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List of those killed in Renovo Co. [1862]

A List of persons killed in Renovo County.

Moore Brown Creek-

William Lunenfeldt

Ernst Hauff, wife and four children.

Mrs. Meyers and three children.

Michael Fitzlaff, wife and father.

John Sieg, wife and four children.

Mrs. Thiele and one child.

John Lettau and one son.

Ursis Andersen.

Gottlieb Mamviller.

Louis Leder.

William ~~Schmidt~~ ^{Schmidt}, wife and two children.

Mrs. Boelter and three children

Gottlieb Boelter and wife.

John Boelter, wife and two children

Eusebins, Rief, wife and two children.

John Kookendorfer, wife and one child

J. Schawalle, wife and five children

Paul Rittsman, wife and five children

John Munning, wife and three children

A. Gabel.

Michel Wagner.

John Grandeman, wife and five children

Friedrich Busse, wife and three children

J. Roessler

4548

1	A. Housler
4	J. Trassand, wife and <u>two</u> children
6	John Thiele, wife and <u>four</u> children
1	John Kuiper
1	James
1	John Newman

14
 41
~~35~~
 90

Wish

90 rec'd in Brussels &
above Brabant-Liège

[1862?]

Shakopee Sept 28th

Dear Sir

It con a stranger for asking
 you without ceremony. I have been a
 widower many years. My only child
 John Chester Wilkin, is a volunteer
 in C. I., Capt Strait, 9th Reg. & we
 suppose has arrived at Fort Ridgely
 about this time. I have no doubt
 you will do all you can for the
 welfare of your charge: but I feel
 like asking a particular interest in
 your progress for my son. He is not
 a Christian. Will you deal with
 him kindly & faithfully, I think his
 feelings are very tender now, & I
 dread the influences by which he
 may be surrounded, & Oh is he shall
 fall in battle he is not prepared.
 He has a cousin with him who is also

an orphan ~~his~~ name is Thomas Geary
will you please to wish me if they
should be sick, or wounded - He has
leaves a young wife & darling little boy
I take the liberty to send you a few
tracts for distribution - I can send
you the New York edition if it would
be useful - yours very respectfully
Lydia G. Weston

Wm. Weston

This man & his bride were in
Swiss, on their honeymoon
when the outbreak occurred —
see Isabella Riggs Williams, "By
the Great Wall — Letters from
China" pp 43 & 43.

Friday evening Sept 12

[1862?]

Dear Brother Riggs

I receive yours
of yesterday about sunset today
and am greatly rejoiced at the
news it contains do not hope
for any greater joy in this world
than to know that those Siko-
tas whom we have instructed
in Christianity bring forth
such fruit as to make it man-
ifest to all men that they
are born of Gods Spirit

I thank you much for what
you have written and yet feel
very desirous to know more ab-
out Simon's family and oth-
ers. Especially Mr. Huggins
I hope that Otho & day Simon
and Lorenz have done well
open the way for delivering
Others who are friendly
We are still in Mr. Adams

house but know not when we
shall leave it. He and his wife
came up from St. Paul today
uncertain whether to stay here or
return to winter in St Paul if they
go down again I suppose we will
stay in this house this winter.
Mrs W came up today in the
stage. She says she saw your
family day before yesterday
on their way to Saint Antho-
ny and they were well.

I wish you would make out
a list of all the kills of Ren-
ville County for the Prop. I sub-
scribe your facilities for doing
so are greater than any other
person possesses. I have a list of
92 in Brown Co & 26 in Murray
which I suppose are about all in
those 2 counties. I hope to send this
up with a bundle to Andrew by
Mr. Green your Brother
Thos S. Williamson

S. J. Hill

St. Paul, Aug. 5, 1862,

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Pajutazee.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to
trespass again upon your kindness
by desiring a second scrutiny
of plottings of the upper Minnesota
river. Within the last week
or so I have very carefully col-
lated all the topog^r. information
in my possession concerning that
region, correcting certain points by
the verbal information received
from yourself at our last meeting,
and have made a drawing of
the same an outline tracing
of which is herewith enclosed
for correction by you in ink
as before. Of course you under-
stand that intersections of the stream

with township lines are fixed points.
Beyond the surveys - except near
Yellow Medicine - the bends of
the river ~~are~~ are from Nicollet.
When this has been revised
by you I shall consider it
as final until some further
extension of survey lines and
shall take care to have it in-
corporated in the next edition
of Sewall's map. In the
mean time I will furnish
you with a ^{tracing} copy of the map
of the upper reserve so soon
as I shall have finished it.

Do you consider "Island
Rapids" the furthest up of the
rapids or falls between the Y.
M. and Chippewa rivers?

The other enclosed tracing
is from a map furnished me
by Mr. Leavenworth of his survey

of your ~~neighborhood~~. Please
mark on it as well as you
can from memory the locality
of the embarkment ~~on~~ ^{enclosure}
you spoke to me about, also
the position of any funeral or
other artificial mounds within
the limits of the sketch.

I have opened, in the interest
of the Historical Society, a small
record book of such things, which
I trust may be carried on by
some one or other until all such
works are noted and described as
far as possible, before the progress
of settlement and "improvement"
level them all. Will you favor
me with a memorandum (^{separate}
from a letter) of what you know
concerning such relics in the
valley of the Upper Minnesota,
arrayed somewhat thus -

Mounds - groups -

- ① Locality
Number
Height & diameter
Extent of group
Arrangement
Remarks

other works

- ② Locality Description
Shape
Extent
Remarks

Had I known at the time of the existence of this rampart in your vicinity, I certainly should have obtained the results of Mr. Li survey of it whilst I had the chance.

If I am here next winter I propose to make a diagram or ^{general} map of mounds &c. in the State & immediate environs and would therefore like to get as many localities as possible.

Trusting I do not intrude too much upon your time,
believe me to remain,

Sincerely yours
Alfred J. Hill

Rev. S. B. Riggs

Henderson Aug. 4. 1862

My Dear Sir

Yours of 24 ult received on Saturday last, and for which I am much obliged.

The mistake you name of 50 to my Credit is quite probable as I had some business on my mind at the time I wrote you regarding the Supervisors of whom I am Chairman. This letter is Confidential, at least so much of it as you think proper.

I fairly agreed with Mr. Remick for 7 mink skins \$1-50 Cts Each, he offered me "rat skins" If I preferred them, he had a pile of them, I think about 100. I sold the mink for \$7 & wrote them I had lost \$3.50. That was fairly my own loss - The pile (40, Cts) being otherwise arranged. I have no recollections about, no more than I have about the tray so as to be a present to them. I took a little note of them & think I was right, the note I dated as you will see by turning to it, I recollect some perquisites made them, but not the tray. I do not give presents & their charge for them. I wrote them I would let them have the No. bars for \$2.25. I paid \$2.50. Expecting to get my pay & wishing them to make a little I worked them under cost price. I lost them for my own

use finding I would want them here & no sale for them in this place I sent to them for sale —

Recollect at the same time I sent her a small present, Dress pattern, that cost me \$2 —

I wrote Mr & Mrs Reville, at different times for a statement as was agreed upon before I left. I could not get it until ~~my~~ my memory of things left for them to sell, was gone & expecting such things as I had in writing. When however, their ~~of~~ reached me, a copy of which I sent you, it was to a far thing, the amount due me, less the sled & M-bors, so you perceive they would have owed me at most according to their ~~of~~ \$10.25. I had all confidence in both him & her, & regret to say, taking their letters & all & in all connected with the case, I have lost confidence in both, so much so, that I am of the opinion, they would & easy if I never got a far thing, I think it would be best for me, if you can get the \$13.37 at the payments to do so, if not, take \$10, or less, any thing to have it settled, & since the blank rec. I sent you, to them ^{please} in full, my confidence in their ~~their~~ integrity caused me to leave every thing I did not take away in their care, to sell as they could & in short, I left things entrusted to them rather loose, true the sum was small, Again, You will observe the bill to which his name is affixed, makes him accountable to me as soon as ~~any~~ thing be sold.

You know the sleigh I had covered was
cheap at \$8. They wanted me to take an order
on Brother N. R. Brown for money due them from
him, for one of his children. I need only say
to you, I do not, directly, nor indirectly, meddle
with mixed bloods in the families of my brothers,
out of legal matrimony, ^{nor} do I intend to. So the order
I could not receive, nor would I have. So far
as your settlement with them, for me, is concerned
I think you have done all for me any one could
do & rest assured I appreciate your kindness.
I am willing to abide by your settlement, so
far as the sum arrived at is concerned, but
I would like something more definite than
their word, & therefore, wish you could have
a final settlement as of set stated. The
Tray she will please keep. The table and other
articles named by her as unsold. I ask nothing
for, do yourself with them as you wish & think
best

We all join in sending our respects to
yourself & family. We are all well. If any of you
happen down this way, make one place your
home while here. When you get the money send
me it by mail

Faithfully Yours
N. R. Brown

J. W. Hollister
1862

Travis des Chaux M-

Aug 12/62

Rev. A. T. Riggs.

Dear Friend.

I suppose you all
will be rather surprised when you learn
how much the war has to do with
this part of the community.

Very discouraging news came from
the President last night. If it is
true and if the news had come a few
days earlier some man here would go
to "Dixey" unless he was drafted.
The News is that Pres Lincoln has
decidedly refused to arm the Loyal
Blacks in putting down the great
rebellion in our land. What are we
as a Nation coming to!

I am going to leave my affairs in Mrs
Kottbetan's hands, but will try to learn
things in such a shape that she will

We expect to start for Pittsfield this Friday coming
421.02

not be bothered much. As well as I can find out from accounts not out of sight the account you have is correct unless it is on some small items I did not expect to make any charge. The amount of money received of you to pay tax with I do not know as I have it right perhaps you know the amount. In the first place you sent me a check Borup & Oak (if I remember right) of 18,21 The next saved 100 in Co order 4,00 And \$4,00 from Fletcher & Co.

to pay war tax with 4,00
Total \$24,21

What I paid out of this amount for tax I don't know, perhaps you can tell from the tax receipts.

I must go to the harvest field. The Dr starts up here this morn I expect to send this by him. I will try to write to you soon
Love to all
J. W. Northrup

Mrs Drake
Sep. 1862.

Walnut Hills August 17th / 62

My Dear Mrs Riggs

Again after so long
a time I sit down to have a familiar
talk (or rather to commence one) with you.

I have been hoping to write ever since
Martha went home but circumstances
have been such that I could not.

This has been an exceedingly trying
summer to me. My usual health gave
way during our harvest, but I kept
about until three weeks ago, then
was obliged to give the care of the
house to Fester. Much of the time
since have been confined to my
room. I rode out day before yesterday
to visit a sister-in-law who had been
very sick for two weeks while she was
taken suddenly worse & died in 10 minutes.
The excitement was too much for me
again I am laid aside, but trust I

shall be quite comfortable in a few days. Angelique has been complaining for several weeks, seemed to have been brought on in the first place by a cold & increased by an overloaded stomach of unripe peaches. Mrs. Haskins had her taken to her house as I was not able to attend to her. She had quite an attack of bilious fever. Sister treated her homoeopathically & as soon as she was able to be moved we brought her home as she was anxious to come. There seemed to be some trouble about her lungs, so I called Dr. Keizer & she is now under his care. She calls herself well most of the time but she is not, she is extremely languid most of the time & has but little appetite. She eats so little when she is well, that I have not felt alarmed for that account, but her cough was the most alarming & she tell me she

has not felt well since last winter when she had such a bad cold. Perhaps Martha remembers about it.

The Dr. was here yesterday & left her Quinine powders to day she seems much better, has been practicing & thought she would be able to write some after dinner.

I try to keep her mind employed but she feels so little like it, that I find it rather annoying to her.

She has been uniformly happy & cheerful & willing to do all I required of her. I had her commence work very moderate indeed, for she was so fleashy & the weather was so warm, that it seemed hard work for her to be very active.

She was looking very well indeed before she took cold.

She has not wanted to study this vacation & I did not urge her too, she was to commence ^{Ancient Geography} the week I

was taken sick, & neither of us have
been able for either student or teacher
since. Mary wrote this somebody some
time ago & only received an answer last
week it had lain in the office by some
oversight of the postmaster for so long.
I send it you as you can answer it
better than I. If Suzeligne cannot go
to school I should like to keep her
a year, if circumstances will admit
at all, to make it pleasant all around
but of this I will write you again
I have been two days writing this just
kept it at my side & wrote a few
lines at a time. Mr Duke has just
told me he was going to the city
& this should be on its way.

Much love to all,

Very affectionately

Luz P. Duke

P.S. I may be able to visit some
in Suzeligne's letter.

[Sept. 1862]

Mrs Riggs.

Will you accept from one
who sympathizes with you in
your misfortunes, a few plain,
but necessary articles. Such as I
take great pleasure in sparing, and
which I hope may be of use to
you -

Yours sincerely

Anna L. Farnsey

Mrs. Pourroy

Sep. 1862.

San Pedro Sep 4^e 1862

Dear friend Mr Biggs,

I have made enquiring about houses and have no doubt you can get a house here (either with or without the furniture) that would please you. The most unpleasant part of it is that there will be quite too many, for I have found out that quite a number of families are going east to spend the winter.

Mr Huxley thinks if he could get a family like your own to live in this house Mrs H. would go east soon & he would remain here until about 1st November, this place would be desirable, being in the central part of the town (directly opposite Mr Kerr) and they would leave ^{or the greater part of} all their furniture &c for your use, if any rent would be charged it would be very moderate.

As for schools I fear there will be none except Mr Loomis and I am not gratified as to how good a school that may be, in talking with Mr Kerr he expressed a strong desire to have yourself & family spend the winter here and said he would willingly have the boys recite in the higher branches if desired.

I fear our town will be a dull place this winter, yet those of us who remain will undoubtedly have plenty to do

I got home Tuesday afternoon and was greatly
rejoiced to find the greater portion of our transient
population had returned to their homes, but
my rejoicing was of short duration, before night
there came a report that 3 men & 2 children
were murdered by the Indians about 18 miles
from here on the Skuller road, they were of fam-
ilies who had only returned to their homes the day
before, this alarmed the people very much & very
many were back here again as soon as they could
get here, it will be some time if these people ever
again venture to return to their homes.

This morning it is reported that a small
party of Indians were seen within four miles
of town, report needs confirmation, yet I can
hardly doubt it, when these troubles first commenced
I was one of the unbelievers, but now I am ready
to believe most anything.

The future for this part of the
country is very gloomy indeed, it makes me sick
at heart to think of it, yet had it not been for the
best these sad calamities would never have been,
I have made up my mind to stand by the ship, feeling that
it would be very unmanly to desert it in a sinking
state, If I can be of any service to you it will
be cheerfully rendered.

Respectfully Yours friend
H. W. Stephens

I got home Tuesday afternoon and on going
upstairs to find the great portion of our
population had returned to their homes. I
was rejoicing over it, but when I found
that I could not get a horse to ride on I
was disappointed by the discovery. About 10
miles from the city I found a horse
man who had only one horse to ride on.
Before this I thought the people were
many times back and again as good as they
got them. It was the same sort of thing
in fact, to return to their homes.

The morning of the 10th I
found of the people who were
handy about it, when the trouble first
began one of the warblers, but now I am
to believe most anything.

The fortune for this part of the
country is very good indeed. I think
at least to think of it, yet had it not been
but these sad calamities I am sure
I have not to say that I am by the people
I would be not unwilling to accept it in a
state. If I could be of any service to you it
be cheerfully rendered.

Respectfully,
W. H. H. H.

W. H. H. H.
Oct. 1882.

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept 4. 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Paul Minn.

Dear Brother

On coming to
the Miss. House this morning, I was greatly
relieved by learning that all our dear
missionaries among the Senecas were safe.
Mrs. Matthews has very kindly written to
us from day to day; (I ¹⁰ had full telegrams
beginning Sat. Aug. 23; & yesterday a letter
arrived with a mem. outside that you & Dr
Williamson, were safe. That I was not
here; so that what he had written of life &
hope, & your two letters Aug. 24 & Aug 29 all
broke upon me at once. It has made the
day seem very pleasant & lovely. Though the
clouds over Washington, Cincinnati, Louis-
ville are truly portentous. I praise the Lord
for his great goodness to all the missionary
band. May we all show our thankfulness
in ways that shall please him.

I confess that I have had many

years. Such things are apt to be exaggerated & distorted; & I could not well see how you should all be killed, unless there was a sudden onset, that gave no chance of escape. Still it was quite possible that the tale was too true, & the published statement had an unformable appearance.

Hence we have had nine or ten days of trying suspense; but that is nothing, since you are all well. The Lord has been very merciful in sparing you; & we will honor him, & magnify his loving-kindness.

The thought of the property destroyed does not trouble me much, because of that which is saved. For your present necessities, you will obtain whatever is needful; & we shall expect to do what is just. Christian friends may aid, as they did before; all that is lacking, we must supply. I trust that neither you nor Mrs. K. will give yourselves any uneasiness on this score.

As to future plans, it is too soon to say any thing. Let us wait to see our Father's guiding hand. Any thoughts which you may

have on this subject. I shall be happy to
revisit.

Meanwhile, I hope you will give me,
as soon as may be, a succinct history of this sad
tragedy. 1. What is the real origin of the outbreak?
Is it confined to your Indians, or does it involve
others in the Yukon too, or? Have Secession agents
had a hand in the business? There is a singular
coincidence between the general movement of
the rebels, all along the border states, & the
Indian raid. 2. It will be well to give us a
succinct sketch of the exposures & escape of
the mission families, a little more full than
yours of Aug-24. You need not notice the
massacres of the whites. 3. What part have the
Christian Indians taken in this business? What
is to their honor should be said, to their credit
& for the honor of the people.

Christian Com to Mr. R. & all your
family. Dr Williamson also. I have not
heard from him, but shall in due time. John
has written to me from Ohio.

Very fraternally
S. B. Lusk

Am.
S. R.
Rygs

Lincoln Sept 5th

Dear Brother Ripps

Has come
news of the 7th Regiment are in
St Peter this morning and
I may have an opportunity
of sending this by them.
Lizzies health seems to be
failing again otherwise we
are in usual health except
that my feet have not got
well yet I spend from 6 to 7
hours each day in the hospi-
tal dressing wounds which
is just about all I am able
to do I hope to save some
limbs which but for my
presence would have been
taken off John came in
day before yesterday and
reports your family well the

day before at noon we are
still in Mr Adams' house but
expect to have it in a few
days. One letter for you I have
found in the Post Office since
you left. Seeing it was from
the Missionary House I opened
it. It is from Gordon and con-
tains nothing requiring an answer
before you return so I retained
Sister gave her trunk in to
the care of Suzann Maria's wife
and I think it probable it
will be found in Suzann Ma-
ria's house unopened if the
houses are not burnt off. I found
I hope you will try to have
it brought down.

I hope you will use all your
influence to prevent the soldiers
from burning such buildings
as the Indians have not

destroyed.

Mr E. Pattison & wife
were here this week & knew
her father's family but have
returned to their

your Brother

Thos. S. Williams

Letter to Josephine
Sept. 1862.

Portsmouth Sept. 5. 1862 -

My dear Sister

Last evening I received the letter of my dear brother who was dead, but is alive, dated at St. Paul 29th ulto, and as he may be where a letter would not reach him for some weeks - I write to you, -

After ten days spent in an agony of suspense & anxiety - on returning from a meeting of Presbytery 15 miles in the Country, Monday eve, the 3^d inst. I was first informed that my brother and family were all safe, - I supposed after seeing it so positively stated in the newspapers, that he was certainly dead; and then the probability that all his dear family were either murdered or perhaps worse than murdered, taken Captives by infuriated and brutal savages, which I daily expected to hear, had so depressed my spirits, as to almost distrust the goodness & mercy of God - But thanks and blessing and praise to his Holy Name for his mercy & loving kindness in your deliverance, I feel rebuked for my despondency, for my want of Confidence in God; and although Clouds and darkness are round about him, yet justice and judgment are the habitation of his Throne -

Dark & mysterious as these workings of his Providence seem to our limited vision, yet we must not doubt that they are all directed by Infinite Wisdom -

The folly and wickedness of the present great rebellion is so manifest that unbelief often enquires why did God permit it - and whilst the future is all dark and the results to us are yet unknown, yet we may with Confidence sing & say

"The Lord reigns let the Earth rejoice" -

But what of this little Indian rebellion; Why after more than a quarter of Century since the Dakota Mission was established should it be broken up; and all the labor expended apparently lost? Have all those red men of the forest who were supposed to be Christians, proved faithless? Did the Elder who was only a few weeks ago at the meeting of the Genl. Assembly in Cin^a (Mr Remick) prove false and joined himself with traitors? -

The present is a dark time in our National history, and the excitement on the Ohio river has not been so great as at present; we have enough in Portsmouth, but not so much as in Cincinnati, Pomeroy & Gallipolis - We have constant reports, many of them by telegraph, some true & some not true, of rebel armies, coming towards the Ohio at various places - This morning it is said that a rebel raid is made into Ohio, about 8 miles above Pomeroy, and that from 8 to 12 thousand are coming down Sandy towards Ashland & Ironton - For two days we have heard but little from the Army of Virginia, therefore conclude that Washington is yet safe, although in a state of siege -

We wish that things were more quiet here, that you would probably feel willing to accept an invitation to spend the ensuing winter with us - but as the present dark Cloud may blow over, or burst upon our heads very soon, I will write again in a week or two - And in the mean while, hope to hear from you or some of your family - praying that the Lord will keep you in the future as he has preserved you in the past -

I remain your affectionate bro. J. Riggs

Ms. A. 9. 2

Bloomington Sept. 8. 1862

Governor Ramsey

Dear Sir - I cannot refrain from troubling you again. I had supposed that J. R. Brown, who knows Indian habits so well, is so shrewd, & shrewd ~~men~~ would certainly avoid a surprise. It appears that he did not. Is there any reason to hope that you have any men there that will escape a similar fate without an authentication suggestion from yourself? It is a fact that we shall be always most in danger from Indians when we least expect it. They will attack us only when we think them to be "thirty miles off" because then only we shall be unprepared for them. They will never make an attack by day unless they feel sure that ^{we} are not expecting them. Ordinarily, they will ~~not~~ show themselves during the day previous to the attack. They will

narrowly watch all our movements every day & not themselves, be seen & know precisely when we encamp at night & will never let pass unimproved an opportunity to shoot at us in the night when we are asleep, & it will make no difference to them whether we are a thousand strong or only one hundred.

In view of these things which we know, in relation to the Indians, would it not be well to caution your military officers? It seems to me plain that the troops should never encamp in an unfavorable place, & especially if they have seen no Ind's during the day. They should never sleep by their camp fires, nor in their tents & never more than half of the command sleep at once during the night & then sleep as if they expected to be aroused by musketry? They had better sleep by day & expect an attack by night

It seems to me that it would be better
to camp specks, than tents, & selecting
their place shows up a little bank of
earth. & Let a trap wary way
night.

St. Anthony, April 16, 1862

My dear Husband

After reading the account of the
surprise at Birch Cooley, I asked Mr. G. H. Pond if he
couldn't write something that would induce our officers
to be more wary. He wrote a letter to Gen. Ransom, & this
is the first draft which I begged of him that I might
send it to you. I wish Mr. Pond could be appointed to
command an independent company to rescue Mrs. Thyr-
gird & Julia & the children. Mr. Pond says, & his wife & I
know as well as he does, that Indians out on a war
party, return without making an attack if they think
they have been seen by their enemy. I feared the Indians
might surprise our troops in conines while on the march
but I did not suppose they would encamp in a
place favorable for a surprise.

Faribault, Minn.
Sept. 12, 1862.

Rev'd S. R. Riggs
Chaplain Ind. Exp.
Rev'd & Dear Sir:

I have read with much interest of the visit of Thos Robertson to the camp at Fort Ridgely.

I write to ask information concerning the position of the Xian and civilized Indians, especially those of the Lower Sioux in this matter. What news of Mr. Prescott & family and of Mr. Secamps wife & children? I learn from Mr. Faribault that my house is still standing, I hope that the soldiers will respect the property that remains as I have a valuable library there. I trust that your house is also un-

injured. I pray God that a
remnant of the Lakotas may be
spared for I am sure that some
are faithful. If you will be
kind enough to answer my en-
quiries you will much oblige
your friend and brother in mis-
sionary work,

S. S. Hinman

Missionary to Lakotas.

Mankato Sept. 13. 1862

My Dear Brother

Sergeant Conner,
has just handed me your note.
I am glad to learn that the Indian
prisoners are any of the escaping.

We have had a great excitement
here which is still renewed and
kept up by every repeated outrage.

As you are aware, I have expected
to leave this place, and have had some
thoughts of accepting, if it should
be offered me, the undesirable, yet
important post of Synodical Mis-
sionary for the coming year.

I have not dared to say anything
about leaving since the excitement
commenced for fear of the effect
upon others. Indeed many of the
citizens have left, very much to their
own injury. I do not think there
is any particular liability now in

this place. And yet it is difficult to keep our women folks entirely quiet; particularly as we contemplate leaving this fall. Juliet also at Red Wing has been writing again & again to have them come down there. I had not thought to go until after the meetings of our Presbytery & Synod. But as a convenient opportunity offers to have the women go by private conveyance next week, we shall send the women in that way, and I shall stay and superintend the packing & transporting of some of my moveables. Br. Hicks has been invited by the people here, but whether he will get here with his family in the present state of affairs is doubtful. Mr. Duhee has been contemplating leaving this place to resume business with a former partner in Indiana who has been urging

his return for two or three years and has finally succeeded in inducing him to go. He will leave here as soon as he succeeds in settling up his business, so that he can leave. In this matter he has ^{been} aided by Providence, since this excitement commenced, by the accidental burning of their Mill, which was the result doubtless of neglect in the midst of the great excitement here in an early stage of it.

Can you be at our Meetings of ~~our~~ Presbytery & Synod? It is very desirable that both you & Br. Adams should be there, if imperative duties elsewhere, do not prevent.

Your brother in the gospel
Jas. Thompson

John P. Hollister

St Peter Sep 17/62

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir

I am continu-
-ally thinking of ways to get Sister
Josephine out of her present danger we
have no teams that would be of any use
in a flying trip across the prairie and
if we had I do not know that there
could be an mounted company raised for
a guard, now it seems like presumption
for me to make any suggestion to you but
my great anxiety must plead my excuse
could not a mounted company ~~be~~
reach Lacquishark unseen by any body of
Indians - by keeping entirely back from
the Minnesota river, as there are no
settlements, nothing to tempt the Indians
either by getting plunder or killing whites
is very ^{likely} they will watch that prairie

very closely, if it were possible to send
and get her away we would be very thankful
I cannot give up the Idea of having her rescued
but we seem to be so hampered with sickness
we could do nothing if any thing could be
done My husband has been quite unwell ever
since you were here. Perry is on the sick list
now. Rufus is doing as well as could be
expected. I am mending slowly, but am
not really able to write so please excuse the
appearance of this. I know you can do nothing
more than bring this subject before the military
commanders, and perhaps they may see some way
for her rescue. I will not ask you to write
to us as I know your time must be very
much occupied.

I remain Yours very truly

Eane S. Holtsclaw

Newton, Jasper Co. Iowa
September 18th 1862.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 29th ult. gave us great joy. It came in five days. We thought it barely possible, but altogether improbable that you had made your escape from the terrible Indians. When we learned that you were all safe we felt that ~~there~~ it was owing to a remarkable interposition of Divine Providence, and we felt thankful for it.

We should be glad to learn the particulars; and also the whereabouts of your family and of Dr. Williams. I do not know where this

letter will find you, but it shall direct it to Saint Paul, hoping that it will be forwarded to you.

We have had letters recently from Elisabeth Alfred and Margaret Rutthuford. Elisabeth feels a great deal of anxiety about George. He had been sick but was better when she last heard from him. Margerets son, Robert Bingham, had volunteered and was in camp at Mattoon. He was 2nd Lieut. and had some expectation of being Dr. Mr.

Four Companies of volunteers have left our County since the last calls of the Pres. There has been no drafting as yet and I think there will not be at this time.

We hear from Stephen about once a week, sometimes not quite so frequently. We received a letter from him day before yesterday, dated the 6th inst. James got one the same day dated the 8th. He was then in good health. He has been for

some time near Jacinto, Miss. fifteen miles from Corinth. He is now Capt. of his Company, the Captain having been made Col. of one of the new Regiments.

The war news for some time has not been favorable. Yesterday and today it is more favorable, if true. I am fearful we as a Nation, are not sufficiently humble, and penitent, and sensible of our dependance on God, to succeed in putting down this wicked rebellion.

Should we recognize the authority of God, and the claims of His law, and humble ourselves before Him; and "Break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free," and "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof," then might expect deliverance, and complete success. But the Lord reigns. We are in usual health. Your aff. br.

George G. Page

[Dr. Thomas S. Williamson's wife's family]

George J. Doye.

Newton, Idaho.

Dear Sir,

S. R. Riggs 1862
Rec'd
Ans. October 16.

Camp Release
Opposite the Chippewa
Sat.morn. Sep.27, 1862.

My Dear Daughter Martha:

Last evening a mail came in which brought me letters from you and your mother. We had just returned from the Dakota camp, which is about a half mile off and brought in a great number of captives women and children - I do not yet know the number but shall take the count in an hour or so. Yesterday was a high day with us. I have cried more within the last three weeks than I remember of doing in a like space of time before but I have cried only for joy.

I had written thus far when I was informed that I had to serve as interpreter to a military commission which was appointed to investigate the cases of the Indians so far as concerning their conduct in this uprising and also in regard to the captives. We had the captive women over at the camp and interrogated them individually as it regards their treatment. Oh how glad I was that my girl was not among them. Poor Mattie Williams, she has been wonderfully abused. She grieves much over it. I am very sorry for her. I have seen and talked with Julia two or three times. She says she has fared pretty well and has grown fat in her imprisonment. I don't know yet what she will do. I shall try and have her go down to school. I never kissed a girl with more gladness than I did her yesterday. I had her in before the military commission today to testify in the case of the Indian who had Mrs. Wakefield. That is a curious case but I cant tell you about it now. We have taken up and confined today eight men - seven Indians and one Negro. What will be done with them I dont know - probably it will go hard with them. They are charged with murder and rape. The intention is to purge out the iniquity from the camp and thus save those who are good.

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Supplementary notes to letter, by Rev. Thomas Lawrence Riggs

Julia Laframbois, a member of our family, see Mary and I, was with Mrs. Huggins at the time Amos Huggins was shot on his own doorstep. He was a Government teacher at Lac qui Parle.

Chaskeydan (the little first born.)

Enos - one of the men the missionaries sent off for a year to school and for a long while he was the only one of the four who gave any evidence of having made use of his advantages.

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S. R. Reggs.

List of cases [Oct. 1862]
at 2^d after Camp
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1	Ota-kte a Godfrey	To be hung
+ 2	Pi-hdo-ni-ca	"
+ 3	Wi-can-kipi-wa-ste-da-pi	"
+ 4	Ta-jue a Plan-duta	"
+ 5	Oyati-tawa	"
+ 6	Hinhan-sun-koyag-mani	"
7	Tahanpu-hida	acquitted
8	Charles Crawford	"
9	Makiat-onajin	"
+ 10	Maza-bo-mdu	To be hung
+ 11	Wakpa-duta	"
+ 12	Wa-he-hna	"
13	O-tonka	acquitted
+ 14	Sna-mani	To be hung
15	Tatemima	Released
16	Tunkan-towga	acquitted
17	Maza-jidou	"
✓ 18	Tae-yo ^{Tanington} hi	To be hung
+ 19	Hda-inyan-ku	"
20	Wa-kin-yau-to	acquitted
21	Wakinyan-tawa	"

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+ 22	Dawan-sa	To be hung	45	Tateoka-kate	dead	To be hung
23	Wamdi-kinyen-hiyaya	dead	46	Maza-eyo-mani	"	"
+ 24	Heper	"	47	Tavacinhe	dead	"
✓ 25	Oha ^{Tasoggonaga}	"	48	Kinyen-hiyaya	R.	"
✓ 26	Pejihuta-sha	"	✓ 49	Sho-ku-henka	Mazowisti	"
27	Ti'wanata	acquitted.	50	Maza-wi-cu-te	dead Jan. 1863	acquitted.
✓ 28	Tahomniwaste ^{Mazowisti}	To be hung	✓ 51	Anpa-hdi-najin	Dead	To be hung
✓ 29	Pawaste	"	✓ 52	Anpitu-sha	"	"
30	Tatebomdu	R.	53	Heper	acquitted.	"
31	Tunkan-ahna-mani	R.	✓ 54	Wa-she-cun-maze	To be hung	"
✓ 32	Hupahu-tihon	dead	✓ 55	Hokisidan-noupa	"	"
✓ 33	Hunthan	"	56	Tafeto-to	dead	"
34	Wamdi-tanka	R.	✓ 57	Tate-waken-hdi-hiya	"	"
+ 35	Tunka-sha	"	✓ 58	Wakenna	"	"
✓ 36	Wazi-duta	"	59	Sinta	dead	"
✓ 37	Wakan-hinapi-don	"	✓ 60	Wi-cakin-ca-maza	"	"
✓ 38	Oc-ce-ti-duta	"	✓ 61	Wakinyen-maza	"	"
✓ 39	Hokisidan-duta	dead	✓ 62	Peji-hoto	"	"
✓ 40	Tahokipi or akicito waken	"	63	Katpentpan-u	R.	"
✓ 41	Maka-mani-wasican	"	✓ 64	Maza-wakinyen-na	"	"
42	Winyen-akite	dead	✓ 65	Ta-canhipi-he-tan-he	"	"
✓ 43	Iyotaninna	"	66	Shotonna	R.	"
44	Norpa-hdi-naji	acquitted.	+ 67	Tunkan-c-cek-tag-mani	"	"

+	68	Ito-hota		To be hung
+	69	Amdo-ca		"
+	70	Hepiden		"
✓	71	Tate-tokura		"
✓	72	Castle-pticeden		"
✓	73	Yumra	Jummi	"
✓	74	Haki	Macrodon's grand son	"
✓	75	Wazi		"
	76	Hepanna	Il.	One year.
✓	77	Maža-iciyapa		To be hung.
✓	78	Wicanlipi-ota	died	"
	79	Oze-icasna	died	"
✓	80	Wasu-waken-hodi		"
✓	81	Alakipiya tanka		"
✓	82	Magawamunba		"
	83	Da-okankis	died	"
	84	Tate-sica	Il.	"
✓	85	Sagye-kitor		"
✓	86	Tate-yuha-mani		"
✓	87	Sote-dan	Alakipiya's son	"
	88	Tate-wangaggo	died	5 years.

✓	89	Tunkau-afutag-mani		To be hung	✓	112	Kakiboke		To be hung
✓	90	Kanpesska	dey	"	✓	113	Makaka-maga		"
✓	91	Maga-iyedan		"		114	Mica-wanjid	R	1 year.
✓	92	Tunkau-saigige		"	+	115	Henry Millord		To be hung
✓	93	Towahinkpe		"	✓	116	Makinyan-gi		"
✓	94	Hepeasduta		"		117	Ito-kathia (Ito-kathia?)	5 years	
	95	Tapeta-tentla	R.	"	?	118	Lam-igige		"
+	96	Makipi-kiniji		"	✓	119	Ito-tahomni		To be hung
	97	Manapuya	dead	"	✓	120	Kaduto		"
✓	98	Sunka hds		"	✓ +	121	Castle-ito	Setyke airture! Suffered to being but not	"
	99	Ia-sa-mani	R.	"		122	Maste	dead	"
✓	100	Maste-inape		"	✓	123	Anpeta-ogijin		5 years
	101	Bu-u-kita		acquitted	✓	124	Tamakhijic-hoto		To be hung
	102	Miyaho	R.	To be hung	✓	125	Icakhape		"
✓	103	Wanna		"	✓	126	Makinyan-wicakite	dead	"
✓	104	Tunkau-waken		"	✓	127	Iyoposmani	dead	"
✓	105	Tunwan-wakinyan		"	✓	128	Iatohwa-ingantlu		"
	106	Bozaya	R.	"	✓	129	Ayusne		"
✓	107	Makia Makigaji		"		130	Micite-maga	dead	"
	108	Nagidan	dead	"	✓	131	Louis Grenier		"
✓	109	Tunkau-toyemani	dead	"	✓	132	Antoine Provincialle		"
✓	110	Sintomni		"		133	Francis Day	acquitted	
✓	111	Masteito		"		134	David Furibault Jr.	R.	To be hung

	135	Thomas Roberts	acquitted
	136	Charles Crawford	2 ^d time "
✓	137	J ^r Provincello	To be hung
+	138	Baptiste Campbell	"
✓	139	Louis Labelle J ^r .	"
✓	140	Iwankam-inaji dead	"
✓	141	Wmangan-ku	"
✓	142	Tunkangidan	"
✓	143	Augustus Minire	"
	144	It-gikiye	dead "
	145	Zitka	acquitted
✓	146	Tunkangi	5 years
	147	Thomas Minire	dead To be hung
✓	148	Oyate-yanka	18. "
	149	John Minire	dead 5 years
	150	Joseph Minire	dead "
✓	151	Antoine Poyger	3 years
	152	Oyate-yanka	acquitted
✓	153	Tinazipe-wakan	To be hung
	154	Tawamuda-talokapapi	acquitted
+	155	Tate-hage	To be hung

156	Wakanhdito	N	five years	179	Napisni meza	dead	To be hung
✓ 157	Ite-wakan-hdioto		To be hung	✓ 180	Tunkan-totige dan Civil saw this man shoot a woman		"
✓ 158	Uaka-owoti-moni		acquitted	✓ 181	Wakanhdito		"
159	Tamahipe-waste	dead	five years	182	Hepan or Anpewangpani		acquitted
✗ 160	Ta-con-cya-waken	dead	To be hung	✓ 183	Hocoka		To be hung
161	Napis'a		acquitted	184	Wasunajin		acquitted
162	Wahinayan-callea		"	185	Magakuto		"
163	Hobut Hopkins	N.	To be hung	186	Cicage	dead	three years
✓ 164	Wasicun-isne		"	✓ 187	Napistau		To be hung
165	Zitkaden to		acquitted.	✓ 188	Wahokipi		"
✗ 166	Tacankipi-gajjan		"	189	Paksiksau		acquitted.
167	Hankige		"	✓ 190	Okoze		To be hung
168	Nahoton		"	191	Ti-Okawink-moni	dead	"
169	Wakiyehdi	dead	To be hung	✓ 192	Cetanhto		"
+ 170	Hepinkpa		"	193	Huyakuya		acquitted
✗ 171	Wamdingfides	dead	"	194	Wakanboide		"
✓ 172	Cotanka meza		"	195	Canika Wangidan		"
173	Tunka-waste		"	✓ 196	Waken-iyapa-moni		3 years
174	Tasina itoton		acquitted	197	Tacankipi-meza	dead	To be hung
+ 175	Hypolite Ange		To be hung	✓ 198	Kohdamni		"
176	Jrs. Nouille		acquitted	✓ 199	Tateicage		"
✓ 177	Tasakaduta		To be hung	✓ 200	Waken-hda moni		"
+ 178	Napisni		"	✓ 201	Taninyana		"



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|---|-----|-------------------------|------|------------|
| ✓ | 202 | Oshanna | | To be hung |
| | 203 | Patanin-nige | IL | " |
| # | 204 | Wunyan-kijida | dead | " |
| | 205 | Lagye-maga | | Acquitted |
| | 206 | Hokisiden-tokuca | | " |
| | 207 | Heyakka | | " |
| | 208 | Tonajin | dead | To be hung |
| | 209 | Hupacokamaga | | Acquitted |
| + | 210 | Wakantanka | | To be hung |
| | 211 | Nowatesapa | dead | " |
| | 212 | Hebo | | Acquitted |
| | 213 | Wazikute | | " |
| ✓ | 214 | Tawotawe-dato | | To be hung |
| | 215 | Wicasaije | dead | " |
| ✓ | 216 | Tunwan-wanjida | | " |
| | 217 | Hepen - Katpatpen's son | dead | " |
| | 218 | Tunkan-wani | dead | " |
| ✓ | 219 | Chakiden | | " |
| ✓ | 220 | Wajunkute | | " |
| ✓ | 221 | Wakan-dowan | | " |
| ✓ | 222 | Nina-iyopto | | " |

223	Wakinyan-kuto	dead	To be hung	247	Zitkaden-sa	acquitted
224	Peta-wanyag-mani	dead	3 years	248	Tawapaha-jeto	dead To be hung
+ 225	Tunkan-koyag-inaji	To be hung		✓ 249	Tawakinkpe	"
✓ 226	Anpakhodinoji	"		✓ 250	Timejipe	"
227	Otehedan	dead	"	✓ 251	^{hd} Wakau-insipuda (old man)	"
✓ 228	Hepinkpa	"		252	Dowanwenku	Dead "
✓ 229	Tatehdi-noji	"		✓ 253	Wakinyan-kuto	"
230	Hotankwa	dead	"	+ 254	Mekatiniji	"
✓ 231	Tateputa	"		255	Iwankam-inaji	dead "
232	Tawepu	dead	"	✓ 256	Tacankipi-ojienji	"
233	Namdeca	acquitted		✓ 257	Tacankipi-wakman Maza-toninginkwa	"
✓ 234	Hinhan-ijekiza	conspicuous	To be hung	✓ 258	Par-tanin-nije	"
✓ 235	Maka-ingentke	"		259	Ota-kizaya	dead "
236	Maza-tonkwa	acquitted		✓ 260	Wasicun-sapa	"
237	Iyjanjan	R.	To be hung	261	Ginkpa-tawa	R. "
238	Tahokipi-wakau	R.	"	✓ 262	Makipiya-duta	"
239	Iywanijeda	acquitted		263	Maza-ide-yeda	dead "
✓ 240	Ito-icasna-mani	Cante woman	To be hung	+ 264	Paja-kute-mani	"
✓ 241	batan (Pepi's son)	Mute	"	265	Tate-kakneji	acquitted
✓ 242	Anputu-kok'sida (Pepi's son)	"		266	Hanyeta-kokipapi	dead To be hung
✓ 243	Makipiya-koto	"		✓ 267	Makipiya-wasicun	"
✓ 244	Ojienji	"		268	Oye-waza	R. "
245	Tahokage	R.	"	269	Louison	acquitted.
246	Makipiya-kahoton	acquitted				

270 Makipija-ohijeda died To be hung

271 E-ca-yauka died "

✓ 272 Mo-shohdi "

✓ 273 Anputu-keto 3 years

✱ 274 Capa-date died To be hung

275 Ikipi-lapa died "

276 Makia-aken-iwauka died "

✓ 277 Makanhobi-keto 3 years

278 Wicito-waga acquitted

+ 279 Iato-hdi-dan To be hung

✓ 280 Otin-iyapa Hingomani "

281 Iato-tawa acquitted

282 Wiconkipi-noupa died To be hung

283 Ehwa-hu acquitted

284 To-wicasta died To be hung

✓ 285 Makipi-hepija "

286 Makipija-keto died "

287 Meza-adidi R. "

✓ 288 Makipija^{acjelubomni}-achdomni "

289 Mahpe-chwa acquitted

290 Oyato-tauka died To be hung.

✓ 291	Aca-k'sin		To be hung	✓ 314	Citar-kota		To be hung
✓ 292	Nazi-wicketo	did	"	315	Tahocokawaste	did	"
✓ 293	Ganomeni	did	"	316	Wakenna	dead	"
✓ 294	Tio-kiti	"	"	✓ 317	Maja-kinyan hijaye	1/2? (Maja kinyan is)	"
295	Tate-hotenka	acquitted	✓ +	318	Wasican	supposed to be hung but not.	"
296	Oye-kokipa	did	To be hung	✓ 319	Wajuta-sapa		"
297	Nape-hutusna-meni	did	"	✓ 320	Ipakito	did	"
✓ 298	Guye-da	"	"	✓ 321	Wotoca	Makychonaji	"
✓ 299	Wakandapi	"	"	322	Wakinyan-ti	did	"
300	Wakinyan-hodi	did	"	323	Tahocokadota	did	"
301	Ecadoze	R.	"	324	Cun-kido-kia-duta	R.	"
✓ 302	Mangeta-wakana-meni	did	"	✓ 325	Ricosmani		"
✓ 303	Howaste	Makipi howaste	"	326	Wicenhpi-hijaye	acquitted	
✓ 304	Konfustka	Iti wandi ^{did} _{dead}	"	+ 327	Aicaga		To be hung
✓ 305	Humungu-ka	"	"	✓ 328	Kawinge		"
306	Hanfe-dato	acquitted	✓	✓ 329	Zitkadon-ti		"
307	Nape-koyag-meni	did	To be hung	✓ 330	Man-wakau-kide		"
✓ 308	^{Maka-o} Wakau-homni-kuda	"	"	331	Gan-hdiska-maga	did	"
✓ 309	Makipi-akicite	"	"	332	Wasicunna	acquitted	
310	Tasunkawakau	did	"	+ 333	Glotaninken	(hung by mistake)	To be hung
✓ 311	Wamdingi	"	"	334	Jo Allord	acquitted	
312	Tunkan-iyewicakijo	did	"	335	Shake-kota	did	To be hung
✓ 313	Makipi-wicketo	"	"	336	Wiyaka	R.	"

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To be hung List of names.

for impious at Camp, Red House

Lower East 477

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|---|-----|---------------------|-----------------|
| ✓ | 337 | Maga wicasta | To be hung |
| | 338 | Iyahni-wape | dead " |
| ✓ | 339 | Nom-ahde | " |
| | 340 | Tunkan-owhde'ska | dead " |
| ✓ | 341 | Saiciye | " |
| + | 342 | Coten-humka | " |
| * | 343 | Tawahintipe-waga | dead " |
| ✓ | 344 | Iwewe | " |
| | 345 | Wiyus'kin | acquitted |
| | 346 | Akicito-najin | " |
| | 347 | Makipiye-toda | R. 1 year |
| | 348 | Knihde Louis Walker | acquitted |
| | 349 | Rinyan-hide | R. To be hung |
| | 350 | Wakenhdi-kote | dead " |
| * | 351 | Makipiya-wakenhdi | dead " |
| ✓ | 352 | Tunkangi-icipe | " |
| | 353 | Makipe-owenke-nani | acquitted |
| | 354 | Tate-cankipi | " |
| | 355 | Pago-najin | dead To be hung |
| ✓ | 356 | Tatohiya | " |
| | 357 | Ipekite | dead " |

358	Wasu-hdehaya	acquitted	381	Oyate-kokipsapi	Border by M.H.P.
+ 359	Gankahda	To be hung	+ 382	Mahuwewa	To be hung
✓ 360	Nagi-cakimari	"	X 383	Wakinyana	dead "
361	Wayapsamani	acquitted	384	Icago-hiyaye win	acquitted.
✓ 362	Makka-nakitaku	To be hung	385	Makane'sote	R. 1 year
✓ 363	Iyake (Tiptawa)	"	386	Tiohomnapi	dead! To be hung
✓ 364	Makipiyawekau	dead "	387	Tunkau-wicakto	dead "
365	Hok'siden	acquitted	388	Itoknallo	dead? "
✓ 366	Ilepi	Dead To be hung	389	Mani-kiga	R. "
✓ 367	Wicankpi-duta	Ising with Makhi "	390	Tatiwakaukide	dead "
368	Ti-ivazipe	dead "	391	Ohomni	dead "
✓ 369	Maja-iskans'ken-mani	"	✓ 392	Makipiya-gi	"
✓ 370	Taninyau-holi-ucji	"		Wiyahawani	dead "
371	Hamdi-san	acquitted		Wovinape	"
✓ 372	Makipiya-cokaya	To be hung	✓	Maja son - Minnubye	
+ 373	Hdo-hin-hde	"			
374	Maja-fida	acquitted			
✓ 375	Painyanke	To be hung			
✓ 376	Tunkau-waste'to	"			
+ 377	Oyate-aku	"			
✓ 378	Makipiya-ota	5 years			
✓ 379	Alucite	To be hung			
✓ 380	Makipiya-cokamani	"			
	Paul's step son				

Jefferson Cedar Co. Iowa

Sept. 30/62.

Dear sister Mary,

Do not think because I have not written sooner, that I have not sympathized with you in your great trials, and rejoiced with you over your escape from the awful danger that threatened you.

The Lord has shown his care for his people - Shall we not praise him, and trust him for all that is to come. I try to do this - I tried to do it, during the days he supposed you had all perished.

But I found the question often coming up - Why had God permitted this? My sorrow was turned to joy by a paper I received from St. Paul - &

suppose from Alfred. I have just read Mr. Biggs letter in the Missionary Standard. How you must have suffered in body and mind in that week on the prairie. I wish some of you felt able to write me about it. And how you are to be clothed and fitted for the winter. I have wished I could share my wardrobe with you. It is not very extensive but is probably greater than yours just now.

Charles enlisted under this last call for volunteers - he thought it was his duty - and I gave him up to God and his country - it was hard to do so - but the Lord sustains me - I still feel it was right. He was home on a furlough of four days last week - as he kissed me, God

bys, - it was indeed hard to think that I had given him up to war - cruel war. Pray for me that I may trust in God and that Charles may truly be a Christian - that if we meet no more in this world, we may meet where wars and fighting are not known - where all is love and peace. He is in the 24 Reg. Iowa Volunteers - The "Des Moines Regiment", Co. C. Capt. Johnston. Is clerk of the company. I tell you because I thought you would follow the course of the Reg. with more interest, if you knew the facts. Charles likes his position very much and his company & most of the officers. The Regiment is in camp at Muscatine, on the Mississippi 27 miles from home. They have been mustered in, have their uniforms, but not their arms. It is thought they

Lizzie Julia
Oct. 1862.

may be called to go north
instead of South. I don't know
which I should rather fight
Indians or rebels.

The President has at last come out
with a proclamation of freedom
to the slaves, if certain conditions
are, or are not fulfilled. Why
oh why, did he not put it on
the broad ground of right? and
why has he put it so far off?
Must we wait until our

young men are all sacrificed
to this moloch of slavery?
The Lord forbid and save us
and our children, for his own
mercy's sake. This collar is
the work of our Martha - she
sends it your Martha with her love.
The girls all send love to you all -
and accept a large share to
you & to Mr. R. & each of the children
from your aff. sister Lizzie.

your letter to Miss House Boston
dated Sept 23. 1862
Rev L. S. Williamson care of
St. Peter, Minn. and saying that
you were to leave Proctor

Yours of the
8th inst. I rec^d - four days ago. I
had heard of your safety before, with
the greatest thankfulness; for I had
many fears that you were all numbered
among the dead.

I thank you for your full history of
your escape; & allow me to express the hope
that you will give me as much information
as possible in regard to the whole affair. I
should like to know more as to the cause of
the outbreak. Has secessionism any thing
to do with it? (2) What part have the Christian
Indians borne in the contest? Have they kept
clear of all outrages? Have they done what they
could to save life? (3) What is to be the issue
of this uprising for the Saskates, & for our
north? You will think of other matters that
will be interesting & profitable to me.

I should be glad to be able to say
that the Christian Indians have all behaved
well. If the fact can be made out, it
will have great value. I fear, however,
that you will be obliged to report some
shortcomings.

I have not proposed to agitate the
question, "What are we to do hereafter?"
just yet. But Mr. Cunningham seems
to consider his work as done. He wishes
to know what he can receive from the
Board. This circumstance obliges us to have
some reference, immediately, to future plans.

I hereby inclose a letter which I
have written to him; & you will see that
I wish the mission to take the case
into consideration. Please to give us your
best wisdom.

Please to address Mr. H. M. Lane,
Miss Nancy, & all of my personal regards.

Very affectionately

WY

S. B. Linn

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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, DEPOSITARY.
No. 150 Nassau-st.

American Tract Society, }

New York, Sep. 30 1862. }

My Dear Bro. Riggs,

We thank God that you
& yours were rescued from death;
but I know not whether this will
reach you, nor who survives to use the hymns.

I write to say that the Hymns are
stereotyped, making 158 pages; &
the thing next in order would
be to send you the stereotype
proofs to be corrected so far
as any error exists, - but we
must wait till you tell us where
to address them to you; & after
they shall be corrected we expect
to wait till you tell us whether
any, & if so how many are
to be printed. Our Executive Com-
mittee voted to bear \$50, of the
expense.

May the Lord still be with &
guide you. In affec. Bro. in Christ
Wm A Hallock Sec'y.

[Sept. 30th 1862]

Lima September 30/62

UNION FOR EVER

My Dear Brother and Sister

It was with Devout gratitude to God
that I once more beheld your famil-
iar handwriting. After we had
nourished you as dear for a week,
"Glory be to the name of the Lord"
He has been better to us than our
prayers. And now I could wish you
were here. But how to get that accom-
plished I do not know. At present
Cincinnati is in danger from the
Rebels or Masses would go to
your relief. But I think this
state of things will not last long.
Write as soon as you can and
let us know what we can do
for you and what you purpose
doing. I wish you were here.

E-Alfred

We had a letter from our dear
Boy yesterday - his health
has been poor ever since he
has been in Mississippi. But is
better now he is at Su-ka in
that State - I wish Martha would
write to him - his Address is Cam-
pany 3, of the 27th Regiment U.S.
Care of Capt. Winters Gen. Stanley
Division Su-ka Mississippi -

My own health is poor - Mr. A. is
pretty well & have not had a letter
from Moses since last week. But
perhaps I shall to day -

Our love to you all - And
Sympathy - for your Affliction
I remain as ever your Affec-
tionate Sister Elizabeth Alfred

Camp Release

Sep. 30. 1862.

My Dear Boys,

Thomas, Henry, and Robbie.

I have heard from your mother that you are all going to school. I am glad of it. I hope you will all try and improve as fast as possible. Now is your planting time. Plant good seeds, and plenty of it, and plant it in good ground, and then you may expect to reap a good harvest.

When I came up to the camp at Fort Ridgely I was appointed Chaplain of the Expedition with the rank of Captain. I am attached to the staff of Col. Libbey - sleep with the commanding officers and the Adjutant. We have besides them a few more who sleep in the tent - and still more who eat here. There is a drummer boy who stays here all the time with his drum. One boy stays a day and is

relieved by another in the evening - that
is another comes and tells his place.
The drummer boy is called The orderly.
He is the orderly to Col. Foster the Adjutant.
Col. Libby has another orderly. But
the drummer orderly's business is to
run on errands, take messages etc. He
brings water for us to wash in the morn-
ing, waits on us at meals and does other
things as occasion requires. I have noticed
a great difference in our orderlies - we have
two or three who are very accommodating
and two or three rather worthless boys.

The little stove which your Mother used
to have in her bed room is now warm-
ing us in our tent. Some soldiers went
out foraging and brought in the stove
from Mr. Pettyjohn's house. We enjoy it
very much. Our tent had been very sickly
for several days, as the stove makes
a very great improvement.

Among the 120 captives which are

in our camp there are quite a number
of orphan children - some of them quite
small. We have had great difficulty
to get any thing to keep them warm - a
dozen of women came to the tent to day
asking for blankets - we had only a half
a dozen to give them. We expect to start
them down soon - perhaps to morning. But
it has been to morning for several days.

Simon Mashecharantaka who was shot
in the back at the battle of Wood Lake
is dying to night. They brought him in
wounded and have kept him in a tent with
a guard over him ever since. It is well
if he dies - for if he had got well he would
have been hung. There are a good many
Indian men whom they have taken up
as having a share in the killing of white
people. While I was writing this last
fortune Capt. Grant came in to have
me get a Guano boy to testify in the
case of a Minnibago Indian. I found

the little fellow asleep and not willing
to be waked up. But another little
fellow with great earnestness told
him if he did not go to bed, the
Ladies would kill the cat.

The men were sent for Mrs. Higgins.
on Saturday last. Have not yet come
back. I begin to fear something
may have happened to them. Still I
hope they will get by. And in

I have written this with several in-
terruptions as it is not a bad time.

Good night my boys. Say adieu to your
boys - don't quarrel with each other
be obedient to your parents.

Your father

S. R. Briggs

A List of the White persons and Half Breeds delivered at Camp
Release - Oct. - 1862

George H. Spruce Jr.

Mrs. Dr. Wakefield and two children.

Mrs. J. W. Earle and two daughters.

Mrs. N. D. White and two children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bartholomew and one child.

Benedict Eune - aged ten years.

Mrs. Mattie Williams.

Mrs. Mary Swan.

Mrs. Cook from Lela Phutack.

John Wright in charge of Mrs. Cook.

August Boos and two sisters

Mrs. Mary Patterson and two brothers.

John Smith and sister.

Mrs. Paulina Urban and four children.

Mrs. Analia Large and two children.

Mrs. Estera Frase and two children

Mrs. Thurea Eisenrich and five children.

Mrs. Sophy Limmas and two children

Jane Ingalls and sister.

Nancy Coursatte and sister

Harriet Robinett, brother and two sisters

Mrs. Martha Clason and two children.

Mrs. Harriet Adams.

- 3 ✓ Mrs. Matilda Lebatto and two children.
- 4 ✓ Mrs. Harriet Valliant and ^{three} two children.
- 2 ✓ Mrs. Margaret Cardinal and one child
- 1 ✓ Elizabeth Peckard, sister's child of Mrs. Cardinal.
- 3 ✓ Mrs. Antoine LeBlanc and two children.
- 1 ✓ Bertram Labatte.
- 4 ✓ Mrs. Dorothea Krouse and three children.
- 2 ✓ Mrs. Wilhelmina Eindingfeld and child.
- 1 ✓ Mrs. Augusta Lance.
- 1 ✓ Henrietta Reiger, four years old.
- 1 ✓ Mrs. Francis Wochler.
- Mrs. Maj. J. R. Brown and eight children.
- Mrs. Charles Blair and two children.
- Mr. and Mrs. August Brown and child.
- 1 ✓ Louis Kitchman, twelve years old
- 1 ✓ Galoot, ten years old.
- 1 ✓ Henrietta Yes, nine years old
- 1 ✓ Solomon Borden, seven years old.
- Mrs. Josephine Huggins and two children.
- 5 ✓ Mrs. Mary Woodbury and four children.
- ~~Mrs.~~ Mrs. Sarah Barnes and three children.
- 2 ✓ Mrs. Lucy Tarratt and one child.
- George Thompson
- 1 ✓ Mrs. Eunice Wilson
- 3 ✓ Mrs. Rosalie McLane and two children.
- 4 ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Laramie and two children.
- Thomas Robertson
- Mrs. Robertson and three children.

S Mrs. Marion Hunter.

Mr. Gabriel Renville and five children

Charlie Crawford

Mrs. Magahdewin and two children.

Mrs. Theresa Renville and three children.

Mr. Antoine Renville and three children.

Miss Sophia Renville

Isaac Renville.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Renville and child.

Mr. Joseph Renville and child.

Rosalie Renville and child.

David Orthey and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Campbell and three children.

Mr. Michel Renville and three children.

Mr. Labelle and five children

Mary Chevalier.

Charles Mitchell and five children

July Campbell and child

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell and seven children.

Mrs. Linby and boy.

Hypolite Osier.

Louis Martin, wife and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lafontaine and two children.

Therise Lafontaine and child.

Miss Julia Lafontaine.

Peter Rouyer and child.

Joseph Rouyer and child.

Joseph Martin, wife and three children

✓ Baptiste Charbonnet.

John Mosseau, wife and three children.

John Moor, wife and six children.

Mrs. Jeannine Moor.

August Robertson

Augusta Robertson.

Thomas Robinson.

Henry Millard.

Mrs. Campbell.

John Campbell & child

Baptiste Campbell and two children.

Celia Garrison

James Campbell wife and six children

David Furibault Jr.

Mark Graham and five children

Mr. David Furibault Sr.

Mrs. Mary Furibault and child.

Mary Josephine Furibault,

Joseph LeBlanc and six children.

Joseph Montant and four children.

In all - white persons 107.

Half Breeds 162.

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Held at Camp Release

White & Half Breeds

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J. F. Millin

Quincy Oct. 6th 1862

Dear Brother Ripps

I have received two letters from you that I have not acknowledged one just before I started to Lynn and the other I found here on my return. Last Friday evening the latter was written shortly after the battle near Mud Lake. I thank you for the information they contain. We had a very pleasant meeting of Lynn D. Kundal and Kent were both there. Very little was done or talked about except home missions and preparing a narrative which was written by Mr. Thomson with an appendix about the Indians by myself in regard to our churches among the Indians

We had more and better preaching
than at any other meeting
of our Synod which I have attended.
The most elegant and by far the best
delivered discourse was by Dr. Schindel
on Friday evening. Early on that
day he told us that he wanted an
expression of our views, the Synod
in regard to the Indians in regard
to the result of the outbreak and
brother Hicks moved the appointment
of a committee to draft such a
paper and that G. H. Pond be
chairman and though he protested
against the nomination Mr.
B. Thomson and myself were
appointed said committee but neither
he nor I could guess what was wanted
of us till we heard Dr. Schindel's sermon
in which he took strong ground that
that the Kingdom of Christ is to
be extended not so much by preach-

ing the gospel to the heathen
as by colonizing the more vigor-
ous Anglo Saxon race. I then
saw what was needed if not wanted
and having written three pages the
size of this as an appendix to the
narrative of the state of religion
I added four more of the same
size which not being homogene-
ous with the rest was with a
review of his sermon and in-
cluded therein from the report.
I did not object to this, though
I would have liked to speak on
the subject but found no con-
venient opportunity of doing so.
Last Sunday I visited St. Antho-
ny and took breakfast with your
family, they were in usual health
in a nice house is a pleasant
part of the town.
Wednesday I left Waver, Jamesick

at her Black Ponds.

In Shakopee I received a letter and small package of tracts, I suppose from Mrs Greenleaf, for you which I expect to send up with this.

Mrs Jones Pettijohn came with me from there and his family in my ox wagon and got here late Friday. Wm & Simon be willing to change back my mare and wagon for his oxen and wagon I would be willing to give some boot especially if I could get the buggy which I now gave away but Oyr & the took and said I did.

Elinor has not been so well since we came here and her younger child is very ill just now others of us about as usual I shall be glad of any information about our Indians

Yours brother

Thos. Williamson

Oct 9th / 62

Dear Sir Although a stranger
to you you seem like an
old friend to me and I take
the liberty to trespass upon your
time. You are or was
acquainted ^{with} W Huggins
and wife - his wife is my
daughter - In my mind I
am suffering over again the
sufferings of Josephine in
her supposed dangers and
trials - I believe she is still
alive. I believe you will do
all you can for her safety.
My heart rejoiced when I hear-
ed you was with Col Sibley's
expedition. As you may not
be remote from the place of her
peril I write to you desiring
you ^{if you} get any information
of her and the children to

impart that information to me
if your duties allow you the time
and also advise me whether I
can get from the settlements to
"Langes" where you wrote she was
on to where you may ascertain
that she now may be — and
whether I can be of any assistance
in rescuing her

I had borrowed a rifle with the
determination of coming up to
Minnesota and if possible join
a some force or supply train
going to the Indian country — My
health now very good — and taken
lame with rheumatism — my friends
advised me to wait until I
^{received} more definite information

"But if I can be of any service I
am ready to start at any time
This suspense seems intolerable
My Post Office Address is

Abingdon. Knox Co Illinois

Yours truly

Rev^d Mr. Riggs.

J. D. Marsh

[Father-in-law of
Amos W. Huggins]

St Louis October 2nd 1862

My dear Mrs Riggs.

I know not if I shall have the good fortune to reach you by letter - but ever since the news of the ordeal through which you have been preserved reached me I have constantly wished I might tell you how thankful I was to a merciful Providence for your lives and how anxious I am to hear from you all and as much of your situation as you felt like communicating. My own anxieties and sorrows have so occupied my mind since I parted from you that I have not felt that I could do myself or the occasion justice in writing to you.

While life lasts I shall ever
retain a most grateful
remembrance of your friendship
for me. Every scrap of information
from any of you or rather concerning
any of you was was eagerly seized
by me. And now since so much
has happened it would be a
great satisfaction for me to hear
directly from some one of your
family if you are too much
occupied - and little Robert how
he is in fact every one of the
circle. Mr Olmsted is still in
Denver City he went there a
year ago last March. I do not
look for him at home it is
uncertain when he will return
I am still keeping house for my
brother in law Mr Foster and
taking care of the two boys my own
sister and sister Amanda are

Bryan. Mrs Treat and myself
are all the children left to
our parents now. and their health
has been at times very uncertain.
since my youngest sister died
my mother has never recovered her
elasticity although cheerful &
resigned. My Father's health is
as it was when I was in Yellow Medicine
though I have been home from
here three times since I came
down here in consequence of their
illness. Loring is a healthy
child and as fond of books as ever
Please give my kind regards to
Mr Briggs and very much love
to every member of your family.
Accept many assurances of respect
& friendship from yours sincerely

Please direct to care of
Brother Olmsted.
Theo - Foster & Sons Shot Tower Co.

My dear Aunt
cousins. She is
absent this eve,
with Allen, three
miles from home,
attending a
wedding here.
Good night -
many kisses for
you and ones, es-
pecially from Mr
& to little Maria.
What is her age?
How old is her
wondering on the point

It was with great
pleasure that your letter was read
from the first intelligence of Snod-
grass's hostilities, we could not feel that
you & your dear ones had perished.
Still we had much anxiety until
the reception of the St Paul's paper
announcing the facts in the case.
Our hearts sent forth thanksgiv-
ings to our common Father, for your
wonderful deliverance.

I suppose Mr & Mrs. M. Phe-
are in St. Anthony, if so give them
our best regards, & many thanks
for their kindness to our loved ones
in their time of trial. May the
Lord remove them many fold,

Mary's right shoulder troubles her, renders writing difficult,
but she would return a great favor to receive letters from

in this life & ⁱⁿ the life eternal.

Edmund is in the army, in the 65th. Ill. Reg. We have heard nothing from him since the battle at Harper's Ferry. He was at Martinsburg previously, & we suppose among the procooled prisoners who were sent to subdue the Min. In. If so he may meet your dear husband. Wish he might by a kind Providence, be brought under his watchful care. Please ascertain if such is the fact. We cannot avoid feeling some solicitude in his behalf. Still we find great comfort in committing him to one "who never slumbers," & feel that he is ever safe in His hand. He was coasting in the the terrible storm of Apr. 1860, & was almost miraculously preserved. Was in Saranack about the commence-

ment of the war. We have some hope that he is a Christian. He writes interesting letters, & desires the prayers of friends, that he may not only be a good soldier of his country, but a true soldier of the cross of Christ.

Do you still observe the Sab. eve. family prayer meeting, in which relatives & friends are especially remembered? They are precious seasons to us at times.

Your dear namesake gives pleasing evidence that she is a growing Christian; & has an ardent desire to obtain a thorough education. She hopes to teach next summer. Can you help me devise any way in which she can accomplish her wish for mental improvement & usefulness? She has never entirely recovered from the

Sister Lucretia Oct 25 '62

effects of the measles. Did you receive her letter written some months since? Would it be best for her to attempt to pay her own way in some school as far from home as Ill. What do you know of Mr Orinell Cooley & his school at Dixon Ill.? He was much interested in her when here more than a year since. Louisa is striving to fit for Holyoke. Cousin Horvick has buried a beautiful boy not two years of age. His name was Frank. Mr. M. has buried both his parents.

Mrs Susan Shepard is suffering from a cancer in her breast, which must ere long terminate her earthly pilgrimage. Uncle Shepard is feeble. Other friends here are in usual health.

May God grant you & yours his choicest blessings, & bring all your precious doings, into his kingdom speedily. Your ever loving sister
L. Cooley.

J. P. W.

Traverse Octr 25 1862

Dear Brother Ripps

I thank you
for your favor of 18th Inst which
I received day before yesterday
I am sorry to hear that there
are charges against Esker and
Lafitanka I cannot suppose
either of them or Hesperanta have
been guilty of participating in
any of the murders but if the
members of the court who try them
think and feel as do a majority
of those whom I have spoke of the
Lakotas and the editorial corps
of Minnesota universally so far
as I know innocence will be no
guaranty of safety. The malicious
bitterness of spirit and determina-
tion to exterminate the Sioux man-

perpetrated by all the politicians of
Minnesota and a large part of
our ~~public~~ people makes me fear
sometimes that the war instead of be-
ing ~~near~~ ended is but just
begun for I am persuaded Our
Ruler has a plan among
them and that if our rulers
yield to the wicked cry and attempt
to exterminate them or which is
the same thing drive them off to
the great Prairie where they must
perish of cold and hunger we must
suffer for it for God himself will
placard this crime against us

I expect to send this by Brother
Tor and John if you receive it
before you start down please if
possible to ascertain the views of
Agent Galbraith about what
will and ought to be done with
the Indians his wards and inquire
of him about the manner of

making out accounts for dama-
ge for property lost on the
reservation when he will be
ready to receive and pay them
and whether there will be any
need of or use in employing
an attorney.

In common with many others
I felt somewhat provoked at Col
Libby for the slowness with which
the army moved as he went up
but now that he has recovered
nearly all the captives and reduc-
ed to submission so large a por-
tion of those engaged or supposed
to be engaged in the war I feel
and think the people of our state
ought to feel very grateful to
him and doubt whether there is
any other man who could and
would have done so well even
though he may have erred in
some things.

Then on various matters concern-
ing our mission which we should
talk of when you come down
John has been writing him sometime
expecting you that we might
all be together He is desirous of
labouring for and among the Saka-
tes and is going up to see if the
way is open you will give him the
best information and advice you
can. I have a strong desire still
to labor for and among them but
doubt whether it will ever be my
privilege to do so, especially as the
hours are all burned

If my horse Jack is able to travel
not much time I would be glad
to get him though his back is
sore. There are one or two letters
for you here and to await your
arrival one of them from Mrs R

I am your brother

Thos. S. Williamson

Head-Quarters, Department of the Northwest, }

SAINT PAUL, MINN., Oct. 27, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 16.

The Major General commanding takes great pleasure in acknowledging the skill and bravery of Brigadier General Sibley and of the troops under his command, during the recent campaign against the Indians, which has resulted so successfully.

The Major General commanding desires particularly to acknowledge the gallantry and good conduct of the troops at the battle of Wood Lake, on Sept. 22d ; of the Third Minnesota Volunteers, under Major Welch, who was wounded in the beginning of the battle; of Lieut. Olin, who took command when Major Welch was obliged to quit the field; and of Sergeants Morse, Pierce, Akers and Densmore, who, in command of companies, behaved with gallantry and skill ; also to Lieut. Gorman and the Renville Guards, to Lieut. Col. Marshall and Major Bradley of the Seventh Minnesota, to Capt. Sterrett and his cavalry, to Capt. Hendricks who rendered efficient service with his artillery, to two companies of the Sixth who supported him, to Major McLaren, to Capt. Wilson who was wounded, to Captains Grant and Bromley of the Sixth, to Assistant Surgeon Seigneuret, and the medical staff of the different regiments for their skill and diligence, to Lieut. Col. Fowler and Major Forbes, Messrs. Patch, Greig, McLeod, and Major Brown, of the Staff of the Brigadier General Commanding, and to the Rev. Mr. Riggs, for their activity and zeal.

To Brigadier General Sibley, especially, the thanks of the Government are due for the vigor, skill and good management, which have characterized all the operations under his command. It has been a satisfaction to the Major General Commanding to do everything in his power to push forward reinforcements and supplies to an officer who has used them so judiciously. Peace has been restored to the frontier of this State through the operations of General Sibley, Col. Flandrau and others, engaged in the campaign against the Indians, and it is hoped

that the large force which will be retained in Minnesota and Iowa for operations against the Indians during the Spring and Summer, will completely prevent the recurrence of any outbreak in the future.

The Major General Commanding anticipated but a short tour of service in this Department, when ordered to it, and he is gratified to have been here long enough to bear testimony to the gallantry and good conduct of the troops engaged in these Indian campaigns.

Should he be called away before the opening of the campaign in the Spring, he feels assured from his knowledge of the troops of this State, that the subsequent operations for the entire subjugation of the Indian tribes will be conducted to the satisfaction of the Government and to the prosperity and security of the State.

By Command of MAJOR GENERAL POPE,

R. O. SELFRIDGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL,

AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Traverse des Sioux Oct. 27.

Dear Bro. Riggs

I thank you very much for your kindness in returning the spoons. The blankets too are just as white as when committed to Sarah and as much as we need them I swept lest they might want them more

We all sympathize with you in the unpleasantness of your present situation still we bless God that you are there Although pressed beyond measure Do what you can to shield the innocent and lead the guilty to repentance tell of ^{them} that blessed Saviour who died to save the chief of sinners

Mrs L Daniels has just been in and told us that Caskedan and Thomas A Robertson were arrested my heart aches so that I can hardly write Surely Casked never imbrued his hands in blood neither did Tapetatunka I think but

circumstances may be against them
There will be great triumph if some of
the religious Indians are hung

When an irreligious man told me of
the whole plot Monday evening he
added You will not believe it because
Caskedon has not told you but he
knows not more it than you do

When brother concluded
to come on Tuesday night he said
to Caskedon You may remove the
sugar, Molasses, meat, ect. to your house
to night and we will go in the morning
he replied I would like to have those
things but I am more anxious for
your safety and immediately went
to borrow a waggon and get his oxen
and brothers more that he had taken
care of Revell told me the things
were taken before he returned

Marion is still with us she con-
ducts herself with great propriety she
feels very sorry about Thomas Bras

up stairs to write to him
Mamma recd a letter from Isa-
bella on Sat. all well

Yours with gratitude

Jane S. Williamson

Try to spend as much time with us
as you can on your return.

You will doubtless hear that our dear little
Felix is at rest

Camp Libby Min.

Oct. 27. 1862.

My Dear Daughter Martha,

We had a beautiful Sabbath yesterday, but there was entirely too much work going on - more I think than necessary. The Commanding officer and others think the necessities of the case require work right along pretty much. But much is gained thereby certainly. We held ~~meeting~~ meetings in the public square - Dr. Crary preaches in the morning and I preach in the afternoon. Col. Miller was the only staff officer present - some captains and lieutenants out also - but fewer than on former Sabbaths. There were no companies marched in. It was voted on Saturday to call this camp at the Lower Agency after the Commanding General. Col. Fowler of Fort Stanton who has been the Adjutant of the Expedition left here yesterday morning. The work of an adjutant in an irregularly organized Brigade like this is very considerable, and how the General will get along without him I don't know.

The Indians all moved down from Red Wood yesterday and camped below our camp. I did not see India but she is here. I will try and get the case, in which she is wanted, tried to day, and so send her down by the first good opportunity afterwards. I saw Agnes yesterday. She told me she was tired living with the Indians and wanted to go down. I think I shall send her down with India.

As yet there is no certainty what will be done with the Indians who are in our hands this winter. Those who are, or will be, condemned, will be executed, but where is not yet determined - Marietta, South Bend and Fort Snelling are the places named. I should think it better to have the whole try done here. The desire of white people to witness such things I think should not be gratified. The findings and sentence of the court

will have to be sent on to President Lincoln for his approval before being executed. This I think will cause a delay of several weeks.

The women & children and the few men who are not found guilty will be placed somewhere for the winter. One day an order comes up to have them taken to Fort Snelling. In a day or two the order is changed to South Bend or Monkets. I shall use my influence to have them kept at Fort Ridgely. But if that cannot succeed then I shall go in for Fort Snelling, as a much better place than Monkets. On account of the feeling that exists among the white people, I am decidedly ^{of opinion} that the annoyance both to Indians & white people will be greater near the frontiers than farther down. ~~Do~~ the best we can, as it will be a sad winter for them. I expect all kinds of annoyances and all kinds of wickedness will be committed upon them. And their presence will (or may) work out a curse to the white people not much expected by the barbarians of the past two weeks.

The day before we left Camp Release I succeeded in getting Mungos-ha released. He had been tried by the Commission and nothing found against him. Still he was in irons and unless somebody interposed in his behalf. By going first and hunting over more than one hundred different papers I found the one on which the action of the court in his case was recorded. I took it to Col. Crooks who is the President of the Commission and persuaded him to report the case to Gen. Libby and recommend his release. With the order obtained I found the blacksmith and then went to the officer of the guard and had the man's chains taken off. When he followed me out he looked glad. Friday morning I obtained the release of Washetay-Ness Simon's son. I interposed in this case for his father's sake. I had the privilege of taking out his older brother Waken-bowday provided they were chained together - but they were not as so I only got out the younger one.

There is no evidence either of them are guilty. So it will be
with a number of others who are confined, but they will have to wait
until they are tried and the trials reported to Gen. Libby.

I don't think you will be much interested in all this, but there
are the things that are transpiring in this camp: and out of the abundance
of the heart the mouth speaketh and writeth also.

I am glad your Ohio friends have remembered you so generously. Although
it is more blessed to give than to receive - it may be made blessed
to receive - provided we do it thanking the great and good Father for
giving us friends who are noble and sympathizing.

The season is so late, and this command although now supplied with
mounted men to the number of five hundred or more, yet having no for-
age - no oats - it is impossible to send out an Expedition to the James
river and beyond. If we had the oats and teams to transport it, I think
the thing would yet be attempted. But as it is, it is simply impossible.
A smaller one however will be sent out in a day or two - to Lake Shetek and
perhaps around to the Big Sioux. It is thought there are some Indians
in that part of the country.

There is quite a lot of run here from Hutchinson and around about
hunting horses over and wagons which have been taken from that part
of the country. There is a great deal of stolen property yet in the hands
of the Indians - but I presume they will be pretty well stripped of it in
a short time.

I hope I shall be at home - or rather at your kind home - in a few
weeks - for I have really no liking to this business of trying Indians.

My best thanks to you all now and ever.

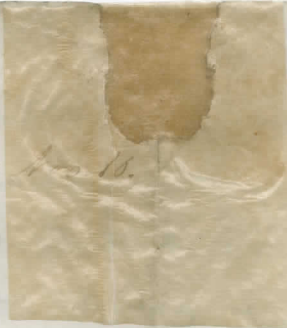
Your affectionate father

J. R. Briggs

(Type)

J. R. Riggs 1862

Rice Nov. 1. Am. 1862



Fort Ridgely Minn
Oct. 28. 1862.

Mr Riggs,

Dear friend,

The trunks
and boxes you sent down
were duly received and I
wrote to you soon after
sending the letter by one
of the Cavalry, I sent down
the things by Mr Cun-
ningham three or four
days ago, would have sent
them sooner but the boxes
not being fastened I did
not like to send them
by one I did not know
when there are so many

Theres,

If I were not so busy I would try to get leave to go up to the Agency and see you. I find it a very severe job to get the Property turned over Capt Culver seeming to take very little interest in it, and all the brunt of the work comes on to me without the power to arrange matter properly. Our new Quartermaster Lieut Pfander is a thorough business man and when the Property is turned over to him and Captain Culver's papers made out I will not again be pressed with work and Responsibility belonging on others' shoulders.

Mr Hunter and brother John will probably be up soon from what Mr Cunningham said I expected them to be here before now. John thinks of going up to the Upper Agency to remain.

Your friend
Andrew W. Williamson

Brother Joseph Langley
Recd Nov. 1862

Camp Wool
Norcesta Nov. 3rd 62

Dear Sister

As you will infer
from the date of my letter, I
am reckoned among the soldiers
of the land. Enlisted from
Chesboro, as a 9 months' vol-
unteer. We soon expect
to go to Newburn N. C., or
to Texas, under Banks.

And doubtless many of us
never will return home a-
gain. Even your own
younger brother may fall
a victim to the casualties
of war. "God bless him" in
life & death, will be your
intercession in his behalf.

He is not very hopeful
of the future - or of the life to

come. Enclaud is his like-
ness - which you will treasure
when he may be no more.

With it accept the parting
benediction "God bless thee and
thine." Some faith has been
repeatedly severely put to the
test. I hope you always
come forth double refined
from the fiery ordeal.

"Whom the Lord loveth, he
chasteneth," and more afflict-
eth those in whom he most
delighteth. But a little
while and our sojourn will
end, and we shall enter
upon a long hoped for rest.

Camp life is quite differ-
ent from my usual habits,
yet I enjoy it much.

Our fare is abundant,
though simple, and well pre-

pared. Our lodgings, hard and
wholesome. Good butter &
a course government brandy
at with our over-coats.

We are in Barracks now -
though we shall probably be
better favorably situated else-
where. I think more ^{likely} we shall
have an Unitarian Chaplain,
as most of the officers are of that
persuasion. I hope to see Moses
& Lucatia before leaving - They
were comfortably well, when
last I heard. Moses' wife is
slowly improving.

Kind remembrance
to you all

From your Aff. Brother
J. Longley

My dear Sister,

Brother J. has just sent his photographs to be forwarded to you. He has been here on a visit of one day & night.

It was his intention to have taken me to Brother Moses, but the furlough was too short. Moses was very much disappointed. He received the telegram from J. but could not leave.

Martha is slowly improving.

Will not Isabella & Martha write to Mary? Did they not receive her letter forwarded in one to you some time since?

Write as often as consistent.
We should know more of each other.
Yours in sisterly love,
L. S. Cooley

Wile Nov 4 1862

Mr Riggs.

Dear friend

I have been waiting a long time
to hear from you or some of the
mission folks. but as yet I have
nothing, except- I got a letter from
Mr Rounseville. He said that the
Mission people were all well and
that all escaped but Mr Amos
Huggins. When we first heard of
the uprising among the Indians
we heard that you were all killed.
I was very much troubled until I
heard that you were all in St-
Paul. had escaped by the aid of
Anpetu-tokeew. I never thought
while living with you that the
Indians would do so. the papers
state that the civilized Indians
took part. Can it be possible.

I never was so troubled in my life as I was when I first heard Robt. has been sick three weeks of it. I rejoice to know that you with the fever. We have had two are all alive. I hope you may all be so. I am sending on him the most live to do much good. I often of the time. I was away to school think of you all. I would be when he was taken and had glad to see you: but it would to come home. I feel very much not seem like home away from worn down. being up nights so the mission at ^{up} Hazelwood, I much. We hope he is some better suppose the time is past for to night. I am expecting to teach missionary labors among the this winter I have partly engaged Lakotas. you have labored long a school at \$29 per month. I intend and faithfully among them going to school again in the spring and no doubt it seems hard Please inform me if there are any to learn. It is a sad thought to hopes of a treaty with the Indians think of Mr. Huggins. Please write and what your calculations for me the particulars in regard to the future are. if you intend to the massacre and who were among stay in Minnesota. If you do the stain. Please inform me not. I wish you would settle in where the Drs folks are. and then this region of country. Cumminghams, and also if your yours very truly children are all with you. Give John L. MacCallough my best respects to all.

Bro James Has [Seminary Students with
Riggs]

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Wincham, Portage Co. Ohio
Nov. 4. 1862.

Rev. J. R. Riggs;

Dear Bro. I was much
afflicted, when the news of the Indian
massacre first came, to hear
that the missionaries of your sta-
tion were all killed. Then I was
greatly rejoiced to hear that you
were all safe; ~~but~~ I was much
affected by the account of your
deliverance, which has been pub-
lished, by your daughter, Martha.
Truly God spares this people as a
man spares his own son that
serveth him.

Whose son was Amos Huggins?
Who was his wife? Is Eliza Huggins
still a member of your mission?
How did it happen that Huggins
was killed, while the rest escaped?

to some person in your state.

Our attention was turned particularly to
yourself, by having a package put into our
hands for your family. we decided then
to send to you. How much it has saved

important to say explanatory ~~or~~.

We wish you to retain whatever the box contains which may be of value to yourself and family or any other members of your mission who may be within your reach, and should there be articles which are not needed by any of the missionaries if you will please to give according to your discretion to the destitute you will much oblige us.

Grover - & have it
Typed

S. R. Riggs 1862
Rec'd Mr. S.

Camp Libby M.
Nov. 4. 1862.

My Dear Daughter Martha.

The number of the Christian Herald in which your article on our escape journey, appeared, was received last week. It has attracted a good deal of attention in Camp Gen. Libby and his staff have all read it and complimented it very highly. The paper has got quite dirty by being used so much - it is now at the Head Quarters of the Tenth Regiment. I think you succeeded very well in the description. Mr. George McGraw said it brought to mind reports of escapes and trials during the Lefroy rebellion. Capt. Whitney wanted to know if it was written by that little girl he had seen a few years ago at Mr. Brille's.

Last night I sent down a short letter by Capt. Morrison of St Anthony, who lives in St Anthony and who promised to call and deliver it in person.

The Indian trials are about through with but as yet I don't know what day we will start down. Wednesday or Thursday of this week have been talked of - but tomorrow is Wednesday and there is no preparation made yet. In fact we have not half teams enough - for it will require thirty-five wagons to take down the prisoners alone. Messengers have been dispatched down to New Ulm and Minn. for teams - so that there is really not much prospect of our starting before Friday or Saturday or even Monday. But I think we shall work our way down in the course of ten days or two weeks. The order now is that the Indian camp is to go to Fort Snelling and the prisoners to

I think Gen. Gibby will send me with the Indian camp but I am not yet sure of it.

Yesterday a party of forty horsemen was sent up above Beaver Creek to hunt up and bury some dead that had not been interred before. They found and buried thirty - about the same number had been buried by Capt. Whitneys men sent down from the Yellow Medicine. I had a paper given me the other day in which about ninety are said to have been killed above Beaver. It is quite a number have not been found by our men. On one of the bodies buried today some twelve or thirteen dollars in silver were found. Gen. Gibby asked me to take care of it - but when I took it up to count it, it felt so clumsy and smelt so much like a dead person that I threw it into the wash basin and gave it a good scrubbing and then put it under the stove to dry.

An Indian woman who took ninety dollars in gold out of a house upon Beaver, was brought up and tried by the military commission yesterday. She was cleared but the gold was turned over to Gen. Gibby. The woman was not tried on the charge of taking the money - but on the charge of killing a child. I am sitting here now quite alone in our shanty tent - all the rest are in the office which is a few rods off made of the pine lumber which John S. Williamson had procured for his house. The tato beats they will gather in to go to bed. We have to get up quite early - ^{reville} usually beats about five o'clock. Some of our company would like to sleep longer and I among the rest.

Good night my Mattie
S. R. R.

Rev. S. Rhiggs Saint Peter Nov 5/62
Dear friend.

I find you two letters which have been here awaiting your arrival for several days. Your note received by Ellis Laframboise, saying you hoped to be down in today made me decide to send them up fearing your today might lengthen into as many weeks. I hope those trials may soon be ended and righteous judgments ^{be} rendered. When you do come down unless your inclinations are strongly for some other quarters, please stop with us. I speak for the whole family when I say we would be pleased to have you. I have had the pleasure of visiting your family in St Anthony twice & hope the pleasure may be yours as soon as you anticipate.

Truly Yours
A. M. Ketchum

Mrs. Akley
Nov. 1862

Granville, O. November 13/62

Mr. & Mrs. Riggs.

Dear friends.

I doubtless should have written you before about the direction of this box which is about to be closed & sent to you to be used, and disposed of as you see proper.

However as I did not we will have it marked as I think you would have directed.

Res S. R. Riggs.

St. Anthony Falls.

Minnesota.

The community in general, contributed of their mite towards making it up, although many that I called upon excused themselves upon the plea of having done so much for the poor soldier. Many of the things are considerably worn. Mathies description of the flight stairs

the hearts of many, as did all the pieces
written by Dr. Williamson and yourself.
which we have been privileged to read.

You do indeed have our sympathy
and I hope our prayers.

Bro. Mc Little and wife. Mr. Parker and wife
and others, have aided in getting up
the box.

Most all felt it a privilege to throw in something.
We are having delightful weather, and I
hope it may last but we cannot expect
it is very long.

The box will not be expressed so that
it will take longer for it to get through.

Mrs. Riggs please accept \$1.00 from
Mrs. Ward. The \$3.00 I send to help de-
fray the expenses of the box. I should
have been glad to have helped more.
but circumstances will not admit.

Mr. Riggs, can you tell me whether a letter
directed to St. Peter, will reach Mr. L.
Pettiford? I have written this hastily. The
box will start Monday morning Nov 11. Hoping to
have as soon as it arrives I will close. Love to all
Anna B. Ackley

Mrs. Drake

Nov. '62

Nov 11th 1862

My Dear Mrs. Riggs

I have been putting off from time to time, hoping to have a more convenient time of writing you - but now I feel like it must be done. I am ashamed that I have neglected you so long. I wrote you last summer in regard to Angelique, enclosing a letter from Miss McLabbe of "Western Female Seminary" I presume it was lost as it was mailed about ten days before the Indian trouble began. Angelique mailed a letter the same time giving particulars, that she had never written. Neither of these letters have been acknowledged.

My heart & sympathies have been with you much of the time since this trouble commenced, & how I wished that it could have seemed best that

you should spend the winter in Ohio
I should have loved dearly to have
had a good long visit from you.

I fear your health will suffer
greatly this winter, as you will be
deprived of so many real comforts &
this winter promises nothing very bright.
Our Country is in such a distracted state
that our only comfort & happiness is the
assurance that a righteous & just God
rules over all & that Justice will
triumph in the end.

I sat down yesterday morning feeling
that I was going to have a good quiet
day, as Angelique & I were here all alone
but was disappointed & now I have
come into the kitchen this morning &
am going to stay here until I get
through. Angelique is doing very nicely
now & has been for several weeks.
I have been quite discouraged in regard
to her energy - concluded at that time
that nothing would arouse her. & I know

her health was perfect. I talked very
plainly to her & was obliged to urge her
beyond what I wished. & find that it
is just what she needed. She is now
anxious to commence her studies for the
winter. has never before expressed any desire
even when I pressed the matter. & I have
not been able to attend to her until
now as my mind has been overtasked
this summer. & for the last six weeks has
had a Mrs. Hunt visiting & her stopping
place was with me & we felt as though
we must be with her as much as possible
as it was our first acquaintance aside
from a year's correspondence. My father's
own sister & dear dear aunt she is
tho we do prize her so much. She has
given us much information in regard
to our father's family that we were
entirely ignorant of. Her home is in
Rockford, Illinois. She will visit Anna
as soon as she is able. has been quite
sick since she went home.

May received a dear good letter from
Isabella last week & sent directly to me
she is not well at all, we hope her
health will never be firm again.
her babe requires much care & strength
also, so that she has but little
leisure.

Isabelle's great desire seems to be
to study Latin. Do you think it the
most important. She will review *Grammatica*
Ancient Geography & perhaps *Tracts on the Mind*
Perhaps Martha would know best what
she capable of doing & what is best for
her. I do wish she loved to write & also
to read, better, there are many moments she
might employ in the latter.

Miss Mary Healer is teaching our school
will board here after next week. I
have made an arrangement with her to
assist Isabelle as she wishes to study
herself. Isabelle is writing to Martha & I will
finish up some things I want to think of &
I hope to hear from you very soon that
you are in a measure prepared for the
winter. Much love to Isabella Martha Mr. Briggs & the children
for yourself the warmest love of Lucy

Ms. C will retain Mr. Rogers toward getting Isabelle & Isabel in school. Enclosed is
a copy of the above letter of 1844



St. Anthony - Minn.

Nov. 17. 1862.

To the President of the U. States,

His Excellency Abraham Lincoln,

My Dear Sir,

Permit me to address you in regard to the Dakota or Sioux Indians. For twenty five years I have labored among them as a missionary of the Am. Board. In the good providence of God, my own family and others were protected at the time of the late outbreak, and aided in our escape by Indians to whom we had preached the gospel. Since that time, for two months and a half past, I have been connected with General Sibley's command as Chaplain of the Expedition. Acting in that capacity I have been permitted to pass through and take part in the glad scenes of the Expedition, viz. the delivering of the captive women and children, and the breaking of the whole war power. I have been very intimate with the saddest but no less necessary studies of the campaign - the trials of those who were guilty of participation in the murders and outrages committed on the Minnesota frontiers - and two days ago I brought down by order of General Sibley the trials of these men before the Military Commission, and delivered them to Gen. Pope in St. Paul - which same documents have been

forwarded to you.

With this introduction of myself I trust I shall be regarded as speaking honestly and with some knowledge of the facts. My long connection with the Indians, and personal acquaintance with many of those who are condemned, would naturally lead one to desire that no greater punishment should be inflicted upon them than is required by justice. But knowing the excited state of ^{this part of} the country - the indignation which is felt against the whole Indian people in consequence of these murders and outrages - this indignation being often unreasonable and wicked, venting itself on the innocent as well as on the guilty - knowing this I feel that a great necessity is upon us to excuse the great majority of those who have been condemned by the Military Commission. This is required as a satisfaction to the demands of public justice. It is required also as a guaranty of safety to the women and children and the few men who in the past uprising proved themselves loyal to our government and people. Having said this, I may also say that I think there is room for the exercise of your clemency. Among those condemned there are various grades of guilt. From the man who butchered women and children - to the man who simply followed with a party for the purpose of taking away spoils from the homes of settlers who had fled. There are too, cases of men who in the beginning of the outbreak, periled their lives

to save white persons, and then by the force of the rebellion were drawn or forced into a somewhat criminal participation. To a few such cases I desire to draw your attention.

1. The case of Robert Hopkins, alias Chaskey don. Although I wrote out two lists of the whole, I do not remember the number of this one. I think it is out for from 200 - on the one side or the other.

Appended to this you will find the affidavit of Mr. Andrew Hamber - showing that Robert Hopkins saved Dr. Williamson's family and others. In the testimony of this case a witness states that he heard Robert Hopkins say he had killed one - witness understanding that it was a person while it was only a cow. This testimony was taken and recorded when the pair were was not before the commission. I hope you will deprive this man.

2nd The case of Ta-pay-la-senka. I think his number is somewhere in mine. His confession is that he started out on a war party and turned back. When it is understood that he went out with the hope of preventing this war-party from following on our trail, and murdering our party of forty persons, and that it did accomplish this purpose - he surely should not be hung. I hope you will deprive him.

3rd. The numbers 386, 387, and 388 are three men, who according to the testimony were together all the time - none of them fired a gun or did anything worthy of death - one was acquitted because he was a

half dead. The other two are condemned to be hung. Con- sidering that these two men bore a very good character hitherto, I would recommend them to mercy - or at least that their sentence should be commuted.

This is all I have to say. Although it is terrible to think of executing so many men - yet I think with some exceptional cases - there I have men- tioned among them - justice requires that it should be done.

Hoping that God will guide you in this as well as all other responsible duties devolving upon you. I remain

Yours very truly

J. R. Riggs.

Letter to President
Lincoln
1862

Letter to President
Lincoln

J. P. Williams

Nov. 1862

Saint Peter Nov 17

Dear Brother Riggs

I have this afternoon returned from Ellen keto where I preached twice on yesterday to the captives. All whom I could see listen with apparently due attention. Through the kindness of Col. Brooks spectators were all put out and kept out while I was speaking and though there was considerable noise out side / as I suppose there always is in a camp so large in day light so far as those in the house were concerned there was great silence and all whom I asked about even in the most

remote parts of the house
said they had run when
I was then before them was so
much noise in and about the
house from what I could hear
not half them knew so as to
understand.

I rode down your horse. Before
I went up I thought I might
like to keep him myself this
winter or as long as you wish
him kept in this neighborhood
good for the use of him but he
trots so hard and is so lazy that
as I thought as I came down to
day I would rather walk till
Jack gets able to carry me
I am willing however to keep
him a month or two with
out any charge except for the
grain and hay he may eat
I think corn can yet be got

in with them I feel sorry about her and the other things

then at 40 to 45 cents a
bushel and hay for 5 to 6. dolls
per ton but both are fast rising
and are not near big enough
for my own use. I do not think
it would suit Mr. J. Pettijohn to
keep the horse as he has charge
of Mr. Holbrow's stock including
several horses is scarce of feed &
thus not money to buy

I feel very deeply for many
of those condemned Indians who
feel confident have done noth-
ing worthy of death or bonds.
I hope as soon as possible
you will call on Gen. Pope
and if the testimony against
them has not been sent to Wash-
ington request him to look
over a part of it with you and
point out to him its utter incon-
clusiveness. Mr. Higgins can

every all the things in the family have them not but I think it is no use

can't disprove all the charges
against Ezekiel Wagon except one
and probably that Labells evidence
against him I think can be easily
proved false and if true amounts to
nothing. Robert & Lapuyte, ^{both} both
confess to being at Birch
Creek but both say they got there
too late that is as I understand
their confessions the night after
the battle The shot which Robert
fired toward the horns was probably
intended to give our soldiers notice
of the approach of enemies. The
testimony of Sanborn against him
is utterly worthless he does not say
that Robert said he killed a human
being or white man woman or child and
if he said so it was not true the
only battle in which Robert could have
been was that of Saturday and the
people of Boone county who were not
not enslaved all left their houses
the Monday before though a few
who considered themselves in slavery

and thickets A party of from
12 to 20 who on Tuesday took
a long ride up the Cottonwood
found none whom they could
bring in alive This was before I
left home The only thing
confessed by La pite ten ke or
proven against him is starting
to the Big Woods in the direc-
tion of Kundiyohe But for his
presence that party would
probably have killed all the
men with you and made pris-
oners They crossed your trail
within a few miles of where you
killed the knife and probably
while you were there As soon
as he was satisfied that you
and we were safe he left the
party and returned

I doubt not there are many
others against whom the we

dinner is equally inconclusive. &
for welfare of our own country as
well as that of the Indians and
for the honor of religion I think we
ought to pray and labor that these
Indians should have a new trial be
fore unprejudiced judges who can
not be found in Minnesota

Another thing of which I wish
you to speak to Gen Pope or
Gen Sibley is the utter insufficiency
of the garrison men to protect
those Chippewa Indians Before
I left I left Wotlicks today
two officers came in and were
talking on this subject and the
opinion was confidently expressed
that in a very short time a mob
of 1000 men could be collected
forth with arms to massacre the
prisoners and of any thing of
the kind was attempted there were
no soldiers there who would resist it
Yours Brother Thos. Williamson

Traverse Nov. 23.

Miss Jane S. Williams
Nov. 1862.

Dear Sister Reggs

I am very much
ashamed of the hasty letter I wrote
you on the reception of yours I had
been in bed with fever for several
days and it was not entirely gone
off I am better now but still feeble
The reason for my troubling Mr
Reggs with the statement respecting
Tapeta Forker was that I thought I
might be in possession of some
facts that ^{would} ~~might~~ or little amelior-
ate his case It seems to me there
is much less proved against him
than Chasterton and for that
reason I have indulged more
hope but if J. R. Brown has any
influence it will go hard with him
Brown will be revenged now for
the information Eyngmann

gave respecting his having in
discourse with the Inkpawblow
band I have thought perhaps the
Capt. Goddsmith might be induced to
make a plea for Inpetataska if he
knew the circumstances

When Gen. Sibley was at South Bend
I think the prisoners were permit-
ted to write to their friends. Seeing
some dirty scraps of paper written
on all sides I went to St. Peter bought
paper and pencils at my own expense
and sent them up but Col. Brooks
said writing materials could not
be allowed them. Knowing the Of-
ficer would be changed I sent again
last Sat. But Col. Brooks Miller find-
ing by inquiry that Col. Brooks had
forbidden did not feel at liberty to
permit it. Would not Bro. Briggs get
a permit from Gen. Sibley oh how
many weary hours might those

on bonds pass writing it would be
more profitable to than looking at
the card players.

Oh how sad to think Otho
Olney has been induced to drink even
to drunkenness. May God snatch him
as a brand from the burning. Dr.
Wakefield treated him and Anton
Feimer and both drank to intoxica-
tion. You ^{know} dear sister we have other
Church members who are weak in
this matter and it seems now ^{almost} more
to be dreaded than the irons and
halter. May God be merciful to them.
How kindly Col. Marshall has treated
them. May God bless him.

Have you read Bishop
Whipples address to the people at
St. James Church Chicago (St. Paul
Daily Press Nov 21. 2. page) I am rather
pleased to hear that Mr. Hinman ex-
pects to spend the winter with them.

at H. Snelling they have more influ-
ence with Government than we
but I think the Bishop ought to be
better informed about our deliverers
even the people at the Saw Mill were
helped away by the Christian Indians
though I think there were others that
would have delivered the Mission
Dear Sister Will you pray that God
may increase my faith or give me
true Faith to look to him as having
the government of all these things
When I would comfort myself against
sorrow my heart is faint within me
Please grant me a kind ^{remembrance} regard to
all Yours in love

Lavinia S. Williamson

You have I hope received by Agnes the
things sent from Constitution I felt
sorry there was nothing for Mr Cunningham
nursing I would gladly have nursed Agnes
through the measles but we were very scarce
of bedding and the weather might turn
cold

J. F. Williams

Known Nov. 24
[Sealed with 1863 papers]

Dear Brother Riggs

I thank you for
your favor of 19th. I received it just
as I was ready to start to Blankato
to preach to the prisoners there.
I thought then that when I got
home to day I would get at those books
and sort them as I supposed you
desired. But when I got home I was
very cold and as soon as I was warm
enough I hurried back to St
Peter to present my account
for services in attending the
hospital to the State Board of
Auditors. When I got there
I found they had already left
and so after waiting a little
while to some acquaintances
who had gone there on the
same business with like ill suc-
cess

though some of them I think
were then before the auditors left,
I went to the post office and
then came home without once
thinking of the books till it
was too late to do any thing a
bout them this evening. Thomas
thinks Mr. C. will not take
them to morrow and if he does
not I will endeavour to attend
to the business before another
opportunity offers.

There are many things I wanted to
converse with you about before you
went down. One was the making out
an account for losses. I neglected to
do any thing in reference to this
till Mr. Givens came up and then
doing it in a hurry I think I omit-
ted about one thing chiefly through
forgetfulness. I do not remember the
amount of the account I made out

but think it was not far
from \$1600. I beg the advice
of Mr. Givens purposely omitted
buildings and fences or what
would be called real estate. I sur-
pose we ought as a mission to
make out an account of them
to send to Sec. Frost for the Board
to present at Washington. I would
like to know your opinion about
these things and what you
think your buildings were worth
and also those we had.

As respects your letter about the
Sakata hymn book I do not know
that you can do better than write
to the Society and state exactly how
matters are. Having lost every thing
we are dependent on charity for
a bare subsistence and our Chris-
tian Indians are still worn off
but we hope it will not be

always so and that the books
will be wanted. So soon as we

shall receive two thirds of the a-
mount I have asked for on account
of losses I am willing to promise
\$20. or 25. or from it towards the
Song Hymn book and if we get
nearly all to pay more.

The two last sabbaths I have had
the services each day in the grand
hall for the benefit of the pris-
oners. I do not think I ever had
so attentive an audience any
where else. But to speak so as to
be heard to the ends of that hall
requires such an effort that with
the expense of going and coming
it wears hard on my health. I
hope you will not give up preaching
to the Sakers in the time of these
extremities but will still come
for that purpose

I thank you for writing
to the President asking money
for the members of my church
in prison for they may need it in
man's account But my efforts
and prayer run in a different
channel Fully persuaded that
they have done nothing worthy
of death or of bonds and that
before unprejudiced judges this
may be made clear to all
I now ask for a new trial &
I do this with the more confidence
that their righteousness may ap-
pear as clear as the light
Do you know ~~on~~ what is the
charge against Eli and on what
evidence it rests? I only saw
the testimony in four cases and
cannot judge particularly of any
other but am satisfied in my
own mind from the slight evidence

on which then are condemned that
there are many others in that
guilty hour who ought not to
be there; and that the honor of
our Gov and the welfare of the
people of Minnesota as well as
that of the Indians requires a
new trial before unprejudiced
judges that the innocent may
be liberated and the guilty
punished. If you do not feel
at liberty publicly to subscribe
this I hope you can and will
pray for it. This is a business
letter for you but here a long time
which I will endeavor to look up
and send you with this. I think
Thomas can tell you about other things
more respectfully than I can write
Affectionately yours

Thos. S. Witherspoon

The writer of this letter took the picture
of the escaping missionaries, which is
opposite p. 43 in Isabella Riggs Williams'
By the Great Wall (See also S. R.
Riggs' Mary & I, p. 158)

Mrs. Crawford

Dec. 1863.

Plk. Hann Nov. 27, 1863

Dear Mrs. Biggs,

It is with pleasure that I sit down to write a few lines to you.

Through Sister J. I received information of your safety in St. Anthony. At first the papers stated that Mr. Biggs and Dr. Williamson were both killed saying nothing of their families, and we inferred that you were all brutally murdered. Be assured we were rejoiced to learn that you and yours were safe.

We know little of the cause of the outbreak of the Indians but if the rebels are at the

bottoms of its, their cups of in-
iquity is nearly full and
they must soon drink the
deeds of it.

Your picture was very interesting
to me. I suppose the group com-
posed of others beside the mission
families. Am I correct in this
supposition? I recognised your
daughters sitting in front and
resembling dear Hetta. The
other making head was
not so clearly delineated.

We have today attended
the funeral of the Rev Enoch
P. Martin at New Washington and
Mr Crawford was sent for to
preach the funeral ser-
mon. He was of the New
School and preached to

Mr Dickey's old church. His
wife was Catherine Matthews
a pupil of yours at Bethel
hall. She was very active and
assisted greatly in collecting
money and materials for
the carpet, that I hope you
have received and made
before this cold weather.
Mr. Martin died very sud-
denly, being in his usual
health on Tuesday and a
corpse on Thursday night.
He was a good man, a faithful
ambassador of Christ
and his doubtless gone
to his reward. He is left
with five unmarried chil-
dren, the youngest five
or six years old. A married

had been on a visit and
left for her home on Tues-
day. Gods ways are incredi-
ble but we know they are
right.

In writing to you, all the
members of your fathers
family are vividly before me
I dream often of meeting the
various members at the "old
house at home" very often
when I have not thought
of them for days. Every thing
appears as formerly. The dead
mingles with the living and
come from one room to an-
other on various errands,
as naturally as they could do.
Should they all meet there.
There is something wonderful
in the operations of the minds in
sleep.

I should have sent this
letter with the carpet bag I
sent you, and since that
time, my household cares
have engrossed most of
my time.

When you write it would
be very gratifying to me to
hear all particulars of your
brothers and sister. Also of
your own family. When you
write to them remember me
to them and tell them I
would be glad to hear from
them.

Please tell Joseph that he owes
me a letter, and has for years
and as he is a soldier a let-
ter from him would be
very acceptable.

Thinking that it
might ^{be} pleasant to you
to recall the names of
some of your old pupils,
and to know that they
remember you with af-
fection and respect I
shall send you a list
of the names of those
who considered it a
privilege to contribute
a trifle for your com-
fort, Every one to whom
it was mentioned was

so glad to give that it
was really a pleasure to
solicit.

Mrs. Catharine (Matthews) Martin
gave 50 cts and obtained rags
and money from others.
Mrs. Jane (Dickey) Brittain, 50 ^{rags} and
Mrs. Martha (Dickey) Bare, 50, & rags.
Mrs. Martha (Helly) Helly, 60 " 1"
Mrs. (Helly) Power 1.00
Mrs. Mary (Bare) Welch 5.00
Mr. Minian (Dickey) 1.00
Mrs. Catherine (Fisher) Graham, 2.50 & rags

Others gave in that and
this church but as you
would not know them
I shall not transcribe
their names. Remember
me to Mrs. Riggs also to your
daughters. I love them already.
Whether it will ever be our hap-
piness to meet again in
this world is uncertain but
we hope to meet in that bet-
ter land where parting is
known no more forever.

Yours very affly

J. H. Crawford

29.

I have not heard from Mr. W.
Please inform him I

Missy Rooms
Bible House N.Y.

Dec 10. 1862

Mrs M. A. L. Riggs
Dear Madam,

A Lady of my acquaintance Mrs B. O. Canfield of
Morristown^{N.J.} & others of the same
Church are moved to make
up a box of Clothing for the
family of Dr. Williams on, &
your family, and for this purp-
ose they want the Age & Sex
of your two families. Give ab-
out the size of each & the name.
If you will do this immedia-
tely (write to me) I will give
them the information & they
will be at work at once.

They will fill a box for you
if you have need of it.
Please say what you & the
other family most need, &
what kind of material —
On the 3^d inst I sent to the
care of Rev J. Mattock, St
Paul one box of books
for your husband & Dr Will-
iamson, on which I paid
\$6. & prepaid to the Am.
& Prep Company. In the
box was a quilt for you
from a S. S. class at Bloom-
field n. J. under Mrs. M.
H. Dodd. If you have
got the books, or if you
have heard of them through
Rev Mr Mattock, please

inform me. My
Mewin got the paper
with the account of your
escape, written by your dau-
ghter, which I have sent
to Mrs. B. O. Canfield.
Please answer without
delay.

Truly yours

J. Mewin

S. D. Tuck

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 5 1862

Rev S. R. Riggs
St Anthony

Dear Brother

Yours of the 24th
mt. I have just rec^d. I thank you for
the information; & I congratulate yourself &
your family on your having closed the
recent service unto which the Lord seemed
to call you. It must have been very trying;
but I trust you have the satisfaction of
reflecting that you have done some good.

Your days ago I addressed a letter
to the mission, acknowledging a number of
communications which I had not been able
to answer at the proper time, (for various duty
set forth.) You will doubtless see it soon;
as I sent it to St Peter, not knowing that it
would find you at St Anthony. I have
made some reference to mission questions,
& your future plans; but I suppose that you
will not go into this matter just at present.
The disposition of the Indians (not especially)
must be settled by the Gov - before you make

any safe & satisfactory program. Much will depend upon the final arrangement.

Mr Cunningham seems to be encouraged to attempt ^{something} more for Dakota children. I trust that the mission will consider his plan, & give him & us all the aid which they can command. I think we can throw a part of the cost of a boarding school upon the U. S. Govt.

I placed Mrs. Riggs' letter in the hands of our clerk, & asked him to do what he could. I understand that a number of books have gone for a raid; perhaps they will meet the present necessity, though I have not seen the list of them.

Please to assure Mrs R. & your children of my kindest regards

Very respectfully &
paternally
yrs

S. O. Lewis

P.S. I learn with pleasure that the President is not willing to execute so large number of Indians, he thinks that 30 will suffice, it is said

Sister Julia
Dec. 1862.

Gipson Nov. 26, 1862.

Dear sister Mary,

I received your letter of Nov. 13 last week. I had begun to think my letter did not reach you and was trying to find time to write again. I did not think the letter would be much lost - but the collar would, as a specimen of Martha's handiwork. Martha took on she made like it to the Co. Fair and obtained a premium. Did you receive a paper? I sent a collar in it to you - the edge was made by Martha.

I have thought a great deal of your destitution, of all the necessities of life and tried to place myself in the same circumstances - I know I should wish some friend who share with me - I have not money we find it difficult we think to

I wish you were near enough, to come and cut Thanksgiving dinner with us.
How glad I should be to make the acquaintance of your sons & daughters.

purchase all that seems
almost indispensable for the
winter outfit of so many - but I
think if these hard times continue
we shall learn to do without many
things, we have heretofore deemed
necessary. How could I send to
you a bundle or box? Is it not
too late in season to send up
the river? If I should express it
would it not cost more than it
would be worth to you? I wish
now, I had begun about it sooner,
Will you write immediately and
answer these questions. My heart
& time has been so much taken
up about Charles & this dreadful
war, that I have not done for
you what I should. I had sup-
posed that friends of the Mission in
East, who are so much better able
than we at the West, would see
that your wants were all supplied,

But I suppose it is the case
every where, that the attention of
the people, is turned to the needs of
our suffering soldiers. But, I have not
lain down in bed, since I had your
letter, without thinking of your destitute
ones. Charles is in Helena, Ark.
He has been sick ever since the Regt.
arrived there. The deck passage was
too hard for him - the exposure and
the food, pilot bread & raw pork.
His last letter, dated the 4th, he was
better, but had a cough - I feared
that exposure would induce disease
of the lungs - and I cannot but
feel anxious about him. His
letters are very cheerful and he
appears to bear the trial of sick-
ness in a tent, better than I could
expect. At first, his bed was the
ground with only a few twigs and
a blanket over them. Afterwards
the Capt. gave him his cot, & he has a

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throw tick on it, which makes him a comparatively comfortable ^{in this Regiment} bed.

They have but one hospital tent, Charles wrote, where they should have three. Of course, the one, is crowded - he says they have some funny scenes there - and some very sad ones. A large force is collecting at that point, to form a part of the army to take Vicksburg.

What do you think of the aspect of things, since the elections? or don't you read the papers?

I confess to being greatly interested - perhaps too much so - but I find little hope or comfort, save in the promises of God. He, alone can save us, and lead us, as a nation out of our troubles. All send love to you all - it almost seems as if we were better acquainted, such has been the sympathy of all the family in your trials. In love your sister Julia.

I wish you were near enough, to come and cut Ghent's dinner with us.

I am glad I should be to make the acquaintance of your sons & daughters.

Dear sister Mary,

of Nov. 13 last week. I think my letter and was trying to write again.

The letter would be the collar would, Martha's handwriting she made her and obtained a receipt a paper & I to you - the edge

I have thought your destitution since of life and self in the same. I know I should be share with me - we find it difficult

Bible House n.y.

Dec 5. 1862

Mr M, a. L. Rigg

St. Anthony. Minn

(Dear Madam, On
the 3^d inst. I sent by the
Am. Express Co. a box of
books for your husband and
Dr. Williamson, directed
to the care of Rev J. Mattocks St.
Paul, Minn. The Am Express Co.
have carried the box at cost
and I have paid them in full
as far as their line extends \$6.00
You will find a good supply
of Bibles a donation & a gift
from a Sab. School.

Truly yours

A. Meserve

J. P. Wilson

Saint Peter Dec: 5th 1862

Dear Brother Riggs

I thank you much for your letter of 27 & 28th Ult. They were truly refreshing to me. So nearly universal in Minnesota is the cry for the extermination of the Sioux and you had been so long and intimately connected with officers partaking strongly of the hatred against them in circumstances where you must have seen many false and unreasonable things said against them which it would not be prudent for you to contradict that I was beginning to fear especially after seeing your letter in the Press that your sympathies for them were declining, in some measure at least, but now I am satisfied. I am hoping and praying that they may have a new trial. I see not how it is possible justice can be done without it. I have spent considerable time writing with this end in view but know not that it has effected or will effect any thing.

I have preached in their prison house twice on each of the last three Sabbaths. I never before preached to so large audiences of Catholics and seldom if ever to any audience so attentive. Many of them were very grateful to me for going to preach to them. I have however had but little conversation with

them. To converse much immediately before preaching always unfits me for it. And it strains my voice so to speak loud enough to be heard all things that have that I feel indisposed to converse soon after I have finished. I think of going up tomorrow and remaining over Monday to talk with them.

I hope by counsel and otherwise you will assist John in his labors among them near the Post. I am glad he is thinking of a school but think some of the Indians should do most of the teaching and should be encouraged to act as catechists and exhorters with a view to being ordained as ministers if circumstances should not admit of you and myself again settling among them. You know the members of your own church better than I do. Of the members of Pagetanee church I think Solomon Wicwaspimone has the best qualifications for an evangelist or catechist of men except J. B. Renville and all things considered though much inferior to him in knowledge I am not sure he will be inferior even to him in efficiency. I have more thought of your boxes at Laramie when I have had a time to bring them down, and have not even inquired for them. If I get them here and find suitable books in them I may probably take out some for the prisoners who are scarce of books.

I am occasionally using your saddle as I have none of my own. If you are disposed to sell it, inform me of the price and perhaps I may purchase

it. Mr Hicks thought it doubtful whether he
got the one you had used. It is a common heavy-
cavalry saddle, with no pad the mixed blanket
rather more than half worn out, and the wood of
the stirrup on the right side badly broken, otherwise
not much the worse of the war.

We have suffered more with sickness since we
have been here than ever in the same time at Pu-
getzue but all seem to be getting well except Liz-
zie Hunter who is scarcely as well as she was two
months ago, she has however gone to the country.
Mr Huggins' family have been all sick except Mary
ann and scarcely any of them are well now. Ru-
fus' leg was getting better and he seemed in a fair
way to get well when he took the measles which
caused a fresh and very copious formation of matter
in the calf of his leg. The discharge is so great and
of such a nature that I fear he must soon sink un-
der it. Mr Huggins won himself out with waiting
on him and the others till she was taken down with
what Dr Daniels has called Phurisy but which to me
appears like Erysipelas and I consider her recovery
doubtful. The little grand son Charles long sick
has been so much reduced by the measles that his
recovery is very doubtful. Louisa Patten also
has been very ill lately with Erysipelas but is better.
We remember your family with affection

Yours Truly Geo S Williamson

The enclosed is among

Dec 5 Mrs M. A. Riggs Very dear Sister I cannot express the gratitude
I feel to you and Mr Riggs for your kind letters Now that I can
not see you it is a great comfort to receive a letter from you
While dear baby was with us it was necessary for me to watch
with him a great deal and after he was at rest I could neither
sleep nor fell sleepy for nights together this weakened my
mind so that I looked at things on the dark side but
since I had that short spell of ^{wake} fear I have a refreshing
sleep every night and to bless our kind heavenly Father for
it. and although the cloud is still so dark and thick that
my feeble vision cannot penetrate it I try to look behind
it to that God of light and love that can in his own good
time dispel the darkness and bring good out of evil

I know you will deeply sympathize with Mr Higgins afflicted
it is so hard to see Rufus sink and die after having them
hopes raised so high I fear Mrs Higgins is much worse
than she thinks she is though ^{she} hardly seems to think of her
self she and Eliza are both confined to bed the latter I think
only needs rest of body and mind I fear for Josephine
she gets but little rest with her babe thanks he will die and
feels as though she cannot give him up she is feeble and
suffering with face ache Lettys ears are both discharging
Mrs Josephine has had a good many things but she is still
badly off for under clothes and I am too scarce to help her
I went with bro to Mankato and saw the prisoners had full
leave to converse with them but did not think it expedient to
avail myself of it much Col Muller being absent I & Brown
readily consented to my giving them writing materials on
condition that he inspected their letters notwithstanding
the smoke many familiar countenances met my eye
and many hands were outstretched Oh dear Sister Riggs I
think it cannot be that half of these men are murderers and
as much as I love ~~undressing~~ ^{the majority} Bro Riggs I am not prepared to feel
that justice requires that ~~half~~ ^{the majority} of them should be hung yet I know that
he is wiser and better than I am With love to all Love S. Williams

Mr Holstelan and wife are at Mrs Higgins he has a parlour

Office St. Paul & Pacific Rail Road Company,

Saint Paul, Dec. 6th, 1862.

Rev. J. R. Riggs,
St. Anthony, Min.

My dear Sir:

Have the kindness
to accept the Enclosed
for the use of yourself and
family, and which I shall
be happy to renew at the
close of the year (the time when
all papers expire). It will be
necessary that you should return
it then, when a new one will be
issued.

Very truly, and with
great respect,
Yours obt. servt
Edmund Rice

John B. Renville (a mixed blood)

Wonders abt. future of himself and
the Dakota people.

Joh W Rome

1863

Berlin, Wisconsin.

Dec 8th 62

My Dear Friend,

He eiza tam korr ukiyupi
eham tam tuktedam on wase pi dars on ka
pi xmi chimici mawis on ya korr pi
mitawim ta ku wicage cim owasim
wan wi eamadake owasim tamyan
on pi wanji Beloit en ti wanda ke
ci gori he kici waniye ter kin de on ya
korr pi kte on ke eipi on korr on kodaka
igage Chicago he eisti ekta on kipi
korr kici on korr pi cim ter ka tipiwon
ci stin na oti he eem on anpe ter wa korr
wanji on ya korr pi ganna ka ha tonwe
kin dars on kipi ter madokur wanji
na korr dars on he kici on ya korr pi ter ka
ci en ota ga tipipi ix ega ci stin oti he eem
naka ka tipipi wan on kodota pi ga
on kixna na na ka ha on ti pi Saham
Wage cim Wicasta wanji kixim on kin
he na ta ku ya ta pi on con kizapi dgu yapi
ko ka wan on gori pi nakkon toku waniye ter
kin de toku worwin yon on yon pi kte cim
he na on koga pi tipipi owa dote cim he egedam
wa ka jin jin ta ka na korr terisim yon mi ega pi

Wicasta wakon wan otowu kin dera to
he tan yan sdon sigan ke ge Ab. Richard
ceigapi he wi * casta kin sdon sigan ke ge
on kan he on ki ci sdon on ki ci gapi Se * ce
Mitawin micais ca on tan yan wan
tu ka Manza ska e wan na mani ce kta tan ni
han manza ska zi tanana sder ha on kan
i mni ja ska kin en wowapi to ki ga pe way cange
san pa wakka mna okimni we tu on ke pi kta che han
on si capi kta it i mni ja shawer ca kta wan
Gilfillan ceigapi he manza ska mri ta wa kin
don waxi tu ka nahar sin tu kten on kin
na on rompi xis

Aix wowapi mni ga caga on kan x epica wasin
ena na kin ga on ko sder ca han pi ga to ki ki ge
on pi kta cepa ta ku kica waga wasin to ki on pi
na kon Dako ta takin wi ca waga cin heraga mdoke
tu kin han tu kten on pi kta ga nix ake wasin
tu kta ga on pi kta heran hiri he ci ahis wasin
wan

Age Wakon tan ka wa on xida xee ci gora
on xi on ki da si ga ake manko ce wan ji en
on gu wi ta gapi kta on ki da pi mna

Yours Truly
John B. Renoile

Thos. Williamson.

1. Prisoners now in Manhatto

2. They gave him a bunch of letters

also from Cashedan (written in
prison)

Bound with 1762 and 1763 papers
J. P. Williams

Saint Peter Decr 10th [1862]

Dear Brother Riggs

Last Sabbath I again
preached to the Slaves in prison. This
prison is now in Atlanta adjoining
the large stone house in which our
Presbytery met once or twice. It is
of the same shape as the former one,
wider and not quite so long, partially
warmed by fire box stoves so is free
from smoke but not much of any
warmer than the other. They gave me
a bundle of letters to their friends and
the paper on which I write contains
one to yourself.

Lincoln has with the account of
buildings & at Petersburg of Mr
Gilfillan has not gone after affixing
your affidavit to it please hand it
to him to be printed with the
others. If he is gone perhaps it is
best to wait till we can hear from
Boston and know what disposition
they wish made of it.

We are in usual health is
rather better than we have been
since we came here.

But Mr Shyppins family are
greatly afflicted. The measles
reduced Rufus so low his system
could not rally for a week he

has been sinking fast and cannot
remain but a few days longer.

Sama Bee

Mr Shyppins is some better than
she was a week ago but Charles
continues about the same.
Hatty is confined to bed with
something like Scarlet fever.

Yours affectionately
Thos S. Williams

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and aged and aged and aged
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[508] Okeratawa

O mo iyo tawingawa king

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Head-Quarters, District of Minnesota,

DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHWEST.

Saint Paul, Minn., Dec 15th 1862

Confidential

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

Shakopee or Hutchinson,

Dear Sir,

Your presence is very much needed here if you can come down from Shakopee immediately, if the messenger finds you as far up Hutchinson, you had better go straight to Mankato, and report your arrival to Col Miller as soon as may be. Have you the list of Condemned Indians? I supposed it was ~~was~~ here but it cannot be found and you probably have it.

I cannot say more for fear of miscarriage of this letter. Only Speed your way, and above all say nothing of your having been summoned by me.

Yours faithfully
N. H. S.

Fisleville N. J. Dec 18. 1862

Mrs S. B. Riggs

Dear Friends

Your letter dated 2nd inst came duly to hand, and I assure you we were very glad to hear from you, and that you are all well. We have spoken and thought very often of you all and the happy days we spent at your house. I have been intending to write to you ever since I have been at home, but have been so very busy all the time, that I kept putting it off. I have entered into partnership with my brother for the manufacture of glassware and other business, and we have been increasing the business by building and getting into operation another factory &c, so that we have been hurried a good deal, but are now getting somewhat ~~through~~ with our rush of business.

The war has made a scarcity of hands and we have been troubled a little to get men enough, the price of labor has advanced in this section for a good many kinds of mechanical work, and consequently manufactured goods have advanced in price, we get more for our goods than formerly, and the demand has been very good. Business of all kinds is very good in this section. All of the stores in Philadelphia have

been doing very well this fall, money is plenty and they can get almost any price for their goods, the stock of goods is being run down, some kinds are quite scarce, especially books & shoes as the government have been employing so many shoemakers, Do you think of coming east any time soon, we should dearly love to have a visit from any of your family, do try to make it in your way to come and see us.

I am anxious to know the fate of those 300 Indians, I see the people of Minnesota are clamorous to have them executed, what will become of the Hazelwood Republic, will another missionary go there and have a church - Was your Church & house burned, and Dr Williamson's, you must have felt very sad when you went up there and saw your work gone to destruction, did you recover any thing at all from your house

The more I think of it - the more is my wonder and gratitude that we were not stopped on our way in our long passage from your house, it certainly was a gracious interposition of Providence, and since reading of the fate of some of the Captives. I feel doubly grateful to Providence for his guidance and protection

I heard that Mrs Wakefield seemed quite attached to her Indian husband, and was somewhat loth to leave him -

We have made a list of every thing we had in our trunks as near as we can remember and which I believe is very correct, we had our trunks and two valises packed full and tight as we intended to stay in Minn. all winter and had both our summer & winter clothing, there are several little things I did not put down such as that old indian's necklace & other little trinkets. I enclose our list to you, and will be much obliged to you if you will attend to having it collected if it can be, Of course it will be a considerable trouble to you to see the lawyer and attend to it right and I want you to deduct enough to pay you - say 10 per cent on the amt that you get for me

Please let me know what you think the prospect is for getting the claim, after you give it to the lawyer, I have not finished the heading please fill it up right, also put in ^{date} whatever affidavit you think proper

Mrs Moore sends her love to you all
also remember me kindly to your family
Yours very truly
D. Wilson Moore

P.S. I will mail this to night
and the bill tomorrow or next
day as soon as I see the Expt to
take our affidavits

Head Quarters Indian Post
Manitoba Decr 19. 1862

Rev'd S. R. Pegg
My Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday just rec'd.
The list to which you refer is in possession of
Maj's Brown, who remains with me.

I shall be gratified to have your presence
and assistance until the great drama shall have
passed.

Very truly yours

Stephen Miller
Col 7th Min
Fong Post.

Wile Dec 20 1862

Mr Biggs

Dear friend. I received your letter the last mail and was very glad to hear from you. I had heard that a large number were condemned to be hung, but was very much surprised to hear of Robt Hopkins being among them. I can't think that Charke would kill a man. I rec'd a letter from Mr Cunningham. He thinks that the guilty Indians will not be punished. I hope the guilty may be punished. The papers of today state that 39 of the Indians are to be hung. If that is the case likely Robt and Tajiata tanka will be released.

Robt is still quite unwell. He has been confined to the house for three months. I don't know as he will ever be well again. The rest of the folks are well. I come and help him Saturday and mother and sister do the chores through the week. The neighbors have been here today looking for him. They looked 500 barrels. It is impossible to get help. The men have most all gone to war. I am teaching 40 scholars this winter get along very pleasantly. I have not recd any of my school money from the government. I am going to make a try this winter. Mr. Ferry said he would by ^{his collect. at} ~~his winter~~, Mr. Riggs. I should like to have you send me the voucher that I bought of a Frenchman and left with

you for collection. Dr. T. is drumming me quite sharp. I did not know but you had turned that voucher in and paid him. as I had not heard from Dr. T. It is very hard times to get money. Dr. T. is not only drum sharp but talks a very important. Holding office is apt to make men so, but I intend to pay him. I am owing Dr. Williams some too. If you can give me any advice in regard to that account please do so. and if you can collect it between this and spring I will give you \$50. Give my respects to all your family, and write me if you please.

yours very truly
John L. McCulloch

1. Miss Jane Hillman

Snovers des Sioux Dec 25. /62

Dear Sister Higgs

Accept my thanks for
your favor of the 18. and permit me to say
that I feel still more grateful for the
"Word for the poor despised Dakotas" which
I doubt not was from your pen I am
not flattering when I say we were very
much pleased with that article it
would too be more likely to bring
Grimmer to a right spirit than con-
tradiction or hard sayings Oh that
we could see Antoine meekly sitting
at the feet of the Saviour I too would
like to know of his manifesting some
sympathy for his younger brother
Oh how I blame myself for not warn-
ing Chaskeden & Tappetalanka of the
temptations with which they might
be assailed I thought of the dangers to
which they would be exposed more

than the temptations as it respected
Cuske and I had not an opportunity
of speaking to Topelalanka alone
after knowing Little Crow was at the
head of the rebellion but after walk-
ing to Eyangman's village I felt
that we could not remain there long
without being in danger of having
to share the spoils of the traders
or warehouse and this with feeling
that our staying would increase
the danger of the friendly Indians
these things induced me to exert
my influence to Bro. & Sister to leave.
I am grieved that any of them
touched the plunder but ^{it} is not
more to be regretted than wondered
at. Respecting the battles I cannot
feel that going into them was murder
though it would have been better
to have trusted God and stood aloof
but surely they were in trying cir-

cumstances. The buildings at our place
Sunohstod were set on fire by boys
but the captives told me that those
at Hazelwood were burned to keep
friendly Indians from using them
as forts even then if they had iden-
tified themselves with the hostile
band their dwelling houses would
not have been burned. Wemomaze
and Mrs. Quin who made their es-
cape just before the battle of Lakeview
said they knew they were running
a great risk but Little Crow had said
that he would not only kill the
white captives but halfbreeds and
even friendly Indians if all did
not go with him to battle.
Jim Thompson's wife said she kept
her son out of several battles by go-
ing herself and driving away
part of the cattle after hearing
there was to be a battle and sending

Now I wish you I might tell of a little box
sent to Sister by Mrs Musnick or perhaps by
Mrs M. & Mrs Adams By the way Mrs Adams
gave us a pair of new shools when she was
here for which we were very much obliged
Sister says you could not have made
a better answer to Mr Murwin for bedding
and under clothes are what we need
most though I do think Brother is
needing a coat or cloak very much
he lost his cloth cloak and I cannot
help feeling badly when he wears
the old plaid still I do not ^{feel} free in say-
ing him to get another at present
he was going to wear it up yesterday
but I told him Mr Begg would be ashan-
ed of him so he took his overcoat and
if it does turn cold I hope will not
suffer for a little while after we came
here Brother assisted in the hospital
but we do not know what he will receive
any compensation There are more
than Doctors enough here and neither
Sister nor I are willing to have him
take licence

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Sister is just retiring but she says
I must not forget to thank you for
the spectacles they suit her very well
and I sometimes borrow them
when I wish to see better than usual
With regard to your kind inquiry
about our supply of bedding for the
winter Mrs I Daniels lent us two
pairs of colored blankets which I
think she will not probably call
for this winter were it not for these
we would have to buy or suffer one
and although we have tried to be
economize our stove bill has been
large We bought colico for two com-
forts but buttoning was high that we
made them too light to be warm
Mrs G. H. Pond gave sister a good com-
fort and some other things.

In the box from Constellation were a
blanket for Lizzy Hunter or quilt for
sister and a coverlid for me though
not new

they were all good there were dresses too
too in that box that have been of
great service to us and I think two
churns for sister but no ^{other} under
clothes except for sister Marion
I believe I told you of losing my skirt
that I intended to wear just before
leaving Papulabee I suppose Mrs
Daniels thought I looked too slender
and she gave me a quilted skirt
but when Marion came I lent it to
her and took cold which brought on
dysentery and I was unwell for some
time Marion did not know the cause
of my illness but she gave me back
the skirt as soon as she got another
and afterward when Mr Kerr sent
her a bundle containing one she
did not need she gave me that also
it was old Mr Kerr also sent a marine
cloak and some other things to see
they were part worn
I suppose we might have got other things
but oh sister there were people here that were
suffering

Mrs Greindorf of Shokopee sent on board
of part worn clothing Many of the
things were labelled to Mrs Pettigrew
but she requested that we or either of
the Mrs Hunters should take from the
things not marked anything that
would be of service to them and Mrs
Huggins was to do the same anything
left was to be given to some refugee
in greater need or rather Mrs Burr
Mrs H could come in on account of
sickness I was not in favor of taking
much from the bl. lest they might
need it more But sister taking up
a little bundle read Well "Mrs North
sawson accept this ^{old} shawl for the
love she bears the Indians. The shawl
though not new is very pretty but
it was not the value that made
me weep like a child it was feeling
that there was still some sympathy
for the Indian even among those
who had not been Missionaries

I took your advice and petitioned the President to pardon Gaskedun ~~that~~ is I wrote a petition and enclosed it as a letter to Mr. Butler requesting to present it or not as he thought best he wrote me a very kind letter in return saying he would present it the next day he seemed to feel deeply interested in the Indians. There were so few here at the time that I put no name to it but my own. I regretted this but feared to wait lest it should be too late. It was poorly done and probably will not accomplish anything. I felt at the time as though it was presumption but wished to do what I could. I have since written to Kate Davis reminding her how Tachospawukus saved the life of Jas. Falmadge the crazy man when she was there at Poplar Hill and then telling her that he was condemned but she will not probably do anything in his behalf. Of course you will not mention these matters but give my love to all. Yours truly
Jas. S. Williamson

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he is now far advanced in his 63. year and having to get up at night and go in the cold would probably lay him aside earlier than quietly working on his farm.

Dr. Boutilic (I forget how his name is spelled) now has charge of the hospital in St. Peter and I believe he stands high but Dr. ^A Daniels is excepting him by far the most popular Physician and yet his wife told me he found it very difficult to collect enough to keep his family and you know Bro. has neither library nor instruments were he in the prime of life we would think different. After the outbreak Andrew gave us about fifty dollars and to Mr. Hunter ten of his soldier earnings. Mr. Stanley paid me fifty but we had so much to buy that it was soon gone. Mr. Aiton paid me 25 on a note but I have not enough left to pay my tax but I think it will come before I need it.

We have not as yet seen an opening
for Monroe to reach it is a great com-
fort to have her with us Brother rather
wished me to try to get a school but I
did not think I should succeed and I
did so wish to have this winter to
rest in quiet seclusion You know
my health was very poor last winter
it is good this. Were there anything
I could do for the Indians I would love
to do it Have you seen Betsey or heard
from Sanilley when at the camp The
last I heard from him was through
Mrs Huggins Betsey wanted to come
with Mr Hunter when he was down
but he could not bring her conven-
iently Bro. and sister have consented
that she should come and I feel anx-
ious to have her now but it would
cost considerably to go for her by
stage Marion thinks she saw Mini-
opta's name among those to be exe-
cuted It may be a mistake

We sympathize with you tenderly res-
pecting Agnes but feel most for her
how well her mother may be able to
guard her we know not but I should
think that camp a very dangerous
place for girls especially of Agnes age
Mrs Penville always thought it made
Mary discontented to have an inter-
view with Sophia Does Sophia's father with-
stand the temptation of strong
drink

Sic. 26. Ten o'clock is past The bodies of
those 39 men are probably lifeless
But where are the breathless spirits gone
That just have left their clay
^{Wrought} What vast realms to us unknown
Now urge their trackless way
There will be a strong effort to have all
who were condemned by the commis-
sionary and I feel very anxious respecting
our friends but I know nothing more
that I can do only to commend the mat-
ter to our Heavenly Father for more faith

him after them when he was called
for she replied he was gone after
the cattle but she could not always
succeed though he did what he could
to evade the duties

It made me sad to day when I saw
the country pass on their way to An-
kato a company of Infantry have
just passed by to night singing Ino
Brown Well I suppose soldiers must
become accustomed to sad sights
but it will be a painful scene to Mr
Begg and brother Mr Begg was with
us Friday night he was so tired
and hoarse that I knew I ought
not to tease him and yet I could
not keep from talking and asking
questions I need not say that we
felt it a great privilege to have him
with us a night— You have before
this heard of the death of Rufus
Huggins or I would tell you all about
they were all better when I last heard

1. Miss Jane Williamson
Inverness

Dear Sister Begg

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which they would

Several houses encountered with cannon & musketry -
destroying mills & bridges & several miles of rail road. Then
had a good deal of fighting most of the day. The
forward was the direction of the river.

falling of the small timber con-
joined it to the main road.

Sunday they came upon
some mortar batteries about
a mile from the river near the
edge of a swamp in a thick
pine grove. But on one part
the battle was fierce & decisive.
The batteries were carried
and the enemy pursued so
hurriedly towards the bridge as
to prevent their crossing or the
burning of the latter. The
man waiting with lighted
torch and ^{the bridge} was shot in
the act of firing. He fell near
the water covered with burning
tar, which consumed his body
to a crisp. The 9th A. of took
a prominent part in the engagement,
charging across the bridge and cap-
turing a cannon guarding it.

I think this came piece which
was taken from us at the first
unfortunate battle of Bull Run.
It had changed hands twice since.
There were also surrounded
into one hand several pieces of artillery.

on the fortification below the city. At this our regiment killed
Princeton - we captured some of our prisoners and 8 to 10 lbs.
of powder and some light arms and ammunition. The
prisoners are immediately
released. The
other part of
the regiment - the
ammunition
is in the hands of the
enemy. Some
of the prisoners
were killed and
many more
wounded.
The next
morning piles
of mutilated
bodies lay
about the city.

Proceeded slowly on account
of sloughy roads or bridge-
less streams or the frequent
shirking of the advance.
Before noon we passed
several bodies of dead & dy-
ing rebels, and an occasion-
al lifeless horse of some unfor-
tunate cavalier, or rather for-
tunate, ^{one} as only his faithful horse
had suffered from the shock.
Towards night our cavalry
separated, one part pursued
the direct road to Princeton,
the other, with the main body
of the train, leaving it on the
right so as to pass around
the main defences of Princeton
on the river just below. These

the hospital - and many a poor sufferer man had not
yet received the attention of the surgeon - At the hospital
I not only saw the suffering of some of the officers but also
on the direct road returned late at night with this pris-
oners having kindled appar-
ent signal camp-fires all
along this return. On the
circuitous route we found
a large bridge partly destroyed,
which delayed the train for
an hour or more. Near this
one regiment encamped as
rear guard of bridge & bag-
gage till Sunday morning.
So that we were not in
the fight of Princeton but re-
mained in painful suspense
during the heavy war of
artillery on Fort Mifflin. And
Sunday from 10 to 4 -
Sunday morning we
commenced a hurried
march forward without
turning out or pausing for
water or mud. Few were

wounded and dying. In afternoon marched to
Philtahall - had a severe engagement - principally of
artillery - General Mifflin's army - however
with high boots, with dry and
muddy feet. The last four
miles of march was just night
fall - quiet & unbroken, until
safe in the City of Princeton with
one prisoner. Here we were
delayed a long while in pass-
ing them over to the Provost,
and joined our encampments
about 10 clock wet, weary
& almost superfluous, as the
wagons with rations had not
crossed the river. In the morn-
ing we basketed over the ³days
rations some mile or more.
made one coffin, burning
one blanket and were on
the way to Phila-hall, some
20 miles up the river.
The battle of Princeton com-
menced on Sat. P.M. by the
opening of a masked battery
upon our advance, where the

[illegible]

Brother Moses L.

Recd Jan. 1863.

Washington

Dec. 31, 1862

My own dear sister
Mary Ann

& Bro. Riggs too if at
home. I just send my greetings,
for to cheer him.

It is now 10 o'clock
I longed to be at "Watch mee-
ting" 4 miles from here & hear
the stirring words of freedom
for thank God two hours more
& all, the long since bound
ones, who can flew within
our lines are free - free
While we may be sleeping
what shouts of glad hearts
will go up before God, I
would I were for all, I
would I were a brass given
for rights' sake, but I thank

God it covers at all & I
thank him more, that it
will practically come to all
very soon. I hope imper-
fect tho the offering be it
may be accepted & blood
close to flow.

But I leave not my
pen to both of these things.
Rather to send greetings
to you all. To join with
you in thanking God, for
that escape.

Long days did I sup-
pose you were all gone down
to death. I began to think it
might be God's will to buckle
on sword & fight against
the South, which came
the influence, that delayed
them in blood. Perhaps
I felt wrong, but I felt like

fight. But when testing,
came you were safe, we
tried to thank -

I have longed to write
you. & I do long to be & have
my family acquainted
with you all. Your wonder
I write not. I am prepared be-
neath my labors & have felt
I should fail utterly. This
full poverty poverty has com-
pelled me to ride nearly 400
miles, write about 100 letters
make 70+ calls & attend
25 appointments for the
Bible cause, being an
agent of the County
Bible Society.

130 dollars, besides
salary I have worked out of
my bones & got ~~over~~ sick
y^e ev^l. expenses are more

times, carried in chair
till last Sabbath. Then walked
across the road itself. But could
not go P.M., Will be carried
henceforth. Does at light work
but does no house work.

For months we had no
thought she would live, &
she had to learn to walk
as when a child or 200
months learning.

But thank God with
us, she is spared.

You can see how busy
I am when I tell you it
is almost two years since
I have seen Secreta &
she is only 40 miles off
but I can't get time & strength
& money to go. Could we
afford the cars it is 3 to 5
hours ride via Springfield

I think likely we shall
leave here in the Spring.

This mission may be
given up, 1005 people
in town & reactionism
will probably deprive them
of any Gospel.

I have your offering,
for usefulness?

We laid up a trip when in
Ohio I should like to put
into land in a region
where I could do good.

What is before us
and only knows & I am
content to leave it with Him.

I am asked to go to
Richmond, 16 miles
N. West. May, if I leave
May not, know not.

- I have always hoped
to visit you. I want an

Now I can shut -

I did long to send you
some funds, but could
not... Are you not poor
indeed? How have you
been provided for?

Dr. Gould's Ladies came
up 8 miles from Pittsfield
& clothed Martha's orphans
since - Do tell us all
about yourselves -

Thank Martha for
writing & sending her
story of the flight.

Where is Alfred?

Will none of you come
this way? Our house
is open! Our hearts ready
to greet - I have often
wished I was where I so

New Haven Ct. Dec 31st
1862.

Rev S. R. Riggs

My dear Sir-

I got to
New Haven last night & made arrange-
ments to reenter Yale - I want you to
do me a favor - You recalled giving me
an account once of the Causes of this
Outbreak - i.e. how the Indians had
been swindled by the traders, by
their taking their bills to Washington
& having them paid & then presenting
them again at the pay table - Would
you be kind enough to give me a
detailed account of it together with
whatever else you may consider of
importance for an article for Harpers
Magazine - which they have accepted

& for which they have already commenced
work on the Engravings - any such
assistance you can render me? will be
greatly obliged for. - How do you
like the Melodeon - Give my love
to all the family - I will write to the
rest in a day or two -

Very Respectfully

Yours

A. J. Bell.

P.S. Would you be kind enough to
procure me a photograph of Gen Sibley
& a copy of that log jail at Camp
Bellevue which I took, from Whiting -
& send them to me as soon as possible
as I want them for Harper. - P-