnish Power of Attorney for
locating Scrip of Mary Martin to this Office for
transmission to the General Land Office, where
there is more than one Scrip located for the same party
by the same person only one Power of Attorney is
necessary, your Duplicates will give you the
numbers dates &c.

Very Respectfl.
Your Obt^{se} serv^t
F. A. Renz Register

Locations October 2^d and 28th 1861.

Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON, Apr. 17 1862

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Pajutaga, Minn.

My Dear Sir,

I have received yours of 23^d
Mar. & note of \$2.92 donation Haywood Church
& \$35 + \$50 from other sources, as mentioned

When your order for the Pilgrim Almanac
for 1862 was received the edition was exhausted, &
since ~~that~~^{then} the order has been overlooked, but it
will now be attended to.

Very truly yours,

James M. Gordon,
Minn.

Bible House May.
Apr 18th 1862

R. L. R. Rigg,

My Dear Brother.
My only living daughter, A. E. V
Merrill, is engaged in a mission
School in this city, located at the
Demilt Dispensary corner of 2^d St. and
2^d avenue. The Superintendent of
the School is Mr J. F. Joy, and the
School is attached to the Church and
congregation of Dr. Asa D. Smith. The
class of my daughter ^{no 14} consists of 7 of the
largest & most intelligent girls. They have
contributed \$2 and they want to give Bibles to
this amount, to some missionary man, for
distribution, from whom they can get
a letter 3 or 4 times during the year, for
their encouragement. I tell them you
are just the man for that, & that you
will tell them all about your School, &
the Indian children, & the mission, inter-
spersed probably with a deer hunt, or
something of that kind. Children love stories

you know. More than that, I
told them that you could give the bibles
to some who would read them & at some
time they might hear through you that
some one or more had been converted thro-
ugh their gift of Bibles.

The money has been paid to me & I have
with it bought 8. good Bibles in Sheep
and had them marked to your name.
They will be sent to you when you
send your Spring order for goods.

Now they want your letter soon. -
Please therefore consider the books as
in your hand, and write the School
accordingly. You can address your
letter to my daughter, but let it
be so written as to be read to the
Whole School. Mr Joy is one of
the directors of the New Missionary
Society Portlandian, & in all his teach-
ing in S. School makes the Bible
his great text book. Love to you
and wife & children

Truly yours Amos

Sacqui Parle, April 26th/62.

Rev S. H. Riggs,

Dear Sir,

Your letters of the 4th, 10th, & 21st, came safely, arriving on yesterday evening. First, in regard to the tag; I should be pleased to have you pay mine, most certainly, as indeed that is all the way I can pay it.

In regard to the rest of the money you say is due me, I hope I shall be able to let that stand against the books I asked you to send for, for me. I really now forget what they were, except the first vol. of Barnes notes on the Gospels. I want that very much, and a good Bible Dictionary. I do not study much but very frequently need these books for reference. I suppose you have sent long ago. I do not know why I did not myself make the new hymns rhyme where it could be done by changing "a" into "e" or vice versa. I have this morning looked over them and found something more than half a dozen places where this change could and should be made. Besides these there are one or two more that perhaps be improved by a similar alteration. I will cheerfully leave it to your judgment after merely mentioning them.

In the fourth line-first verse of the Hym. Commencing
Wakantanka linbintku, "te" would not rhyme exactly
with sui, but perhaps it would be better than "ta".

In the Hymn begun commencing "Wakantanka waaste"
fifth verse, perhaps "asnimaye" is better than "asnimayai".

I had not thought of "terinda sni po" being in-
correct, although of course I admit it now.

It strikes me that "terindapi sni" is not in the Imperative
mood, and that it would be understood only by
those who are familiar with the original command
"forbid them not". If I am mistaken in this, then
the change suits me exactly, and it may be pref-
erable anyhow. It may perhaps be understood
as a proclamation, so to speak, that all children
are permitted to come to him. At any rate I can
think of nothing better. You may therefore please change it.

The water has been very high, but they
have retired to a respectful distance now.

We were repeatedly importuned by the Indians,
half in earnest-half jest-to retreat, but we
maintained our ground, and after enduring
the blockade for a little over a week, the
blockading forces retired, leaving us unharmed.

The water was over three feet deep between us
and the hill. I speared 15 good sized fish in
the place where I expect to dig potatoes in

the fall. I might probably have killed
a hundred if the water had not been too
cold to stand in comfortably. I had then,
and have now, a hard cough. Otherwise pretty well.
When do you think of going to Traverse?

No more at present

Yours Respectfully

Amos W. Higgins

P.S. I am compelled to trouble you to
attend to the postage on my letters till I
can get some stamps. That is, if you can
do it. If not, the letters can wait.

Amos W. Higgins

Office Sioux Indian Agency.

Pajutazee, April 30 - 1862

Dear Sir

When you were here yesterday, your favors of 13th & 15th ult. had not been placed in my hands, I have just read them with a great deal of pleasure & can only say that to the greatest extent possible, shall I endeavor to act in my administration of the affairs of this agency so as to merit the good will of the friends of the Indians. In regard to schools, from the very outset I have been hampered and embarrassed continually, by vampires & sharks who were & are seeking to secure control of the funds, this I sternly resisted, and my every action in the premises has been with a view to this end. I think I have succeeded in seeing daylight, I may be mistaken. If so it is no fault of mine. I feel now certain that for the present, at least, I have the ear of the Department & of our Congressional delegation. I have the distinct assurance of the Commissioner that I shall be sustained in keeping out the Rats, If this proves true the school

are safe, if "reversed" - there is little hope for
schools or anything else - I send in to-day the
names of four persons as Teachers, with
sundry recommendations. In regard to Mr Huggins
I shall as far as possible conform to your
views - My visit below was with reference to
the Indian Schools & I found "Brick" and
Subterfuges - thick - plans, in short, to absorb
the entire School fund, and the thing very nearly
consummated, and even yet I fear the
thing is not dead - I have done & shall keep
doing all in my power for save the fund
I mention no names yet it is not time, and
allow me to ask you to keep prudently still
for "a little longer" - I want to circumvent the
repulsive influences at work effectually, at
the proper time all will be "ours" & you can see
& judge -

Your "Report" is rec'd and approved - I shall
when I see you endeavor to fix a rate of com-
pensation, I have no funds just now to meet
this expense - soon we shall have some interpreter
funds, ^{or} which you can have whatever amounts
you agree upon - so as to be fair & just -

I have no time to write more now - shall
see you & talk the rest -

In haste

T. J. Gallbraith

Rev S. R. Riggs

State of Minnesota,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Saint Paul, May 12 1862.

Rev S. R. Rice
Dear Sir

Some gentlemen
from Kennebec Co. handed
me a dollar a few
days since desiring me to
place it in the hands
of some proper person
as a contribution to
the Hospital fund
of some one of the
Minn. Regts. as you will
see by the inclosed I
have given it to Dr. Brady
Chaplain of the 3d.

Very truly

Yours R

Thos. Ramsey

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, *May 15* 18*62*

DEAR SIR:

We write to thank you for the records of meteorological observations you have transmitted to this Institution, but regret that the series for the year 18*61* is not complete. If you can supply us immediately with a copy of your records for the months of

December

we shall esteem it a favor, as we wish to incorporate them in the reductions now being made for publication by this Institution.

As far as practicable you will oblige us by forwarding your records monthly.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary S. I.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Warlewood

Minn

Lot L McCulloch
1862

Wile June 2/62

Dear Mr Riggs

Dear Sir

I recd your letter and was
glad to hear from you. If I
had known when you were
coming to Chicago. I would
have met you there. I am
sorry you did not call on
us. It is but a half day ride
to Chicago. The information you
gave me in regard to my
account with the Indian
Department was thankfully
recd. Mr Galbraith did send
me the amt of money due me
but I knew that. I have recd
letters from the Commissioner
at Washington giving the true
amt, and they are willing to
cash the account when the agent

gives the vouchers. If he has not
the money to pay I don't see why
he should refuse to do so. I need
it very much. I have bought
60 acres of land and made the
first payment. The next payment
comes due in October \$150.

and I want to go to school
one term after harvest. and
unless I get the money I shall
not be able to do so. I hope you
will urge them up if you can
do so without too much
trouble to yourself. If I thought
I could help the matter any
by going up to the payment
I would go. but I know you
sick better than I could when
I was there. therefore I will
wait with patience for the
result.

My folks are well. although it
is quite sickly now. The sore
throat is raging. One of my
scholars died this morning. (or one
that I taught last winter.

Give my kind regards
to all your family. and I as also.
Robt sends his respects
to you

Very truly yours
John E. McCullough

Miss, House Boston
June 13. 1862

Rev. J. R. Riggs
Sakotas.

Dear Brother,

Your note of April 12
I duly rec^d. As Dr Asa S. Smith & Mr
Griffith were to represent the Board at the
meeting of the Genl Assembly, & as Mr Lord,
of the Ceylon mission, was residing at Cincinnati,
note, I did not feel that there was any work
that I ought to require of you.

I wrote to Mr Lord, informing him
that you were to be ~~present~~ a member of the
Assembly, & suggesting that you be one of the
speakers at the evening meeting to be held in
behalf of missions. I also said that you made
a very good 15 minutes speech at Detroit.
I was glad to find that you were embraced
in the program; & I hear from Mr Griffith
that you left a good impression upon the audi-
ence. This was one reason, indeed, why he
did not follow you.

I supposed that there would be a
discussion on missions during the session
of the Assembly

Mr G. informs me that the excursion to Oxford
prevented such a discussion. I regret that
it could not have been held; for I think
that the vestry ministers & others need
a little light on this subject. They are not
quite up to the demands of the enterprise.

The matter of repairing the school house,
has been brought before the Com^{ee}. They think
that the building should be put in order,
& you are authorized to use the Treasurer
des Lewis money for this purpose. But if you
cannot get it, the repairs had better be
made, nevertheless. There is no true economy
in endangering health.

In regard to a new station on the
Missouri, I have nothing definite to say.
Our finances are too precarious to warrant
our entering upon such an undertaking.
We are getting along without serious trouble
now; but we do not feel confident as to
the future. We cannot foresee the effect which
the tax bill is to have upon the community. When
of moderate incomes may be tempted to cut
down their charities; if so we shall suffer
seriously.

I do not expect heavy taxes. Nor do I
mourn over a protracted war. We may close
the conflict too soon. What we need, most of
all, is to put an end to the danger which
has been impending over us by reason of slavery.
Any settlement that leaves this danger impending
still, will cost too much. On the contrary, if it
takes the peril ^{away}, actually or virtually, we can
afford to pay well for it.

kindest regards to Mrs. Briggs,
your children, & all with you

Very respectfully
my

L. B. Lusk

Miss Lee
1862

Rockford June 25th 1862.

Rev. Mr. Riggs

Dear Sir,

I received a letter of inquiry some days since, inquiring whether land could be recovered for the board and tuition of two Dakota girls under your care. I am chagrined at the tardiness of the reply, but will say, I was obliged to wait for the decision of our Trustees before giving you a definite answer, had I thought the answer would

be delayed so long, I
should have written to
you to that effect, I am
directed by the Trustees to
inquire the price of the
land and whether taxes
are to be paid, and
such other particulars as
you may choose to give,
and then a definite
answer can be given at
once. I shall be happy to
answer further inquiries,
I enclose two Circulars,

Yours truly

Anna P. Hill

Sp Reber June 28th/62

Rev S. R. Rigs:

Dear Sir:

Some friends of mine are going to visit the agency during the coming payment. They fear that there will be a difficulty in finding a place to stop. Would you have the kindness to let them stop at your place during their stay at Yellow Medicine? There will be two ladies, relatives of Judge Flandrau, and one gentleman, Mr Buell of the firm of Chatfield & Buell, of the party. I will consider it a great personal favor if you can receive them during their stay.

I am dear Sir,

Very Respectfully
W. C. Cull.

J. S. Williams

Saint Peter July 1st 1862

Dear Brother Riess

I feel truly thankful
to you for your particular account
of what was done at your meeting
with Mr. Paul at Larnport. It is
quite satisfactory. I thank you
also for what you write about
Larnham from whom I received
a letter at the same time with
yours. I had been informed of the
sale before and spoken to turn
mings on the subject who inform
ed me he had receipts & I think
shown them to me for all the
taxes for the years 1861, & 1862
He understands such matters much
better than I do and I feel disposed
to trust him to attend to the busi-
ness.

I am sure wishes me that you are
going East next week so you
think of stopping to see about the
printing or soon?

I inclose herewith her letters which
came to this office directed to you
saying that they were from Seven
fort and thinking they might con-
tain letters for persons known to
me then to you I opened them
and disson of knowing how the
prisoners are getting on I read
them; I see that Robert and others
think hard of me because they are
not released. Perhaps he has just
cause though I tried to do what I
thought was right in the several
cases but we are all liable to
err. I can truly say I do what I
could forget as many as possible
released and am now willing to do
any thing which it is proper
for me to do for the release of
the remainder.

We all feel sad on account
of the death of Mr. Holwell he
was the most efficient member
of the church here and we had ho-
ped to have him for our next
missionary but we have many
things to back us not to set our
affections on the things of this
world. Since we hear of his death
I have called twice at Mr. Hays
but did not see Mr. Holwell. She
felt so sad she did not wish to
see company. Mr. Chilton has had
two letters from him in one of which
he says Thomas Pettigrew had reached
Memphis but Mr. P. is not otherwise
informed of it. Bad as Hays's death
was it seems that it would have
been far worse but for some comba-
tion of Negroes returning this year
an ammunition and serving for
many years to the white soldiers
who had thrown away their

I would like to know when Gilpin gets
home what percent he is likely to put
on our claims and when it will proba-
bly be paid as we are chiefly dependant
on what we expect to receive in that
way for the means of finishing our house
It brings unfinished and so many
little matters about home to see to
I have proposed slowly on transla-
ting and revising. In the latter I have
gone over 13 chapters of Genesis and
have translated Provverbs except the
last 24 verses which I hope to finish
in a week from this time if you will
be about home and at leisure will
send it down and be pleased to have you
look it over and suggest corrections
The sons nephew who has been with Mr
Shunter is for some with consumptions
John Moors daughter was with us re-
cently for more than 2 weeks since
they have been at Reynolds they have
hardly to do anything and one of them
is in bad health Chorea or St Vitis called
We are in usual health

Yours sincerely

Thos. S. Williamson

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Pagetagee, Minn.

Menota, July 8th 1862

Dear Sir,

Herewith enclosed, I send a deed to be executed and acknowledged, by Michel Renville & wife to Russell Blakely & J. C. Benbank for land entered with scrip of former sold the latter named parties by me, and for which R has received the money. I trust the deed will be duly executed at once & returned to me, and I will feel extremely obliged to you if you will see to its being done without delay. I send enclosed \$1. wherewith to pay Notary Public or Justice of the Peace for the acknowledgment, and expense of mailing.

Mrs. S. joins with me in kind regards to Mrs. R & yourself & family.

Very sincerely yours,
N. H. Libbey

Amos W. H.

Lacqui Parle July 14. 1862

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

My family are all about to start to spend a few days at Uncle Sam's while I stay here.

I wish I could go down at the time of the payment but don't see how I can, unless it is absolutely necessary in order to get my money. Uncle J.

Thinks Thompson has money to pay the old debt. I would like to get you to speak to him about my claim, and if the money can be had, if you can send up vouchers for me to sign perhaps you can draw the money as well in my absence.

I will of course pay any one who will come to bring the vouchers.

I find I am out of envelopes again. I am really ashamed to ask you again

I send a note to Enos. Will you please hand it to him. He owes me \$10.50 which I request him to hand to you.

The Septant axes are missing from July 1st 1860 till my time stopped whether
on March 31st or later. I was dis-charged on two months later. Don't know which
also \$12.00 for wood



to sell me some as I do not suppose
you bought any for sale. If however
you can spare any, I will be much
obliged and will try to keep a supply
in future. I ~~and~~ 25 cts as have nothing
smaller. The Books were received in
good order & I am thankful for your
kindness in bringing them. You are
of course not under the slightest
obligation to take the Dictionary. If
you want it you can have it. I think
I shall send for the Tract Society's
Bible Dictionary Price 80 cts

I am sorry that I have kept your axes
so long. Will you want it soon?

I was very much hurried with other
work, and did not like to take a man away
from making posts for the field fence while
the axes were daily on the field. The man
went away before the fence was done and
my painting burner is not saved yet.
Lu hastu Yours A. W. Higgins

Yellaw Medicine

Recd, of John B. Penick Dollars
Cents in full of all demands
whenever up to this date

Sac. Brown

Henderson July 16, 1862

Rev. E. F. Riggs

Hazelrood

Dear Sir

You will very much oblige me by calling on Mr & Mrs. John B. Reville, and settling a small acct. for me. of course this is not out of any feelings of disrespect to them, nor a want of a proper appreciation of their merit, but simply to have a mixed up acct. brot. to a close, by one in whom I can depend & in one fully competent.

When I left Yellow Medicine, it was rather in a hurry as the Steamer made but a short stay, I had previously taken an ac^t of some articles / 6th of May / one of those ac^ts was signed by Mr. B. Reville. There were some other articles that I did not note, how many, I cannot say, I left the sale price & all with ^{them}, having full confidence in their integrity, I wrote at different times for a full list of items, but received none until Monday last. In her letter of Feb 6th present year, she writes me as follows, "The Cutter Mr. Reville has traded around will pay You for with the Mosquito bars as soon as convenient." In her letter of March 15 - & left here by him, when on his way East, I think May 9/62 she writes as follows, "The Sled, or sledge You left here Mr. Reville could not sell, so he traded, that is, swapped it off for a one horn sledge," "We would like You to set Your price, Mr. Reville thinks it not worth to him over \$8.00, In her letter of July 9/62, she writes as follows, "The Sled I

"wrote You my husband ~~thinks~~ ^{pay} would \$8.00 for.
 "but he has Examined it & does not think it worth over
 "\$6.00 & says if this price dont suit You to let Your own
 "price". In this same letter she gives The following articles
 sold -

"To Kawanka"

3 Chairs & 1 lounge \$4.00

1 Bed Cord — 50

Potatoes — 50

"Cetukdeya"

1 little old Table \$0.50

Beans 0.50

"Anwagman"

5 old Chairs, \$1.00

1 Lounge — 2.50

"The Othuday"

Beans — 0.50

"Wasohowpta"

60 lbs Corn Meal 1.50

"Autwin Ruvill"

3 Chairs — \$3.00

Potatoes 0.50

do 0.50

"Talewankahdi"

Potatoes — \$1.50

Beans — 1.70

"Michell Ruvill"

8 lbs salt 0.30

2" Candles 0.50

Potatoes 0.50

"John B. Ruvill"

Soap — \$3.00

\$16.20

Total \$23.00

\$6.80

I sent her recd. last payment, about a year ago, for
 \$23.00 sent me by Mr. Clark. I got 7 mink of him
 before I left Yellow Medicine at \$10.50 (I sold them for \$7.00)
 so I have received of them in all -

\$33.50

I will now make bill statement such as rec'd &c
sent you will show clearly

Articles by her as stated in her letter of July 9/62
Out for

Articles by Mr. Pennington on bill No 2	\$23.00
1 st Powder	\$14.92 1/2
2 Mosquito bars (I paid her in Gold)	- 50
1 Sleigh, swapped for Cutter	2 50
	(8.00)
	\$48 92 1/2
By Cash per Mr. Clarke	\$23.00
" of Miss Mins 2.50	10.50
	(33.00)
Bot due me	\$15.92 1/2

Take 25 for Mosquito bars 25

The figures above does not include Gene John & Jugs
nor any thing of which no acc was taken, so let it
go at that.

She writes me in ^{her} letters ~~that~~
about articles not sold. In her's of July 9/62 - She says
"There is two tables & one stand & the arm chair
" we find no sale for, our house is small, but they are
" well come to remain, but of course they may be injured"

I do not know what those unsalable article look like,
nor does it matter. If Mr. Pennington does not want them
give them to the Indians. If they do not want them
give them to the wood or prairie. I want the matter
closed up & have it off my mind & relieve Mr. & Mrs.
of further trouble. What so ever is just, what so ever
is right I want you to send me enclosed in letter
& not any more. I send a rec'd for you to fill & give them,
I suppose they will not think me in debt for their trouble

in disposing of those things. If they do. make all
 right & give them my thanks for the favors done
 me. You will please not think me intruding
 upon you, in sending you this account. I am
 willing to satisfy you for your trouble and oblige
 you when opportunity permits. The acct. seems
 so mixed up that it wants a man just like friend
 Briggs to close it satisfactorily to all & have it done
 with, I will obide by your settlement how ever
 it may be, for I know you will do right. —

My kind regard to Mr. Briggs & family. Make
 my wife's Compliments & Eliza's respects to you all

Faithfully Yours
 Sol. Brown

Balance claimd \$15.92
 deduct overleaves on these
 articles give for the same 1.80
 1.4 12 1/2
 overleaves on Mary's linn 2.17
 1.3.87 1/2
 1.2.37 1/2

Philip 8.8.
 Mary's linn 2.25
 Powder 30
 Butter 30
 Malt 75
 Eggs 12
 Quail 25
 Mutton 1.51
 10.37 1/2

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M. N. Adams

Glencoe, Minnesota,

Sept. 18, 1862.

Rev. S. V. Riggs

Dear Brother,

Up to this day, my mind has been set upon meeting the Brethren of the Dakota Presbytery at your Mission Station on Thursday, 27th inst.

But owing to recent snow storms and, especially the Terrible Blow of the last three days, all my hopes of being able to reach Baywood at that time are scattered & gone.

There is no road broken across from here to Fort Ridgely and none even to Henderson and not much to Shakopee. I might possibly get to Carver, & then go up the Minnesota Valley Stage route, via, of Henderson, St. Peter & New Ulm but

in that case it would require some
fine days to get to Hazelwood & as many
more to return at no inconsiderable
expense & after all some risk of life.
So long as these storms continue—

I trust however, that the
brethren, who reside nearer to your
station, than I do; and, who
are on, or near the thoroughfares
will be able to meet with you
at the appointed time. And
I humbly hope & pray that the
gracious presence & rich blessing
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great
Head of the Church, may be
with you all, at that meeting.
And ever more to the praise of
his name.

If it were not now so
near the time of the meeting, I would
mail the Presby. Records, and
a copy of the Minutes of our
last Genl. Assembly. They would

not likely reach you in time.
The next G. Assembly meets in 2nd Pres. Church
Cincinnati, O. on the 3rd Thursday in May,
1862. at 11 A.M.

The General Assembly's plan of Home Missions
comprehends this duty of the Standing Committee
on Home Missions as appointed by each
Presbytery—viz— to furnish annually to the
Assembly's Committee at N.Y. on or before
the 15th of April a detailed statement of
the Home Missionary work within their bounds,
noting institutions therein— Missionaries
appointed & salary allowed— Collections to the
cause taken up in the churches—

The following Resolution was adopted also
Resolved: "That for the coming year each
Church Connected with the Assembly be urgently
requested to make a contribution to the very im-
portant causes of Education for the Ministry
Home Missions Foreign Missions & Publication
as they are conducted by the Assembly—
& that they report such collections (small or large)
to their Presbytery at the stated meeting next pre-
ceding that of the General Assembly."

Thursday, 27. of Feb. 1862. was recommended
by the last assembly as a day of concert
and prayer for Colleges and other
institutions of learning.

The 5cts. per capita of our Church
membership as Commissioners
Fund. is a good rule for us
in this remote part of "the field"
and should not be neglected by any
means. Try & collect the whole
& be ready to report accordingly at
the next Gen. Assembly. Should you
go as our Commissioner; for, upon
this, your mileage depends and our
credit as a Presbytery.

I believe there is no unfinished
business on the docket of last meeting.

Mrs. A. unites in sending kind
regards to you & your family & your
associates in the Mission.

Advised as usual at pres-
ent. I do not much expect
to remain here at Glenora after
the first of May next. We may
possibly return to our old home at
Ed. Lions where we shall be happy to
see you or your family at any time.

Yours fraternally,

M. W. Adams.

P.S. Elders A. D. Seward of Haverhill was the
nominee as Commissr. at our last meeting of Pres. &
yourself the Principal & only Minister nominated.

Lacqui Parle July 19th 1862.

Rev S. R. Rigg

Dear Friend

I wrote to you requesting you to have Emma & Sophy enrolled but did not send the letter, and in my haste when I last wrote I forgot it. In regard to Sophy, I do not know whether her Father can get her enrolled while she is here or not. If he does, of course I do not want to draw for her too. Perhaps you will know what rule the Agt adopts in regard to absentees. I think however that I am the one that ought to draw for her, as she is here. I would then credit Le Clair with the amount.

Do you want to sell your St Peter Tribune for half price? If so send it up.

We are having a fine vacation, and we enjoy it.

Yours Truly,

A. W. Higgins.

P.S. I found my mail at the door on Wednesday when I came home from work. Could not tell who brought it. The last St Paul Press was missing. Think it was taken out ~~at~~ the bundle was open. Consequently we do not get the latest news.

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C., May 20, 1862.

Dear Sir:

The reductions of the meteorological observations made for this Institution from 1854 to 1859, in all parts of the United States, have been printed, and form a volume of 1270 quarto pages. The general temperature tables, periodical phenomena, storms, &c., which will form the second volume of about equal size, is now in the press.

The first volume is nearly ready for distribution: and as its size and weight prevent its safe transmission by mail, we request you to inform us how you wish it sent to you, whether by Express direct to your address, or to the care of one of our agents, viz:

Swan, Brewer & Tileston, = = Boston.

D. Appleton & Co., = = New York.

J. B. Lippincott & Co., = = Philadelphia.

R. Clarke & Co., = = Cincinnati.

Academy of Natural Sciences, = = Chicago.

We can deliver it to any of our agencies free of expense to you. Beyond those points, or if sent to you direct from this city, it will be necessary for you to pay the charges for freight.

Please state whether you wish your copy in paper covers or bound in muslin.

Yours, respectfully,

JOSEPH HENRY,

Secretary.

Peru, Indiana,
July 23^d 1862.

My dear Mary

Your letter to Miss
Peabody is in her absence from
Oxford forwarded to me.

With reference to the admission
of the young lady I would de-
clare that "Gates on the Mind"
is no longer a preparatory
study and though it is a decided
advantage to a young lady that
she study An. Geog. before entering
the Sem. we intend that hereafter
it shall be attended to in connection
with An. History. My advice to any
candidate would be that she study
the Geog. industriously and faithfully
so that it will take less time out of
the regular studies of the Senior yr.
So far as there were objections

They are thus disposed of.
In regard to the money —
I must ask you any part of
her father's bills and of so
from much. For the remainder
could she give the bank security
by her signature — and is it
Mr. Briggs' intention to sell
her land so soon as it can
be done to advantage. Will
scientific turn her legal ability
to control the suit and to
be profitable for its collection
will you write to me in regard
to it. It is my impression that
some arrangement can be made
so that she can enter the door.
in def. If I were in your place
I would have her offer Mr. Briggs.
Several hours every day — also
series of discussions —
In great haste but much love
Yours affectionately Wm. D. Webb.