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Hawanki

Canin Kpaetoko

January 1863

Mr. S. R. Riggs.

Mitakuye

Nakaha

Wowapi migo eage cin hepi
da magage do he on mis'ake
wanji'ci eage do ma han rin wo
tan in wani ce do de tan han
wazige ta wasi'cou Tom siha
rui da koto on pi'kin ekta
ge we'ca si' tuka nahau rin
kdi'pi'sni do wana iya ya pi'cha
tan han wi'ke mna ya mni'san
pa sakowin can tuka nahau
kin kdi'pi'sni tuka aupe tu
igo hi'kai'pi'kta ape on kapi
Tuka wana da koto waji'ksi on
kapi on kiga kcan pi'cho na
ke ce tu he han mi taku ye ega
shi mi taku wakam echi go on
ga kapi'ho den tipi'ga ptan

Onyakaon pi onkan mitawin
winyan he wowapi ouspe wi
ca kige do wikoška wanji
ga wicingan na tom kena on
spe wica kige do onkan wa
na wowapi mitawa beowa
sin wana ouspe pigahesenan
pa wowapi wanji yupe cin
han nena gawawica kige kta
bi cin gapi dan mina ouspe pi
cin pi kin ce he cen ayakihi
onkas wo awapi wanji gapi
cin loka do winyan ipe he cen
eye masi nakas hepe do he
han mita kuge ohini wowa
pi magagun wacin do laku
taken ouspaga ye cin tokata
isau tan ka taken waki con
gapi kin minisose e kta winu
ica gukan pi kin taken on pi
kta he cin han ohini hen on pi
kta he cin han ga is takan on

pi kta he cin han toku cin
kan he cin han laku hece ca
hena ohini amagaki dake cin
han pi da magayekte do heha
mita kuge ohini minis taku ga
ku wa oya kikihi ohini wape
tun han ska kici woga kda
ka gaciu do totan han aki
cige kin he tan han ohini
taken awa kikihi wope tan han
ska owa kige na han kin
amdu stan sin toku is ito
de han amaki ga wa cin tu
ka wetu kin di Caski dan
ga minaiyo pte gaciu na
hena gamin wica kige ska
ces epa wawu ka mita ku
ye minis minai amaki gage
he cen wacin ga on de han
ake de cen wawu na tan kici
ka wawica kda he sin wawu

he okihipiicasni na cca
tu ka wica sta kin ma ka ka
taku okihipiisni kin he na
Wakan tau ka oki hi e sdou wa
ge he ou he eem ohini waki
da he han tokiu ake ma ko
ce wan ji waste taku u ka
Oigupigamiis mitawin ni
ciica om he han muni so gekt
ou pi kin owasim wita ya ou
ya kou piges epea ece do
Taaki hawowapi cicage e gou
igohane kam wazigata dako
ta wiimica ya mui ga koska
mu paga hokki yopa nupa
he na wica kte pi keya pi
he han wawa ota a kin ran ta
pi keya pi he na wana naga
kon na epea taku he pedo
he nana mitakige mitawin
ni ciica om nape owi yuga pida
mitawin kici Joseph Kawon ke

Mankato Jan'y 9, 1863.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Minneapolis 3,

Dear Sir:

I have received several letters, addressed to my care, for St. A. J. Ebell. Can you tell me when to send them to him?

All is quiet here - all the uncommitted Indians have been unchained and have now or left the freedom of the yard - All the Indians are brought on to the yard every fair day. Two died today - of Consumption. one a half breed Jos, Fournier the other a young man or boy.

Very truly

Your friend

W. R. Marshall

P. S. Thompson Bros. bankers of St. Paul, write me that St. A. J. Ebell's act for services during the Indian Expedition which I assisted Ebell in selling to them, has been cut down from \$247.⁵⁰ to \$157.⁵⁰ a loss of \$90.⁰⁰ I hope if Ebell is still in the State, he will see to it at once.

W. R. M.

Col. Marshall

1863

Fort Hamilton New York Harbor
January 9th 1863.

Rev E. R. Riggs

Rev & Dear Sir

I have just received
a St Paul News Paper containing an account
of the execution of thirty eight Dakota Indians
You will please excuse a stranger for addressing
You. I am very anxious to know if a Half Breed
who used to call himself White Mans Charlie
and who is a cousin of the Chief Mankato. was
one of those executed. or if He is one of the Condemned
I understood he was one of the Captives. We have
been friends for a number of years. Two Years
ago this winter. I went with him to Kandi'yohi
Lake on a trapping excursion. He remained
there during the Winter. Charlie & I made
Canoes and came down the Crow River to
Watertown in the Spring. His Wife's Name was
Menona. They had two Children a Boy & Girl.
I am exceedingly sorry to hear that he took part
in the strife. He was liked by the Whites and was
always used by them with the greatest kindness.

If He has not been executed and is there and You have the liberty to see him. Will You do me the kindness to ask him if he remembers the Man he used to call his Brother, and gave him the name of Pah-he-sha-sha - tell him I am a Soldier and far away by the side of the Great Salt Lake I used to tell him about. That I had understood he had participated in the Murder of white People. and that it grieves me to know that he forgot what I told him to do if there was ever any trouble between the Dakota's & the Whites. ask him if what I told him has not proven true: That is - the Dakota's could never conquer the Whites. They would be successful on the start, but as soon as the Whites could gather their Men together they could destroy the whole Dakota Tribe - Please tell him I am very sorry He has been so foolish - He ought to have remembered there was a just God. and if He participated in the Murder of the Whites. That the good God would visit his iniquities upon his own head. Tell him I am well aware of the wrongs inflicted upon the Dakota Nation by Certain Whites. But I always told him and all the other Indians

that they must never commence war upon the
Whites - if they did it would prove the destruction
of their Nation. Tell him I had anticipated a grand
Buffalo hunt with him if I returned from the war.
That if he is executed for his crimes. and I should
return to Minnesota. and visit the old familiar
places where he & I have hunted & trapped together
that it will make me very sad to think he forgot
my friendly counsel. and imbrued his hands in
innocent blood. and when I arise in the morning
and look forth upon the beautiful plains of
Minnesota I will think of him and regret his
fate and that of his Nation - Tell him I was
always his sincere friend. and if he wishes
to be happy in the world to come. he must make
his peace with his Maker. If you will please
do me this favor Mr Riggs? I shall feel greatly
indebted to you. I am Sir. Most Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Wm. Patterson

Sergeant. Co. F. 2^d Batt.

12th U.S. Infantry

Please answer if
Convenient }

John McCullough

Ohibe March 9 /63

Dear friend

Mr Riggs

I recd your letter with the vouchers enclosed. a short time after I wrote to you. I recd a letter also from you yesterday. The reason I did not write sooner is that I could not leave school to go to Princeton. as I had to to get the draft. You will please find a draft enclosed to the amount of \$5-dollars. There is due N Myrie \$11.00. Wm Quinn \$5.00 Dr Thos Williamson either three or six dollars. he will know. I expect. I left the amount of claims with you I believe. I have the account of Quinn & Myrie. Will you be so kind as to cancel these claims,

My school closed last Wednesday
I am at Robt's now. His health
is very poor. He left to day with
a physician for Bradford where
he will remain through the
spring months. to be doctored.
The rest of the people are well.

We have a great-many home
traitors. I feel certain that there
will be trouble if there are any
attempts to draft. The copperheads
are holding meetings all round
and passing resolutions to resist
the draft to the point of Bayonet.

My kind regards to
all your family

Yours very truly
John L. McCullough

M. A. Renville

Berlin, Jan. 10/63

My Dear Friend,

Mr Renville is anxious I should answer the letter we have just received with our acknowledgements of the \$5.00 enclosed, which came very unexpectedly; and you may be certain is truly appreciated; we have asked ourselves what we can render to our Heavenly Father; for his goodness to us; in raising up friends in time of such adversity. It seems impossible almost to get employment; I have been into tailor shops & shoe shops for work; but did not succeed Mr Renville has engaged a few days off chopping. We have been blessed with general good health; Ella has been quite sick but we did not call a Physician, fearing strong medicine

more than disease, Belle is happy
and a great favorite with all,

My Dear little Lillie; I wonder if
her Father will ever try to get her

Mr Renville is glad he is
not in Minnesota this winter thinks
he should be tried in his feelings
about the Indians, that is the camp
at Fort Snelling.

We believe that you will act
wisely in regard to all matters con-
cerning the Dakota's, for it needs
one of great prudence in times of
such trials and excitements
we were pleased as well as my Brother
with your correspondence in the
St. Paul paper. The people of Minnesota
need not fear so much for their be-
loved land for many good farmers
and are talking of going there in the
spring thinking the people of Minnesota
are so frightened, that they will be
able to get farms for a trifle,

Mr Renville wishes me to say
when there is any opening; for him
that you will be so kind as to
write, he wants to return in the spring
but I am afraid of the Germans; they
are so furious;

If you have not already seen Mr Lillfillian
Mr Renville would like very much to have
you see him; we sent our affidavits
to him regarding two claims (viz)
loss of property, and by the burning
of the M. L. School house, and the
goods we were obliged to purchase
at our own expense. The Bills of
the articles ^{accompanying} ~~being with~~ the affidavits
we felt that all just claims ought
to be settled now; Mr Lillfillian
can tell you about the whole better
than I can write; we could never get
a settlement with Maj Brown for his books
were not ready; but we had kept an
account; and did not lose them.

Please give my love to

to your family how I should like
to visit them which I should have
done when at Mendota but was
obliged to ride to St. Paul, so many
times over the rocks, I felt wearied
out and though urged by Mr. Remille to
visit St. Anthony: I ~~did~~ not the ambition
after my siege & being captivity,
which I have not entirely recovered
from yet. Last Sabbath was communion
here I could not go on the account of Ella
being sick but Mr. R. went, the last time
I communed was with your church at
Hazelwood. I find I am waiting as
used to to my Dear Father, forgetting,
or rather believing that you have the
same care for us that he used to,

Yours, Truly,

M. A. Remille

Eliza Higgins

Shady Brook

Jan 12 - 1863

Mr. Riggs, Dear friend,

Isabelle came here the 24th of May and left the 15th of October, making the number of weeks that she was here to be twenty, and a few days over.

Before we started down Mrs Riggs gave me five dollars to pay Isabelle's passage, but as we came by land her expenses were only seventy five cents. The rest of the five dollars we used and is that much paid to us.

This with the fifteen dollars we have received from Mr Ketchum makes \$19.25

This lacks, I suppose but about half a dollar of being the amount due.

When Mrs Riggs and I talked about it - we calculated on Isabelle's annuity money but of course that cannot be had now.

When you write Amos' obituary will you please have some notice of Ruben's

death in the same paper, either in the same piece that you write of Amos or in a separate notice which you think best.

If you will be so kind, as to have them sent, we would like to have a few, perhaps half a dozen, copies of the paper.

I send you what I wrote for the St. Peter's Tribune. The editor added the last clause, We do not like it. Rufus was so forgiving to all who had injured him, he seemed to be so free from harboring revenge, we were sorry that this thought came in here. It does not seem to be the right place to call the attention of the world to the Indians wickedness.

We are all in tolerable health, I have been sick for a week past but am better now.

Charles seems to be getting well very fast. Josephine does not like to write, and has not yet commenced her letter to you about her captivity. I have promised to help her as soon as I can, that is when I am a little stronger than I am now. I guess the letter will be forthcoming by

fore a great while, I do not ^{this winter} try to do much to benefit any one ~~this winter~~ except to be patient and cheerful and thus help others to be so. I am hoping to be able for something again next summer but what, or where, I do not know.

Give my respects to Mrs Briggs and love to Isabella and Martha,

Your humble friend

Eliza W. Huggins

P.S. Uncle Jonas' family are well

Fort Snelling
Jan'y 11th 1863

Revd S R Riggs

Dear Sir

Widow Renvilles Daughter
has been very sick for some time past,
Doc Wakefield thinks she will not recover,
she is very anxious to see you, her Mother
wishes you to come & see her, if you should
come to bring her clothes,
from two to four of the Indians childrens are
dying every day, a Hospital is being prepa-
red for the sick in a house adjoining the
Indian Camp but is not yet ready,
a general of bad feeling exists among the Indians
here in consequence of only a portion of the
condemned Indians being executed & it seems
Genl Sibley has had information from those
who were hung at Mankato that several of the
Indians who are here are guilty of Murder
from the fact that Genl Sibley was up here
day before yesterday & had four of the Indians
arrested upon the evidence of those who were
executed at Mankato, Weyuha is one of the four,
I am sorry for him, I made inquiries in regard
to his conduct at time of the outbreak but
found nothing against him further than
that he took part in several of the fights,
If you should call at Genl Sibley's office

will you please make inquiries in regard to
the charges against him,
out of the eight Indians who were confined
here Zeph Sibley liberated four, there was
not sufficient evidence to warrant their
being brought before a Court Martial
my respects to your family

Yours truly
D. A. Greene

D. A. Greene

Dr. J. L. Williams

Saint Peter Jan 16th 1863

Dear Brother Riggs

You will be
pleased to know that the good
work of God still goes on in the
prison. The advance since you were
there is not in ^{numbers} numbers or atten-
tion so much as ⁱⁿ knowledge and grace
as manifested in their prayers
and in every way in which
it can be manifested in their
present circumstance. Robert
conducts worship, reads a portion
of Scripture and sings and he
or some other of those who have
been members of the church in
times past prays every morn-
ing and evening in addition
to which in the evening three
of those who have recently be-

live an altar on to pray in
the evening. Some of these
much respect the Lords prayer,
but do it in a very appropriate
manner. Their worship and
conduct is having a good influence
on the soldiers and officers who
know them and on my last
visit there seemed to be con-
siderable reason to hope that
the good work would extend
from the prison to the town.
On my last visit Robert gave
me a letter addressed to ourselves
and the Messrs Pond giving
an account of their consultations
about the manner of conducting
their worship which I shall
send down by Mr. Cunningham
but probably he may leave
it with one of the Messrs Pond.
There is a very great choir.

among them to learn to
read and sing but a great scar-
city of books. If you suppose
our new hymn book is prin-
ted in order please inform
me whom to address in order
to obtain a few copies by mail.
I have written to Dr. Hare
to send me 2 dozen Psalms
by mail. But when they
come what an 2d among more
than 300. So I wish a set of
pressed copper plates such as we
formerly had to prepare lessons
on boards. Please get a set
made at St. Anthony's Mill.
Paul when I suppose the proper
material for making them can
be had and send them up by ex-
press if no other mode occurs
soon, a board or two of B a box
may be prepared for them now

Fort Snelling if they are disposed
to visit. When will you prob-
ably come up again. The Indians
inquire about you as if you
had given them some intimation
that you would come soon.

I have not baptized any since the
execution nor do I expect to very
soon, though many of them desire
it and in regard to a dozen or
more I would have no hesitation
if they were separate from the
others, but I would like to have
counsel and assistance and as they
are at present if I were to begin I
would not know when to stop &
the same is likely to be the case.

If you can visit and preach to
them near Fort Snelling I would like
to have John come up as soon as
he is able to travel

Yours truly

Thos. S. Williamson

J. M. Pitman

Hutchinson, Minn, Jan. 2, '13.
Rev. S. R. Riggs.

My Dear Sir:

Your
note of the 14th inst was received
yesterday about noon, but too late
to answer it by yesterday's mail,
since it had already gone out.
I am sorry to have given you
occasion to address a line to me
for a report. I hope you will excuse
me. I did not know what the
chance would be to obtain more
aid, and, therefore, felt bound to
make the best possible disposal of
what was in my hands. The time at
which the report was requested, was
short to ascertain the most needy
cases. I should have written sooner,
however, had not my health been so

poor, that the effort required to attend to the duties of my school, has, for a while, almost prostrated me. There is very much sickness here, among both grown persons and children.

* Of the ten barrels of flour purchased with the money left with Lien. McCane, a little more than half has been issued, and about two barrels more promised to families living at a distance

\$15.00 Of the thirty five dollars left with me, I have laid out fifteen dollars in the purchase of groceries which were very much needed, and for ^{which} there was, a good deal of inquiry. About one dollar's worth of the groceries remains to be issued.

\$11.25 I have distributed eleven dollars

and twenty five cents in cash among different persons; for instance, three dollars to an aged man, poor, partly blind and otherwise disordered; two dollars to a man who is poor, has a large family and is unable to do any work.

\$5.75 Five dollars and seventy five cents have been laid out to purchase various articles for persons who were in actual need; for instance, one dollar to get a dress for an orphan girl who had only a little thin covering to protect her from the cold; three dollars and twenty five cents to procure a pair of boots for a man who came to me with a pair of boots ~~on~~, which were full of holes, the bottoms loose, unfit to keep out the snow or the cold. He is poor, aged and unable to procure what he needs by his own labor.

There remain, therefore, in my hands
to be distributed three dollars in
money.

More in the line of groceries will
be needed, than we have been issuing; also
more in the line of flour. There is
a great deal of inquiry for clothing.
A hundred dollars would do but little
towards coming up to the real
wants of the people in this respect; but
still if a hundred dollars worth
of cloth could be sent here - cloth for
pants, coats, shirts, & calicoes - it would
relieve much suffering and cause
many hearts to rejoice.

Last week there came to me a
man from Dick Valley nine miles
from this place - who represented some
twenty persons in need of clothing flour
and groceries. The above report is respectfully
submitted to you and it is hoped will meet
with approval. Yours truly, J. M. Pitman.

The coat is I trust properly appropriated.

them - I wrote to him several weeks
 ago but have received no answer -
 I wonder if I could any where get a
 view of the execution at South Bend -
 I will write to General Sibley for his
 picture - - - About that Meladon
 You need not hurry yourself - if you
 want to buy it I will tell you on what
 terms you may have it - the price
 usually of such is \$75.00 - if you
 want it you may have it for
 \$40.00 when you can spare the
money - - - if you have not got the
 money - keep it till you have -
 or if you don't want it sell it to any
 body that does - With love to all
 the family.

Sincerely Yours
 Adrian, J. Ell

2781 1/2 Ave C 10 Nov 1883

Ben J. H. 1883

- in 2 Nov 1883

Received

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 the picture of the execution at South Bend
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 body that does - With love to all
 the family.

John McCullough
1863.

Wile Jan 21st 1863

Mr Riggs

Dear Sir I recd your
letter the last mail with the
vouchers enclosed. I wrote to
Mr Searcy the last of December
in relation to that account and
recd an answer the week before
yours came, and also one from
W. P. Lole Com. in which he says
the claim of John L. McCullough
has this day been allowed for
\$770 and forwarded to the 2nd
Auditor for settlement, with
directions that the amount be
paid to claimant to your care.
Signed W. P. Lole)

To C. Searcy

The same mail that I recd from
I recd one from the 2nd Auditor
saying that the account had been
confirmed by the 2nd Comptroller
and that the Secretary would
inform me as soon as it could
be paid, you will now understand
the matter as well as I do. I
supposed the account was larger
The Agent Calbraith wrote me
that my due was \$788.88 the same
that I have in my book. It
may be that the \$740 is correct for
the school account: and there may
be some other matter. I had some
deal with Uncle Sam Brown. If you
have the opportunity please to examine
the books. I will sign these vouchers. it may
be that Loring will get the money. get it
look favorable now. Collect the vouchers
you are holding and settle ^{with} yourself
satisfactorily. Mr Cunningham is owing
me three dollars ^{half} which he promised
to hand to you

I expect to pay Loring a great
percent. I don't know what he will
charge. I would rather have paid
it to you.

Robt is still in poor
health. not able to get out the
house. Please give my
respects to all your family
Yours truly
John S. McCallister

Manassas Jan. 23. 1863.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir;

Yours of the 19. inst. recd.
I presume Messrs Thompson Bros. will find
some way - perhaps by legislative enactment - to
recover the amt that the Auditing board razed
St. Ebells account. I hope so at any rate - I
should feel somewhat compromised if they should
lose it. If you are in correspondence with
Mr Ebells I would be obliged to you to
mention the facts to him - he may be able to
suggest relief.

In regard to the chaplaincy of this regt.
there will wait for some time - probably not until
the co's are brought together for the spring campaign
- be any election or attempt to elect. I would
be glad to present your name, if you desire
I should, whenever there is an election ^{ordered} held.

Rev. Mr Perkins presiding elder of this district
came over an election, last time a meeting
was held for that purpose - and I understand
his name will be pressed again -

Every thing is quiet here - the Indians have more
freedom - an in the yard every day - have
cut a large pile of wood - and are I think
much improved in health and comfort - one
died last night - a young man or boy who
had been sick a long time -

Very truly

Yours

W. Marshall.

St.

1863

W. Marshall

Mr. Penville.

We are truly glad to hear the prospect of getting money soon. As regards the vouchers Mr Gilfillan, has them or rather sent them for us to sign sometime since we were advised to place all our claims in his hands for collection. The amount will be a good deal less than \$1800, for Brown had so many orders charged on his book, we feel afraid of being cheated but have acted according to our best ability.

Mr. Sol. Brown said when he gave us a copy of the things lost by fire keep this it may be a great help to you, you ought to have your pay for your goods. I hope we shall get enough to pay him, I guess if he had had a captive two months with his family he would not feel quite so bitter.

Mr. A. Myrick has persevered in getting an order on Gilfillan, we suppose its all right but are afraid of so many orders. Mr Gilfillan was ^{not} to have our 5 per cent unless he employed some other person, then he said it should not exceed ten per cent and said we might get information from any Koorsee we choose. If it will or can be in your way to find out please do so. It is hard doing business by writing. Yours Truly May A. Penville.

Berlin Jan. 23/63

Mr Riggs.

Red Sir,

We recieved your letter for days from its date we were somewhat preposed to recieve the sad news of Agnes death; having had the letter from you and two or three others from Menidota, we are alarmed, what can be done, what Physicians do they employ, is he an honest man, do Mr Penvilles family keep well, and are they drinking as we heard Mr Penville says ask Mr Riggs if my Brothers and their families cant move from that camp they have 1 crisp and they have some horses have they not. We both feel as if we must not let them die if they cannot support themselves any way. We are willing to pay the rent of a horse will you not Mr Riggs see what can be done. dont let them stay in that camp till they all die; for if Gods gives us our claims against government we are both ready to help them all you.

do please write all about Mary when you see her I wrote her and she is afraid of Mr Gilfillan.

think their situation demands, we
don't know anything about them. I
am afraid for one to have them move
to Mendota and can't you Mr. Riggs
advise with God, Libby, and save my
husband's Brother's from that foul camp
without their being exposed to drinking
What can we do tell us and we will
try to act wisely. If we get anything to do
with.

I cannot sleep well nights thinking
about my Dear Mary is she still well
I think she may have had the measles
If her Mother would only consent to her
coming here I could do well, should ~~she~~ ^{we} get
the means, I can't rest until I try every
means of trying to get her, Mary told
Mr Cunningham she wanted to come
to me, I wish you would write what
you think, and perhaps I shall feel easier
I took Mary for my own child, and she has
taken a deep root in my affections
does she think of Jesus, or is she still
thoughtless, Ella makes the tears start
every day almost, asking Mama where is
Mamie & Lillie Dear little Lillie,

I wonder if her ^{my} Father can give her up
I can't if ever I go back and can get her
I shall, we feel sad to hear of Agnes
death, but feel better about it than we should
if you had given consent for her to go to
the camp. Poor Angelique will take it
hard, I do hope Mr Riggs you won't let
Angelique go back ever to her Mother, if
you can help it, I saw so much of her during
our captivity that I can't have much confidence
in her, Madeline wrote she had married
The other day, Madeline scolded Mr R, and
myself very badly, but we have tried to
pray for every one in camp especially
our friends May their and their children be
blest with the Holy Spirit that is hovering over
that camp, Mr Renville studies the bible
with Barnes notes, a good deal, but sometimes
gets discouraged, I try to aid him all I can,
I know he often wishes he could spend
his life among the Dakotas, and when there
is any opening, I will try to not hinder him
from doing good. If I can't do but little,
The most of the people here feel that the
Ministers are besides themselves
acting any carrying out such a spirit of revenge

many mistakes go Bell & Ella are noisy and you
power & am nervous
I feel I have made

Edith 1863 paper

Dr. Williams

Saint Peter Jan 27th

Dear Brother Riggs

I found your
favor of 23^d here on my return
from Elkato on yesterday. It
affords me much pleasure as in-
forming me of your arrangements
for Mr. J. H. P. to come up bring
the pierce plates and copies of
the ten commandments &c. I am
pleased with your plan of prin-
ting the ables and spelling les-
sons without the pictures. They
would be much used in the prison
if we had them now. I wrote to
Dr. Bird for some books but have
not yet received an answer. I have
many applications for such books on
every visit but have none to give.
On my last visit I bought
a dozen slates and pencils and

and distributed among the best
writers telling them to teach
others to read and write on them.

and I doubt not they will be
well used. I also find one of the
large boxes sent up from the work
near the fort knocked to pieces and
and the boards painted black on
one side and got them a pound
of chalk to exercise themselves
writing on them. When Mr. P.
brings up the plates I propose
having them prepare lessons on
the white side of the same boards
or on muslin on which they
may learn the B's. This will
not render the spelling lessons you
speak of useless but prepare
the way for them. Please get them.

You will be pleased to learn that
the ~~evidence~~ ^{evidence} that the desire to
receive instruction is the

work of God's spirit, has been
constantly increasing, and is now
indisputable. On my visit before
the last Robert told me that all
in the prison without exception
had given their names as renoun-
cing heathenism and desiring
of becoming Christians and that
he had written down on his
list the names of all except
those who had been baptized by
the Roman Catholics less than
a dozen. On my last visit
some of them were inquiring
about the propriety of renoun-
cing the Romanists and joining
us. I suppose it would be easy to per-
suade all of them to join us but I
have made no attempt in that
way. All in the prison who have
not been baptized desire baptism
but regarding what you saw I

have baptiz'd none since you
were then except one last Saturday
evening whose spirit departed in
less than 24 hours afterwards.

At their evening worship Saturday be-
fore last I proposed that some of them
should give an account of their
religious experience, some 8 or 10 did
so that evening and the next each
closing with a prayer. Their confessions
of sin were very pointed, and more
of them to our great satisfaction.
I suppose it has been continued ever
since. On my last visit they were at
that when I arrived Friday evening,
and in that and the two subsequent
evenings I heard upwards of 30 and
many more would have spoken
if ^{they} had found opportunity. Most of them
of course spoke very briefly, merely
expressing their convictions of the
wickedness of their past lives and

and of the truth of Christian-
ity, this determination with
Gods help to seek eternal life
by listening to Gods word and
obeying it, done by repeating
the Lords prayer which with
very few exceptions they repeat
correctly. It seems strange to me
how so many of them have learned
it so well, in so short a time, as
many of them are men considera-
bly advanced in life.

My opinion is that a number
of them ought to be baptized before
long, but if I begin I know not
when to stop and I do not like
the responsibility either of refusing
to baptize them or of doing it.
On that account I am very glad
Mr. P. is coming up and will
be glad to have you come too

as soon as you can. If it does
not suit you to come perhaps
you can relieve John at the Fort
and let him come. He much
more a better singer than Locke
He sings as well as he can and
by practice has improved somewhat
you were there but many of the
hymns he is unable to sing. On
this account I requested J.R. Brown
to bring up Solomon because he
cannot and he partially promised
to do so. If you can do any
thing towards having him sent
up I shall esteem it a favor
for poor, I think he might be
very useful in the prison as a
teacher. I saw him with some 300
letters from the prison to the camp.
They indicate the the state of feeling
of the writers, Phan Forman
Affectionately Thos. S. Williams

J. B. Russell

Berlin, Jan^y 27/63

Mr. Riggs

Dear Sir wowapi chake
zakage ciingon wan nawan on
ga kapi manzaska \$5 gon wan
na an kapi egiatari nina
onge on kapi tate ketaruna
garwan na an hater sota kapi kke
kex eci ake onge on kapi eci
he awa cira on kapi on kan
wanatak Elijah Wirongia
wan tere ga dgerapi lindi
ko wan na nica kta kex akese
icartkiye ci gon he se on kapi
nix wan na \$10, on gapi
he han Beloit egiatari han
ix \$5; on gapi geyanatek tate
guta piye tate wan pi kxi an
on kapi Wichita Wakar wan
Mr. Richards egiapi tate han capi
mote ciingon Mrs. Richards,

called here and requested us to
remember her to you, she says the
time she saw you they lived in
Massachusetts.

Minnesota wicasta can to ubi
can n' capi tu ka^{de} ci ja ege he ce capi
vri Dakota tana tan yan e cappi
kins heru manka iya ta pi o pa win
ge ya \$50, utai gahis he ce ur wi cappi
pi kta ma ce eke gapi wam na
mapa he ce na on don pi mix
tan yan naganon na ce
kendo ta etan han wocapi wisa
gapi onkan Michel galwagapi
Yitkadanaw to han tan kan
gapi eca witto pi ga ake wica kapi
ee ke gapi heru wason kins on
ni na iya ma kisi ce ito tuwe
he itan can a wan e wica gaka
he ciy han to han wisi watan
tapi e kta gapi kta e a wicapi ta
iya e ca kta tu ka iya Wakan tan ka
hes to kin iya pe iya gapi gapi on wica

ki daga wicaki ci epi jini
I go to wa on xi da tan ka kin
on den han a ke pi za on ki
ye xkins pi ga on ya tan iya e ca
taker xica on na on gapi pi
tu ka tan yan an kizu pi kin on
Antonga taker wica waga
owasin wocapi wam wica
wece ga wam ya ka pi ga i to
ke tu he cin han
iya de ci Hota kapi gapi wisa
kapi gapi na wa wica gapi
gapi ke Man kon ege kin
to ke e obini wam gapi jini
sa ga up xapi ga wam ke ga
waka ka on pe tu to na na
wa tu ka wakan a ta wisi
wakan can pa heru heru
e ce ye dan on pi
Dijohwaka owasin tan yan
on ya kon pi

Yours Truly
J. B. Renville

Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
Pawville.

1863

Berlin Jan. 30, 1863.

Mr. Riggs.

Red, Sir, you will doubtless before you get this receive a letter from each of us, we are glad of the encouragement given us by the lines from you and Gen. Sibley. There is probably an acknowledgement due to Gen. Sibley, which we should have rendered to him, had we received his articles sooner, but as they went to Beloit they came in the same mail as yours.

Please speak to him about it when you see him and it will save us one letter. In the letter I wrote to you I mentioned our having given or rather sent vouchers to Gilfillan. In this we will only say we ~~are~~ ^{shall} be glad to get the money; not forgetting our debt, when we were at Saint Paul we called on Sup. Thompson, and he advised us to see Senator Rice, and gave us a letter to present to him, but at that time he was very ill and his Physicians forbid his seeing any company, he sent word

to us by ^{his} ~~dis~~ to the door that he would
do what he could, but she said we needed
to employ a claims Agent, we went again
to Mr. Johnson, and he said he did
not like to advise what claims Agent we
had better employ, but as we were strangers
he would mention that Gilfillan was
getting many claims and probably we
would get our claims sooner by placing
it in his hands. (~~that is with Gilfillan~~ (with Gilfillan)

We hope it is all right in our
giving an order on Gilfillan, for Mr. Myrick
they wrote from Saint Paul, that it would be
filed in Gilfillan's office, and when the
draft came, they would have it cashed,
Now you know Mr. Riggs that our
acquaintance with such business is limited,
and sometimes for want of proper knowledge
we feel quite uneasy, about doing so much
business by writing. And if at any time you
can give us information we shall be thankful
and hope you will be frank and free to do so.

Mr. Penville says tell Mr. Riggs
we had rather get the money without Gilfillan
getting per cent on it, and that he would
write to Gen. Libby, but feels afraid to

tell him every thing but he is not
afraid to write what he wants to say you
he hopes he won't have to pay any per cent
and if you can tell him any thing what
is best for him to do next spring please
to do, Please excuse my nervous writing
I have worked hard for me and the least
noise makes me jump, I don't get over
being a captive yet, or rather the effects of
it.

Mr. Riggs, I can't give up Mary very
well, without doing all I think I ought to
If you hear any thing from her please let
me know.

Yours Truly
J. B. & M. A. Penville

Rev J R Riggs

Bloomington Minn
Jan 31st 1883

Dear sir yours of
the 26 I received yesterday and as it
is probable that I shall not see you
on account of sickness in my family I
will endeavor to send by W W Elliman Esq

I will now go before the Justice
and finish the accounts, as I gave
you the saddle I expect you will have
what you can get for it, I shall then
have a balance of \$370, to collect as
I only got the horses in a damaged state
and one wagon, buying a new set of
harness whiffletrees &c, and have as yet got
nothing,

I regret that I shall not be able to
attend church tomorrow,

Respects to your family E. B. Stanley

E. B. Stanley.

Julia Lapombina
1863.



Rockford Sem. Feb 6.

Mr. Riggs.

I don't know what
apology to offer for my negli-
gence except that I have been
crazy or very near it for the last
two weeks, but now that exam-
inations are over and vaca-
tion really here I find that I have
not yet sent these documents.
I am very sorry about it but
trust that it is not too late to
send them now. I did think
of them twice and asked Mr.
Brown, the father of the Sem,
to get me a large envelope, but
both times he told me "well
Sissy I have really forgotten
it." Anna and I are both

here at the Seminary. Miss
Sill did not seem to think
it best for Anna to go to Chicago
because the small boys are
raging there. I don't know as
that had any thing to do
with her decision however. There
are about a dozen other girls
here, and all but two of the Teachers
are here too. We have very nice
rooms. The tuitions for next term
are raised ten per cent. Miss
Sill says the groceries have risen
so much they are obliged to
in order to meet their expenses.

If Miss Sill has sent you
my certificate of good behavior
I suppose I may hope to see
it. I don't know what she has
done with unless she has sent
it out that way. They were
at quite a loss to know who to

send my accounts to. Miss
Bodge my Section teacher said
that Miss Sill would send them
to my best friend. I told her
that if it was necessary for any
else besides myself to have
them that Miss Sill might as
she took them.

Sincerely friend

Julia -

Extract from Letter of

Rev J B Foul & Co

"I suppose that it is now settled that the claims growing out for losses growing out of the Sioux outbreak will be examined in Minnesota. You & Mr Riggs are the best judges as to what is the best course for the Board in securing compensation and from the nature of my engagements I shall be obliged to throw as much responsibility upon you as possible. If you think that we had better employ your attorney we will do so. In that case let him send us a form (we have not his name) & state whether any thing beyond the treasurer's name will be needed (it belongs to him to sign the power of attorney) Why is the certificate of a notary signi-

Elizabeth Alfred

Lima, Feb 10th 1863

Dear Brother and Sister.

I wrote you on the Recpt of your letter and have wondered why it was that some of you did not write - But I suppose my letter did not reach you. As I see by your letter in the Herald that you are at St Antonio instead of St. Paul, where we all directed our letters -

How are you all and how do you get along are all your Children with you and how many have you and what are their names and ^{are} there any of them married -

When we rec'd the word through the Papers that you were killed Mr Alfred said we will try and get his family away - Moses wrote me to that effect - but before any thing could be done Cincinnati

was endangered by the Rebels and
Grasses - upon whom devolved the
duty of going after them - - was
doing duty in the City - and was
under Arms - for 2 weeks - before
that time we rec^d the Gay part -
news that you were safe - And
we all wrote you - But none that
I know of - reached you - - -

I shall not write much now
for I must write to my dear Sam
George to day - who has been
in the Army for a year and a
half - poor Bay - he was well
the last letter we had from him
which was about a week since -
he is in Camp - any S of the 27th
Ahio - - My own health
is not very good - Mr Alfred
is well But has to work very hard
to keep afloat - these hard times
If this reaches you do write and
let us know your whereabouts -
from your Sister Elisabeth Alfred

S. D. Hunt
1863

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 12. 1863

Rev. S. R. Biggs,
St. Anthony, Minn.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 21st Jan.
have duly rec^d. I feel much obliged to you
for giving me all the information which you
can in regard to Dakota affairs. What we
shall do hereafter, will require considerable
thought, it may be; but I hope that wisdom
will be given to us at the proper time.

I doubt not that you are all
carefully watching "the signs of the times". It
is quite possible that questions of a good deal
of perplexity may arise; perhaps you will be
unable to shape events, in any measure, so
as to prevent arrangements that will seem to
be adverse to the Indians. Still the Lord
can control all things; I do not believe
that he has exhausted his store of blessings
in ^{the interest} ~~the~~ of the Dakotas. Possibly their
day of grace may be near at hand. The Lord
wrest that it may be so!

The Com^{rs} have authorized the payment of
\$50 for Angelique Kenrille, as you have
requested.

I have written to Dr. Williamson & Mr.
Cunningham, asking them to send me school
vouchers for the quarter - July 1 to Oct 1, 1862. -
saying in a note that the school was broken
up by the La Kote war on the 12th of Aug.
I hope that the Indian Department will
allow the vouchers, in these circumstances.
The papers, of course, will be transparent &
honest, with the note

Will you have the goodness to send me
vouchers, in accordance with the above
idea, that I may forward them to Washington.

I have written to Dr. W. in respect to
our claims for losses occasioned by the late
war. He will consult you, of course, in
reference to the matter.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & all
your children.

Very paternally

ms

S. B. Treat

Mr. & Mrs. Renville

1863

Berlin Feb 18th 1863

Mr. Riggs.

Dear Sir we have before us a letter from
Gen. Sibley, stating that our drafts were at Saint- Paul,
and that he detained them untill we wrote to you

Now we are owing
1st to Mr & Mrs Riggs and Isabella. Please make out
your bills, and take your pay from the draft.

2nd To Mrs Higgins for potatoes bot of Mr Higgins ~~844~~
(10) ten barrels I bot in the fall. Mr. H. said I could have
them for \$1.00 a bar. I think he wanted to accommodate
me and I am willing to pay his widow what you think
(4) the potatoes were worth in the fall. Four (4) barrels
(14) I bot in the spring please pay her what those were worth
and much oblige.

John B Renville.

3d, we are owing Mr & Mrs Cunningham, please
have them present their bills, and to pay them.

4th Please pay to Joseph R. Brown the sum of $\$299\frac{76}{100}$
two hundred ninety nine dollars and seventy six cents.

5th I owe Mr Forbes I think about \$20, Mr Quin
will know, please settle the account.

6th Uncle, Sol, must have his pay, I should like to have him get his pay of his brother Nathaniel as he owes us almost \$50, on Lillie's board when we first took her, Please pay Uncle Sol if you think it best, I am anxious to be free from debt.

J. B. Renville
NB the amount you probably know, or have

Mr Riggs please take the whole ~~am~~ amount of these several bills from my draft that is from Mrs Mary Renvilles draft, Mr Renville thinks it best on the account of your sending the lesser draft to us. We wish to put \$1000, in the Bank drawing interest, Mr Renville says tell Mr Riggs to put it in the Saint Paul Bank. The ballance send to us that is after the debts are deducted from the drafts.

Mr. Riggs. Inventioned to Mr. Renville, that it might be best to put the money in the Chicago, Bank. I am here I dont know. but you will please advise us, what is best if you think it best to put it in the Saint Paul Bank retain the \$1000, till you write to us, I am a little suspicious of the safety of the State of Minnesota. We hear so many accounts that the Indians are going to rise very strong.

The last report is that, a man, who intended to move to Minnesota soon with his family, has received a letter from a friend living at New Orleans, advising him by all means not to move, for the Indians were all a-going to rise, or that 30,000, were preparing for battle, in the spring. Mr Renville laughs at me, but I can't forget the late Massacree, I don't believe the reports, but am still afraid a portion of them may be true.

We are owing some here, we meet with gains and losses, Jack was or has been hurt badly and the man sold him for \$50. But is all this God be praised. He has given us life and prosperity, more than we ^{have} deserved.

¹ We looked for Mr Cunningham and family last week and shall look this week. I hope Mary will come if they don't start till this reaches you and Mary can come, please to have her comfortable clothed for a journey, and as respectable as you think I would wish my own daughter to be, we can purchase things here cheaper than at Saint Paul, so that a good traveling suit may be about all necessary to buy for Mary. Mr Riggs will know, or Mrs Cunningham. If Mary can't be I shall ever have her with me again. The Lords will be done and not mine. You will understand about Mary's expenses, that we will willingly bear them.

Mr. Biggs. I am writing a story every week for the Berlin
 City Current. I kept a kind of journal during the time
 while I was ^{captivity} stories, and for the sake of my friends and
 little Ella, I think of having it published in the form
 of a pamphlet, and if Isabella has any facts she is willing
 to part with that would serve me, and will be so
 kind as to send them to me I shall be much obliged
 I am almost sorry I have written this, for you may all
 be surprised as well as sorry I should make such an attempt.

Mr. Richard bid us all or rather
 the church farewell yesterday, very unexpectedly, to the most
 of the church and himself, he has been slandered, I think the
 true cause is he is too much of a Union man for some of his
 prominent members. They have been true friends to us and
 it makes us feel sad. The Presbytery meets here this week
 commencing this evening.

When you write tell us if you think there is any possibility
 of our going back to Minnesota or what you think we had
 better do, Please remember us to your family

Mary B. Renville

We mentioned to Gen Sibley, about Isabella Scrip

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Feb 15th 1863

Mr. S. R. Riggs Mitakunye
Wawapi miye eage ein he na kaka
wan in da ke heon miye ake Wawa
pi e eage taken waji e e e ya
onka amaya kiyake ein he wa ite
wa da ya he han ta ku waji e e e
ye kte Mitun kipi wa mi han te
ein he Na tio ee ta wa kin he ony pa
wana wiyo pe ya ya ke he ein he
to na ke ea he ein han he awasin
aya ki hi kin han mya ye kte
wa ein Lina ya Angelique hena
owasin heen oncin pi' Kun ktan
ka onni ea pi heen to ken on ya
kou pi kte ya taken e eun ya pi
kte tio on ko ki hi pi pi heon ni
na kin wa ein onni yan pi' Ko han
na aya ki hi ya nyaya on kax
pi da on ya ya pi kte tu ka ya
hehan na ka ha wa hu we on ki pi

tu ka mi na asu ya he cen cen kta
ka Ga tan ko owa sin tu ma he ca pi
ya ki tan sin on ko ki hi pi he on
he ka za ska kin he mi na in a
wa sin he han na ka ka ta ku
atun ing ta ku dan na wa kon pi
ya Da ho ta mi ya he wi ca ya za
pi he ya pi he cen dan tu ka mi
ya he he wa na na ya kon na
ce ce i ho he na na a pi k te ya
de in on ya kon pi kin a wa sin
tan yan on ya kon pi ya he cen
ta ku wa kan on xi on da pi kin
han a he wan on ki ci ya ka pi
k te A ta ku ye wan ji

Daniel Renville

he mi ye

Daniel Renville

James R. Riggs
1863

Saint Peter, Minn.

Feb. 18th 1863

Rev J. R. Riggs

Dear Friend,

Yours of Feb. 9th was received yesterday. In reply I would say that Mr. Galbraith paid me all he was owing me last fall. Out of that I paid some debts, or partly paid some, and gave away to the poor, and for the support of the gospel to the amount of \$50. What I had left, soon went to supply a few of our many wants. I have not succeeded yet in getting any of our back pay, nor do I know much about the prospect of getting it, but hope that it will be forthcoming before a great while. My Brother Amos is attending to it in Washington, but his time is so completely taken up in a hospital that he can't give his attention to it as closely as is necessary to secure success. I want to say then, that we are at the present time feeling the need of some things that we have not the means to procure. We have plenty of bread, and when that is said, nearly all is said in the eating line. I work paid every day, but have had but one dollar in money for my work this winter.

If you think it right to procure a small donation from the refugee fund for us, we will accept of it thankfully, and will not expend it for tobacco, whiskey, or even coffee. I am glad to hear that some of the other employers are likely to receive their pay. I had a letter from my Brother a few days since, in which he says, he expected soon to

be able to send me what was coming to Amos W. Huggins. I should be
rather better pleased to get that, than to get our own. I would be pleased
on Josephine's account, and would be pleased because there was more
than one person that wanted some one else to act as Administrator.
If I do say it myself, I firmly believe that I have transacted
the business so far, at with less cost to the estate than any other
man in the State would have done. But I am reminded of
an old proverb, and will say no more. We are all tolerably well.
Albert is going to school, and Laura expects to start next
week. Her health has not been right since she had
the erysipelas so badly. Mrs. P. joins in send love to all
your family.

Yours &c.

Jonas Pettigrew

Eliza W. Higgins

February 18 1863

Mr. Biggs, Dear friend,

I received your letter yesterday. I thank you for your kindness in writing. We also thank you and Isabella for the trouble you have had with Josephine's narrative. If we had been trying to write her story for the public eye, we would have written differently but perhaps it would not have been really any better.

Some of the defects of this would have been remedied, but there might have been other deficiencies as bad, or worse than these. If you can get them for us conveniently we would like to have half a dollar's worth of the Press that contains the narrative. If it is not convenient to get so many, half as many copies will do us very well.

I wrote to you something more than a month ago and told you of our having

received \$15 from Mr. Ketchum. You did not say that you had received the letter, but I suppose you did, receive it.

I cannot say that we are all quite well though none of us are really sick. Father keeps well. He is very busy this winter.

This is his birth day. He is sixty one years old. None of us had thought of it until he spoke of it in family worship this morning.

Perry Holliclaw is here now, quite an invalid. His lungs are affected.

We hear from Eli almost every week. His health is generally good.

Yours affectionately

Elihu Huggins

John McCullough

Mills Bureau Co Clks

Feb 19 /63

Mr Riggs

Dear Friend.

I wrote you a few days ago enclosing the vouchers which you sent me. Since that time I have recd \$770.00 from the government through the help of Mr Lovjoy. I wrote you that I did not understand why the amount was less than the Agent made it. I examined the books while they were in Mr Browning hands, and found there was \$798.83 due me on the school fund, and Mr Galbraith sent me the same amount. I wish you would enquire into the affair if you see the Agent. You will probably

be able to collect the voucher
which you hold. I feel very
grateful for the kind rep
which you have shown to me.
We all need help.

Remember me in
kindness to your family
and friends.

Robt is still in poor
health. He has done too much
hard work. He has been confined
to the house all winter.

Please inform me
when you write where Afford
is.

Yours Truly
John B. McCullough

Mrs. Renville
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Berlin Feb 21st 1863

Mr Rigg

Red, Sir, we recieved
yours to day with the receipts and
drafts enclosed; and glad to have
our debt so far paid. Mr Renville
says he thinks we left S. Brown's
bill at Mendota, and he does not
remember how much it is,

but that it is either \$13, (dollars)
and some cents, or between 14, or
15; he cant tell, I cant remember
anything, hardly since our captivity
but what is in black and white

To day I am a very nervous head
ache, and would not attempt to
write but Mr. R. wants me to,

We think if it wont put you to too
much trouble that it is best to have
you put \$1000 in the bank at
Saint Paul, untill we come

go to Minnesota and have time
to look about and see the building
lots or farms, so as to please
ourselves, in selecting. the remainder
you may send in a draft to us
we have promised to ^{let} one of my
Brothers have some money, for
which he will give land security
and it will save his farm,
we think we can spare the \$1000,
long enough in the bank to earn
a little money. Mr. Pennville is
anxious to return to Minnesota,
in the Spring, he is busy all the
time since you wrote, to him
about teaching. I wish in your
next you would please tell
where we would have to hire
if he was engaged in teaching for
I must have a little quiet from
Indian callers, until my nerves
are somewhat stronger, I shall
try and not hinder Mr Pennville

from laboring among his people
and if ever I recover my health
it will be my desire to aid
him in any way I can.

Mr. R. is translating
Precept upon Precept, and takes
great pleasure in doing it, he
~~thinks~~ it will interest the Dakotas
very much. He wants to know
what part has been translated
and if it has all been destroyed

Mr. Riggs, I hope you can
speak an encouraging word to
Mr. R. even if it can't be published
in a long time, for it aids him
in getting a little better command
of our language and the habit of
~~impr~~ flying himself diligently
he thinks he can translate it
so as to do well after you
and John, Willimsons have
corrected it, he seems more
anxious to labor among the

Dakotas than he ever did, I hope
I shant prove an hindrance but
I sometimes shrink from ever
going into the Indian Country again
but once there I expect these foolish
feelings will leave, me ^{and I shall be} a more
sensible woman,

Mr, Riggs, I know
I make mistakes in spelling
and almost every other way in
writing but Bell, and Ella are
enough almost to exaze me when
writing, and I have so much
writing to do ~~I~~ I cant expect to
keep them quiet,

Yours Truly
Mary A Penville

them. If the Dakotas are to be
come a Christian people much more
of the work must be done by na-
tives than heretofore and this is one
thing God is teaching us this winter.
The work in the prison this winter
is a mighty work of God far trans-
cending any thing of the kind I
ever saw elsewhere and so far as hu-
man instrumentality is concerned
it has been chiefly effected by
Coker, Kapatankwa, & Ahopiwakan.
When may we expect you up here
The officers often inquire about you
as if they were expecting you there.

We remember your family with
affection. If circumstances seem
to admit of it I may go down to
St. Anthony next month but
Lizzie Hunter is so weak and perhaps
to fast I do not like to go far from
home. I will send you herewith
a copy of some parts of a letter which
I have recently received from

Rev S B Pratt I am yours both
in the Gospel

Thos S Williams

T. S. Williams

Saint Peter Feb 24th 1863

Dear Brother Riggs

I received a letter
from you last Thursday. I have
no ill will towards Jim Sibly
but hope he will not succeed in
sending the prisoners to Alton.
But if they shall be sent there I
think I shall feel it my duty
to go also unless it may be
thought best for you or John
to go.

In regard to what Roberts says
about my owing him I think
he is entirely mistaken. I have
no remembrance of getting any
thing small or great at his
store on credit since the pay-
ment in 1861, nor has any
of my family. Still it is

possible I may have gotten
something and forgotten it & so
his clerk probably remembers
what it was and can mention
circumstances connected with it
which would bring it to my
remembrance in which case
I will cheerfully pay.

I think the Worcesteriana a
good investment though they
cost more than you at first
expected. I distributed those
you sent to such as have been
and this B-a has since they
were confined and think there were
just about enough to supply
such in a week or two & think
at least 100 more will be want-
ed and I hope you will send me
that number speedily.

I think we have more of the
harmfulness of slaves than our
Episcopal brethren but they

certainly have more of the
wisdom of serpents than we
and perhaps we ought to learn
something from them John
can tell you of Mr. Hinman's
proceedings at the prison &
I think you and he may be
wiser in devising and measuring
than I am but I wish to make
one suggestion namely that
you appoint each of your el-
ders to watch over a certain
part of the people in the camp
and if there are any other
men in the camp in whose
purity you have confidence
give to each of them something
of this kind to do and to arrange
matters that every man, wo-
man and child in the camp who
is willing to be instructed by
us may have some one of our
members to watch over and in-
struct

Brooklyn Feb 23 1863

My dear Mrs Riggs

I suppose
before this you may have received
a box of clothing from the Ladies
of Plymouth Church Mr Merwin
sent me your letter dated in Dec.
with the request that we should
do something to meet your wants
The request found us so much pre-
occupied with work for the Freed
men Association and for the Hospi-
tals, that we were not able to do as
much as we might have done at
another time, in the top of the
box, but in so fill up are articles
such as we have been sending to
the contrabands, you may find them
useful for your ~~women~~

My sister Cornelia who is living
near us took great pleasure in doing
for her little namesake - You may
not be aware that we are not
members of the church opposite us
where we were when you were here,
but have united with Mr Beecher's
church, Any thing connected with
your family will always be of interest
to us will you not write and
let us know how you are situated
at present what prospects have
you of being able to go on with your
life work We met your bro. Joseph
at our old home in Conway last
summer - he had just then enlisted
with the 9 month men, My Mother
is still living she is 83 in good health
Should you or your children be
coming East you will find a hearty

welcome, both here and at Conway
My best regards to Mrs Briggs Mr
Graves wishes also to be remembered
he has been ill for a few days, but is
usually in good health Yours with

Sincere regards
M. J. Graves.

107 Henry St
Brooklyn

New Ulm February 23rd 1863.

Mr S H Riggs Saint Anthony Minn
Dear Sir:

Your Letter of the 10th inst is received, in reply I would tell you, that in order to wind up your Guardianship you will have to render a final account of your doings in the premises, to the Probate Court of Brown County, and then you may apply to the Judge of Probate of Nicollet County to appoint an Administrator for the Estate of your deceased Ward

Respectfully Yours

Charles Wagner

Judge of Probate

Brown County.

Judge of Probate
of Beaver Co.
1863

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J. B. Newell

1863

Berlin Feb 24th 1863

Mr. Riggs Dear Friend

wowapi hake

yaka gecim gon war na war on
yaka pi agatokan war pi on ge
ca gap i eca herra owasim on ki
yu skin pi ece

Godwampi wowapi on mazaska
mazan pi ca je date cim he ego
on kin e con kon pi kte de han on ki ya
cim pi on kan mazaska witke mme
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Israel P. Warren

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,
Boston, Feb 24. - 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs,
St. Anthony, Wis.

Dear Sir, Yours of the
10th with the accompanying
paper was duly received.

I am somewhat in doubt as
to the reply I should make. It
is the business of this Society to
publish books which teach relig-
ion and morality, and which are
chiefly of permanent value. Nar-
ratives of passing events, unless
so shaped as to compass said
object are not adapted to our use.
I think, I have no doubt might

be written illustrative of the condition, character, & habits, of the Indian tribes west of the Miss. Sissippi; - the progress of civilization & Christianity among them - and including some account of the late outbreak - its causes, & results, - which would be instructive & valuable. But I fear that the one you propose, so far as I can gather your design, would be somewhat different from that. Of what permanent value for S. Schools &c would be the "Flight of the Missionaries" or "Mrs Huggins' Captivity & rescue"? They are suited to the columns of the daily or weekly papers, or to the Missionary Herald, as a part of the news of the day - deeply interesting doubtless to parties immediately concerned, & to some extent to others, - but not, I fear adapted to take their place among ~~the~~ standard religious literature.

Mrs Huggins' life & character would doubtless interest those who knew him, but not more than hundreds of others which we are obliged to decline. Memoirs - unless of a very peculiar excellence, - are among the most abundant yet least esteemed of the productions offered for publication.

Even more decidedly should I dissent from the proposal to publish the harrowing details of the Indian massacres, and the execution of the criminals. These are among the scenes of human crime & wretchedness which the world ought to let pass into oblivion as soon as possible. Why tell them to thousands of children, to haunt them with ghastly images & fill their young hearts with horror? What possible good can it do them or any one else to know how the wretched criminals looked &

acted when brought to their
merited doom? I say this as
a father, thinking of little ones
dear to me, & making them rep-
resentatives of thousands in other
families, and in Sabbath Schools
throughout the land;—while at the
same time as a man, & as a
citizen, I rejoice that these brutal
wretches have been brought to their
just punishment.

I may have misapprehended
the character of your proposed book—
if so—pardon me. I do not doubt
that the whole matter looks differently
to us from what it does to the people
of your State, & of those who had direct
cognizance of the sad affairs referred to.
If we could do any thing to stay the
tide of unjust prejudice against all
the Indians, & secure for them a
better treatment from bad white men,
we should be glad to do it. I agree with
you that this might be "a good done to
humanity"—

I submit these views for your consid-
eration, and at the same time, should you
care to forward your MS. when completed I
will give to it the most favorable ^{representation}
your truly in the Gospel J. P. Warren Sec

Fiskerville N.Y. Feb 24. 1863

Rev^d S. B. Riggs

Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 14th inst came duly to hand, and we were as always glad to hear from you. Your letter finds me very busy - engaged in manufacturing and selling glassware. We are beginning to feel the effect of this war very heavy in the increased expense of our business for labor and all kinds of materials - I should like very much to see the account of Miss Huggins' captivity. I do not take the St Paul press. I occasionally receive copies of it, but have not seen the one containing that account. I hope the government and the people of Minnesota will not give it up until Little Crow and his guilty followers are taken. I think it likely however he will give them a long chase. if they do get after him. I should think the only way to get him would be to require the Indians who have harbored him in their tribes this winter to bring him forth. I am much obliged to you for interesting yourself in my apr of lopes &c and when it is collected want you to take our for your commissions & trouble

I have not seen any thing lately concerning those
Indians who are in confinement awaiting their
sentence. I should think the people of Minn.
would be growing very impatient at the delay.
How is your Hazelwood Republic, are the most
of the Indians back there again, who were there
before the outbreak, did you find anything worth
bringing away with you when you went back
to the place. I sent the photograph of your
premises to Philadelphia by my brother last week
and ordered six copies which I will send you
to give away. I shall receive them next week
I suppose and will send them as soon as
I receive them, I should like to know how all
of the friends are who were on our prairie trip
and how and where they are situated.

We are both well and desire to be remembered
to Mrs. Riggs and the others of your family.

Yours very truly,
D. Wilson Moore

D. Wilson Moore
1863

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
February 27th 1863.

Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry of 26th instant as to the steps necessary to be taken to procure duplicate Half-breed Scrip I have to state that persons intending to make such application must first advertise in some weekly newspaper having a general circulation, three successive weeks, giving notice of such intention describing the lost Scrip in such manner as to clearly identify the same, and stating the circumstances of the loss. When this has been done an application stating the facts of the case verified by the Affidavit of the applicant and accompanied by a copy of the notice above mentioned with the publishers certificate of publication, will receive due attention.

C. D. Gilfillan Esq

San Fran H. S. Wilkinson.
W. S. Senator.

Very Respectfully,
J. D. Olney
Commissioner

Aunt Jane

Dear Sister Riggs

Recd. March 1868.

I had intended writing to you sooner but my time has been much occupied with the sick since my return from your place previous to that time the sickness and mortality had in a great measure been confined to St Peter but when I came home many were sick in Scurvise. You have probably heard that Thos Pettigrew has buried three children all of sore throat or diph. Therin their babe and Louis (13 yrs of age) a day or two after and in less than a fortnight lovely little Bell followed. After Louis died old Emma was very low and as nurses were scarce I was with them a good deal but when she became better we hoped all were out of danger.

Many thanks for the picture

but Sat. night a week ago came
near midnight for me to go and
sit with them saying they feared
Bell could not live till morning I
went and staid till noon Monday
and left dear little Bell a corpse
Through all her sickness she was like
a mature Christian

March 5. I do not know what date she
above ought to bear but I think I was
interrupted and finding that Mauna
was writing to Martha concluded to
wait a while and somehow it has pro-
ed a long while How very very pleas-
ant it would be to see you Mr Riggs
and the dear girls coming in as
formerly Your sympathy would in-
deed be very precious and I cannot
but feel a longing desire for your so-
ciety Still we have much very much
to be thankful for Neighbors are very
kind Mr & Mrs Peck particularly

Mrs Hottelaw has made us three
visits and twice spent several days
with us The rest of the family have
come when they could When Jane
went home yesterday she told me she
did not like to be from home much
now

Lizzie still hovers between life and
death for a week past she has been
too weak to be raised to a sitting
posture to take her food or drink
but it is ^{thus far} a very gentle dissolving
of the clay tabernacle and when
it fails we trust that through the
Mercy of God she will be admitted
to that Building not made with
hands eternal in the heavens
I have attended death beds when
there was more extreme joy but
I think I never witnessed more
perfect peace and resignation
she said to me the other day

I feel like praising God all the time He is giving me all that I could desire now and I can trust him for all that is to come I asked her if she had no doubt of his acceptance? "O no why should I when Jesus was so kind to all that came to him on earth, he casts off none that come to him. Still I like to hear his promises read often"

Again she remarked that she thought praising the Lord for his redeeming love would be the sweetest joy in heaven

Mamma has been quite sick for more than a fortnight she is getting weak and looks badly one of her old spells

Little Nancy fell against the stove and blistered her face it is quite sore Bessie has been with but a scapulous ^{tumor} is forming under her ear that is painful and affects her eye on that side

Mary thanks for the picture

March 17. You will probably ere this
reaches you have learned that
the gentle spirit of our loved E.
Hunter has drop its clay labor
nacle and we trust she is even now
uniting with holy happy spirits
in the song of Redeeming Love
Were not brother going down I would
give some particulars but you
can hear what you wish from him
as she approached the river the
prospect beyond was so bright that
she longed to be there and prayed
for patience to wait till she was
called at one time she said. I know
that "I am going to my Father's House
but the way seems long" I observed
to her though you should continue
long and suffer much still I trust
you will be enabled to say the will
of the Lord be done oh yes she said
our Heavenly Father knows best

She prayed much for her husband
and child and dear sister I trust
you will pray for them too Mr Hun-
ter closed her eyes with his own fin-
gers. When living he loved to do
what he could for her and even when
she was gone he seemed to feel it
a privilege his little home must
look very desolate to him now
when he is there alone He stayed
with us Sat. night and was here
yesterday and went out in the after-
noon to help Henry chop wood when
Mannie reminded him he would
make himself late getting home
he replied "his pleasanter here than
there Mannie". Michael started to his
Uncles yesterday they had written
for him some time since but he
stayed at Mr Hunters to let him
be with Lizzie till she was gone
O it was so pleasant to have her
with ~~us~~ us so long and have the merr-

of rendering her so comfortable she
seemed all the time to feel that
her cup of blessing was full Mr &
Mrs Peck were very kind and atten-
tive to us through all the sickness
Others too were kind Eliza Huggins
came the Sat. before and remained
till the funeral Elizabeth was duty
ed with her singing till she was al-
most gone Surely we have reason
to thank and praise the Lord for
his tender mercy and lovingkind-
ness manifested in this bereave-
ment Pray that we may grow wiser
and better thereby.

The pretty quilt you so kindly gave
us lay on her bed she admired its
beauty and we could not have had
her bed look so clean and comfort-
able without it. She spoke of your
kindness several times when look-
ing at it. I wish the good people
that sent the box from Oxford knew

how much the blankets and other
things added to our comfort
I was thinking as I came home we
had all that we needed to make us
comfortable during the winter ex-
cept another feather bed when I came
home I found a letter from Mrs I
Daniels saying she had a bid at
Dr A D's that she would rather
than not we had the use of this
winter I went for it before Lizzie
came Even in temporal blessings
we have much to be thankful for
Bro will tell you that Nannie has
recovered The tumor under Bessie's
^{is better} ear but she has one ~~tumor~~ on the
back ^{of her neck} that I fear will form a run-
ning sore when the ground becomes
dry I hope out door exercise will
make her healthy she and Nancy are talk-
ing behind me Nancy says "Mamma gone
down Heaven to see baby she saw both in
need I often feel the tear of gratitude
on my cheek when thinking of you all
bestowed on Bessie and me nothing in
interest in your prayers
Yours Affly Jan L Williams

We felt sorry to part with Mamma May she live be ever near her and comfort her

St. Peter, Minn. March, 7th 1868

Dear Brother Riggs,

Your very acceptable letter of Feb. 26th was received today. We thank you for the two fines, and for your sympathy. I hope to receive some money next week, and if I do you shall certainly be remembered in my disbursing. My wifes account has been lost some way in Washington, but my brother thinks he will be able to find it, and have it paid.

Commissioner Dole ordered it paid last Nov, and my ^{brother} thought it was paid, until we wrote to him, informing him that we had not received it. Laura & Alice are sick at this time. Laura was in Traverse going to school, took sick on monday last and today I brought her home. I was fearful it might injure her, but hope tonight that it did not. She is not able to sit up. If she is not better in the morning I will try and get Dr. Daniels out to see her.

I am talking some of trading my land for an
improved farm, but don't have much expecta-
tion of doing it. My wife joins in sending
her respects to all of your family.

Yours in haste,

Jonas Pettibone

1868

Jonas Pettibone

Department of the Interior
Office Indian Affairs
March 4th 1863,

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note, under date February 28th 1863, enclosing an account of John L. McCullough, Assignee of Francois Bellsile for \$47.⁹⁰/₁₀₀, for labor performed in the Agricultural Department, against the Sioux Indians.

In reply I have to state, that a requisition has been issued for the balance due against those Indians, which has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Clark W. Thompson, for the settlement of the same.

As the remittance has been made with a view to the payment of those claims, the account enclosed by you, will be forwarded to Superintendent Thompson for settlement.

Hon O. Lovejoy
House of Representatives

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. P. Dole
Commissioner

John L. McCullough

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Fislerville N.J. March 6. 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Friends

I have mailed to day five Photographs copied from the one Mr. Hill took of your home in Hazlewood, they are not very good but are the best I could get from the copy I had. Please give one with my regards to Rev T. Williamson and Mr. Cunningham. If they do not arrive safely, let me know and I will have some more taken. We are getting along about as usual, are enjoying good health and I am very busy. I am about commencing a new dwelling for ourselves - this war is letting very much on laboring men we feel it very much in our business we have about two hundred men and boys at work for us, and when one quits it is pretty hard work to replace him wages have not advanced very much yet with us but they must do so soon. All kind, of material that we use in our business has advanced from 25 to 75 per cent, and when labor advance, in proportion I guess it will pretty nearly wind

up our business, but I wish the President
would call out 600000 more men, I still
have strong faith in the government and
think the rebellion will sometime be put
down and the Star & Stripes float as formerly
over every City & State that it did before the
rebellion. My wife joins in desiring to be
kindly remembered by you all

Sincerely yours

D. Wilson Moore

I enclose Thomas, a style of currency
that we put out while government small
currency was so scarce, we had a
great demand for it

D. W. Moore

1863

[Bound with 1862 and J. Williams
1863 papers]

Saint Peter March 6

Dear Brother Rigg

I send you
herewith a letter handed me for
you on my last visit to Man-
kato. You will be pleased to
know that very many of
the prisoners continue to give
increasing evidence of being
truly converted. The evidence
to my mind was stronger
at my last visit than on
any preceding one. All in
the prison have now been bap-
tized and on my two last visits
I have baptized four of those
outside. Hanyokize and three
of the women. Then an several
others outside who sometime ago
surrendered under strong convictions

but I fear they have resisted
the Holy Spirit, till he is leaving
them, and I do not expect to
baptize any more than this
Spring. Including those baptized
before the execution and others
who have died since the num-
ber baptized by Mr. Pond and
myself is very nearly three
hundred.

I was glad of the copies of the Lords
Prayer given, but all the readers
and most of the others had already
learned to repeat it when Mr. Pond
came up. Many of them are
progressing rapidly in learning to
read and write. On my last visit
several who began the alphabet
since you were there seemed to have
fairly well mastered how to write
and I received several letters from
such written I suppose by themselves.

In regard to ourselves I feel
that the labors bodily and espe-
cially mental of this winter
are wearing me out, and I am
very willing to wear out in this
way. I am not sick and feel very
little pain. Mrs. W & sister are
as well as usual. Lizzy Hinkles
strength and flesh still wastes
but not so fast since she is en-
tirely confined to bed as before.
She is ready and willing to go
whenever the summons comes.
Nanny has been has been
unwell for ten days her old
complaint disordering stomach &
does not begin to get better but
we hope she will soon.

Thos. Pettijohn's family still
suffer from sickness and both
of Jonas' P's children are sick
So A & H Daniels has lost

one of this morn very
recently. Mr. Whiggins family
have pretty good health at pre-
sent except Charly and he is
better than when you saw him.
If you have not already done
it please send me soon at least
100 copies more of Womans Work
we

Our kind regards to your family
Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Sing Sing
Branch 7th

My dear Mr. Riggs

I have to-day sent
a barrel of clothing to
Mr. Brewin at the Bi-
ble House. He will
put in the quilt and
forward it to you -

The clothing has been
sent by various ladies
in Sing Sing & its neigh-
borhood. Please select
out such articles as are
suitable for your own
family or for Dr. William
Jons and distribute the
rest amongst those fam-
ilies who have suffered
from the Indians, as
some of the Misses sent

in were not very good
but I thought it best to
send them there being so
many in need, & but
the main object was to
supply your family - and
you will therefore please
select all that can be
made of use to yourself.
The cradle quilt is sent
you by a little boy in
Sing - Sing - having been
made for him by his
Mum - I do not know
if you have any children
young enough to use it
but you can dispose
of it as you think fit
if you do not need it.
I hope that brighter
days are in store for
you - with the Spring

your Christian Indians
will I hope be able to
resume their agricultural
labors - and I trust
that means will be taken
to protect you in your
work.

Hoping that the same
may reach you in
safety & be useful to
your family.

I remain

Yrs truly

F. D. Parmelee

The little boy's name is
Bernie Maurice, since
I wrote this letter, Mr. Moore
of Sing - Sing has given me
\$5.00 which I enclose - I think
the Mom of it as he is a
member of the Episcopal Church.

and therefore was not called
upon by denominational
sympathies, but simply actuated
by enlarged Christian charity
Please let me know when you
receive it -

Very truly
Mrs. W. D. Brewster

S. J. Ebell
1863

New Haven Ct March 7th
1863

My dear Mr. Riggs

Excuse my troubling
you some, but I need your help very
much indeed - You know I went to
Washington to see about my claim -
Senator Rice very kindly took the
matter in hand, laid it before Com. Dale
and assuring me that I would certainly
receive it within a couple of weeks advised
me if that was my aim to go at once to D.H.
& not wait there on expense but that
he would put it through for me & send me
the money - Com. Dale gave me a paper
testifying to the same & advising of pay-
ment - but that has been all of it -
Mr. R. sent me a paper signed by the
three members from Ct - advising id^o

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payment by the Commission when
appointed -- it is quite a task I can
assume you to have as I am compelled at
present to meet ~~current~~ expenses by daily
efforts & keep up with a class in Yale
at the same time - I would not have
dared to come here had I anticipated it -
but as I am here I will do all in
my power to go on - Can you any way
possibly help me in procuring the
payment of my claims - if I could at
least get a part of it - if you could
assist me in this matter I would ever
consider myself indebted to you - it
would be of greater assistance to me
now than anything else any one could
ever do for me - I told you if I recalled right -
how I lost everything in another effort I made
a few years ago to get enough to go through with
& now again to have it over would be hard - would
you be kind enough to write & tell me what I should
do & how I shall do it - Most Respectfully
Yours Adiram. Ebell

Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK, }
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 S. W. STEBBINS, DEPOSITARY.
 No. 150 Nassau-street.

American Tract Society,
 New York, Mar. 9, 1863.

Rev. L. R. Riggs

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th ult. with enclosure was duly received. Receipt please find within. The hymns are now ready & at the request of Dr. Halluk. I write to ask how they shall be sent. Also give statement of cost as follows.

Paper & Press work for 500 Copies.

2 Runs. 1 1/2 qrs. Paper @ \$8.80 & Run. ——— 24.84

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 173.85

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We shall be happy to hear from you & to forward the books at the earliest day as you shall direct.

Most truly Yours

S. W. Stebbins, Depy

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New Ulm March 9th 1863.

S R Riggs Esqr Saint Anthony Minn
My Dear Sir:

Yours of February 29th is received
I hereby return to you the account and an affidavit
with you will have to subscribe and swear to
before the Judge of Probate there, and return to this
Court, I will then ~~order~~ that your account be allowed
and you discharged from your Guardianship, I also
sent you the amount of additional expenses, so
that you may add them to your account and have
them allowed at the same time.

Respectfully Yours
Charles Wagner.

hearing petition to discharge

Guardian

\$2.00.

allowing account

" " 45

recording same

" " 45

order to discharge Guardian

" \$0

\$3.90

Add from amount

79.48

Judge of Probate fee

25

\$83.43

Judge of Probate Brown County

Judge of Probate
of Brown County
1860

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the estate of the late John A. Brown deceased and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. A. Brown

Received by the
 probate court
 of Brown County
 Feb 22 1860

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Miss. Heaver Boston

March 12. 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony. Minn.

Dear Brother

Your letters of

Feb. 20 & March 11 are before me. The reports from Mauskato, now from Fort Snelling, are certainly surprising & most gratifying. I read Mr G. W. Bonds letter in the Evangelist with wonder. I don't suppose that all who receive baptism, are true converts; but that so many, with such antecedents, should be willing to make a public profession of their faith in Christ is a strange thing. Can there be any sinister design in all this? Do some hope, in this way, to escape hanging? One result, I trust, will be realized, viz., that more real conversions will take place within the year after the outbreak than had occurred during all the previous history of the mission. Will it not be so?

In regard to the claims, Mr Gordon inquires why we had not better give you the

power of a attorney, but you manage our
claim according to your best judgment. It will
be easy for you to look after the matter, in
connection with your personal interests. You
can employ Mr. Higginson to assist you as
counsel; but for this I do not see that he will
need any written power of att^y to say nothing
of the notarial seal. The matter of acknowledgment
I know something about; & some powers of att^y
require to be acknowledged; but in multitudes
of cases lawyers act for their clients without
any written, or at least any formally drawn,
authorization.

If you see no objection, I think Mr.
Gordon's plan a good one; but if we had better
make Mr. Higginson att^y - please to send us
his full name.

I leave for New York, Chicago, & in
a few minutes, & be absent 2 or 3 weeks.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & your family
Very paternally

W.

S. B. Tread

J. D. Hunt
1863

Michel Revilla
1863

Psinhuwakpa Mar 18th 1863
Tama Koe

Mitakuge xine
naka ha nowapi ei stina piea ge do
De ei on bidipichan tan han taku na
tan yan s don waze xni he on nowapi
eia ge xni naka ha den on kapi kin
den Akicita xong akan y otan ka se hena
den hipi ga mde iye na ektaze a on pe
pi he en on on rap i ti wakan ga
wasukowaxte gitkanata wago miye
hena on on kipi on kan ptin han
Wopet on han ka i gon he on kipi on kan
Aokahera wicowe gammi wan on ya ka
pi he on mde iye na hen tipi on ke i
on pi he on katingan on yan pi ga ektan
kipi tu katuwe na en on xni he en Akic
ita kin ixna hdi en pituka on hip na en
on wan kapi ga i han son na he han ma ya
wakan ektan kipi ga owi on de pi on kan he
en hen tipi tu ka han getu gon he he han na

maji eapi'ga otu wita eena haren onki pi
onkan onki yapi kta tuka ge do washe
nuka ex oye pi kin owa sin tan yan wa
onza pa pi onka itkomiza onpe pi tuka
na wicon xna pi he on onk te pi xni
ye do tipi xah dogan pi wapa gopi wan
en ehde pi onkan & he ma hea kaga
pi he wica kin he ma hea pi on he eon pi
onki yu kean he han on eiza yapi kin
egex wicota pi wikee mna yapi tan san
pa pi do helu kili yapi eena ein pi
onki yu kean pi do Raken on otu wita
kin en mina woxna pi ye do qanakon
wotaweha nza pi ye do he on taten waste
ein pi xni do dakota kin he en oran pica
he kici is oran pi ee do on^{pi} xna na onki pi
onkan x wawicon ya kapi kta tuka ga
nakan he na napi dan xni imdu kean
ye do mde ipa kxan ga ix he heek
en wicota na eee he on wakin owa sin
shan kin han akeis anta ka wangi ktepi
kta imdu kean de ei mina waku wapi
do ga onki ye pi xta dakota on wa onkioi

ya kapi kin han onki yapi kta na eee do
he han Cha ke on wowa pi we eaga tuka
makoe tu kten on kin sdon waye xmi
he on kici on kon wan ji na owa haka
oie age ein kin ei he en omaya kize ga
he tan han a kta ye mi ye eici ya on kax
pi da mayaye kta tuka owa sin tan yan
onza koun pi he tuku wakan waxa kake
kaga on ke ein pi he on pi on da pi ohini
wope kize eha ea on ye ksu ya pi on kan x
apla wa on mi ean te kin on ti yohu naka
ni ta wa owa sin nape eiyu ya pi
awica ke han ni ta ku ye din ea omi ye

Michel Renville

New-York, March 22 1863

Rev S. R. Rigg St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I sent by Am Express, co.
1 Box & 1 Barrel for you to the care of Rev J. Mattocks
St Paul, & wrote him asking that he would forward
the same to you. I paid the Express to La Crosse, the
end of their route. Other expenses will be paid by Rev
Mr Mattocks. The Box is large & Valuable - I
wrote to your friend Mrs Rufus Graves of Brooklyn
& she took the lead in getting up the Box.
When you have opened it, & examined the contents
to I should be glad to have you write Mrs Graves
and let your letter pass through my hand & I
will deliver it in person. The Ladies of Rev H. W.
Beecher's church helped in getting up the Box.
The Barrel & contents is from Mrs Helen M.
Parmelee of Sing Sing N. Y. a good widow Lady
and a friend of mine. In the top of the Box
you will find a Quilt & some clothing, given by
her, which should have been put in the Barrel.
Please acknowledge her Barrel & I will forward
the letter to her. My family Remember you in love
Truly yours A. Meserve

Rooms of the American Board
of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
Bible House, Astor Place,

New-York, Feb 20th 1868

R. J. Mattocks
St. Paul Minn

Dear Sir, I have sent to
your care by the Am. Express Company
as per Receipt enclosed, one Box and one
Barrel, clothing &c, for Mr L. R. Riggs.
Will you kindly forward the same to his
family. I have paid the Express company
to the end of their route, La Crosse. What
you may be called on to pay will be returned
to you by Mr Riggs.

The contents of the Box &c will be very valuable
to the missionary & his family in this time
of their destitution.

I shall be glad to know from you
or Mr Riggs, that the Box &c is safe
at hand.

Very truly yours

A. Merwin apt
A. B. C. F. M.

Angeline

Angeline Penwill

Wall nut Hill.

Mar. 20th 1863.

Dear Mrs Riggs.

I am ashamed to say that this is the first letter that I have written to you since I have been home. We have had very pleasant weather for two weeks. but yesterday and to day are not very pleasant.

Night before last we went in to hear the "Old folks" sing. they did not look as outlandish as I expected they would.

One of the men they call Cousin Ruben he was about the funniest one he had on a long tailed coat that came almost down to the floor.

Some of the ladies were dressed quite fine one or two of them had on harps but the rest did not have on any.

I expect you would like to know what I am doing this winter I have done but very little sewing but I still know how.

Mr. Drake gets up and makes the fires and then calls me. I have been getting the breakfast all the winter.

Mrs Drake sometimes goes visiting and leaves me to bake the bread so if I try very hard I can bake it nearly as nice as she can but sometimes I get in a hurry and burn the bread.

Some times I have the washing to do all by myself and I think it is to much and wish I did not have to it. When I think again I will have to do it some time in my life and perhaps more to so I go to work and think it is just as easy or easier now then it will be then

I was very glad to hear that Mother has not Other day for a husband. I knew almost that she would not have him.

I she told me before I came away that she should not get married or listen to any thing while I was away unless I wanted her to.

I think people have no business making up such lies about her she has enough trouble with out them. I do wish folks would mind their own business and not be tending to others.

I would like to know all about sister Sues sickness how she felt about dying when she knew that she could not live.

Did she have any word to send me? I have often wished that Mr Riggs had been with her.

I think she would have told him more then any one else it cant

be helped now.

Thomas and Henry look so big in that picture that you sent Mrs Drake Robby looks like a little beggar boy his hair is all over his eyes.

Mrs Drake thinks that perhaps Mr and Mrs Cunningham will be here next week. I will be glad to see them any time.

I have a very pretty spring dress Mrs Drake always gets me address with out my knowing any thing about it and I am always suited this is a delaine one. I have it all made.

Give a kiss to baby for me and tell her that Arlik wants to see her very badly Has Thomas got the letter written to me yet I am looking for it.
Give my love to all folks.
Your Affectionate,
Angie C. Remick

that I was glad that she was with
us for Providence had so dealt with
me, that it was necessary for me to
have some one that I could rely upon.
She has been a faithful good girl in
most respects, considering she has had
so much trouble. Now let me assure
that she is not a burthen to us by
any means, the most cheerfully promise
for her all necessaries & wish you to relieve
yourself entirely from any care pecuniarily
for her while she remains with us.
Saturday morning Angelique has had
all night to make her choice & this
morning says very cheerfully "I will
stay for I know it is for the best"
though I want very much to see them
all. "If my mother could feel that I
thought as much of her by not going home
I would not care ~~at~~ much." Her mother
does not interpret her letter as she wants
her to & I will have her write to her mother
& have Mr Riggs ~~interpret~~ ^{write} for her.
The draft of \$20 is not needed at all
at present & will not be unless circumstances
should change much. She has a trunk that
will answer every purpose until she starts

to travel. I think it may be necessary to have a stronger one.
I have not said half I wish to, but will write soon again. He should
be directly to the city. I will send him by him.
My Dear Mr & Mrs Riggs
My affectionately
Loving Father

Mr. Drake

Home Villa March 21st 63

My Dear Mr & Mrs Riggs

I sat down this
afternoon to talk with you & was in-
terrupted by company. - When my husband
came home from the city late this
evening & brought Angelique's letter with
the notes - enclosed for me I felt badly
to think that I had not acknowledged
yours last. - It came just at a time
that my time & strength were wholly
occupied & required. I put off writing
until I had time & to day is the first
since I have had since.

I said to Angelique this morning
I wish you to write to Mr Riggs &
ask the privilege of reading the letter
She laughed & said "well" so brought
it to me just as I was interrupted in
my writing. I have just read it & now
see plainly that I have depended too much

Short-sighted Creatures— And are apt
to see Gods work in vain— God is his
own Interpreter and He will make
it plain— "what we know not now
we shall know hereafter— That up-
rising of the Indians may be the
Instrument in the Hand of God for
their Conversion and Salvation—

Should you see any of Dr Williams's
family or some— give my love to them
And I hope you may all yet see
the reward of your labours— in
the Conversion of many of these
Poor Indians— Among whom you have
labored so long and so faithfully—
"God grant it for Christ's sake"

Give my love to Mary Ann
and Isabella and Martha— and all
the other Children and to Alfred when
you write to him and Anne some too
And if there should be a general
uprising of the Indians this Spring
send your family here or somewhere
where they will be safe from them
at least— with much
love I remain your Affection
Sister Elizabeth R Alfred

Sister Elizabeth

1863

Lima March 20th 1863

My Dear Brother Stephen

Yours of the 17th
of Feb came to hand in due season— Ah
how much I thank you for it— I should
have written sooner but for various reasons—
In the first place I waited to see if I
could not get a better likeness of our
dear Noble and Patriotic Boy— but
he writes me that he cannot get any
better one— therefore I will wait a
while and see— and if not we will have
some Photographs taken from the one that
was taken last July— he was sick at
time— and at any rate it is not a
Correct likeness— He had a letter
from him this week he is very-
well now— he sends his love to
you all— his Brigade is at Corinth
at present where they have been
sent to rest— Stephen Poage is at

Vicksburg the last Account - I have
not had a letter from Brother Porges
for some time - And I have not had
a letter from Moses. Since last fall
I hear from them occasionally through
Lottie writing to George - I hear from
Margaret frequently since she was
here last summer. As for Hannah
and Joseph I have given them up -
I have written to them and get no
answer - I suppose that Joseph is
getting old so are we all - I felt this
more sensibly - day before yesterday
on reading an account of the death of
Cousin Robert Baird. D.D. of New York
who died last Sabbath - his age was
said to be sixty-five - There was
I think two errors in the notice one
was he was born of Scotch Parents -
the other that he graduated at Prince-
ton - But that makes no difference
as far as he is concerned - he has
no doubt entered on that Eternal
Sabbath of Rest at God's Right Hand

May we all be prepared to follow
him - as one by one we shall be called
away from Earth - - - I am glad
to hear from you all that you have
been spared and that your Children
are well and all where you can hear
from them and go to see them if they are sick
Could you not persuade some one of
them to open a correspondence with George
tell Martha that I think if she would
write to him now he would answer
her letter - poor Child he is losing
all his time for getting an Education
But "The Lord Reigns" - I thank you
very much for that Paper giving
an account of the capture of Mrs Huggin
Poor thing what she must have suffered

Dr Williamson is doing a good work
"Breaching to the Spirits in prison"
I see an account in the Herald of
Lyttelton going to assist him and
of their baptizing the Prisoners -
"God works in a mysterious way his
wonders to perform" - We are poor

St Paul March 22
[1863]

Rev S. B. Peck.

I understand that Charles Mother
hang herself the day he was Executed.
I would be pleased to learn the particulars
also in what way and by whom the
mistake was made whereby an innocent
man was hanged. I did not fully understand
the day you was here, as I am about
publishing a narrative of my life among
the Indians every thing of any moment
or of course necessary that is any ways
connected with that Family names of
course I care not to bring into Print but
but every occurrence I shall want to give
to the public. I do not design publishing
it in this state it will probably be in
Rhode Island if you will answer this you
will. Obedt. Yours Respectfully, S. H. Wakefield

Portsmouth March 24. 1863 -

Dear Brother

Winter is over and gone - and Spring is opening upon us again - The seasons come and go - and the vegetable world, which a few weeks ago was apparently dead, is now presenting evidences of a new life - But is the winter of human life followed by a new life; "Man dieth & where is he" - If a man die, shall he live again" - Heathen Philosophers could not answer the question, to their own satisfaction - and the Heathen oracles were dumb - Life and immortality are brought to light, only in the Gospel - As the winter of life is approaching, I feel the blessedness of the hope which is inspired by this gospel; and the expectation of visiting those who have gone before us (whom we loved) in the regions of everlasting Spring, is a solace while travelling along the latter end of the journey of life -

I think I intimated the possibility that I would spend a few months with my friends in the West during the ensuing summer, ~~in~~ my last letter; that is now my expectation, still it may not be realized - Harriet Contemplates removing back to Pittsburg about the first of May, - Martha with her little daughter (Irmie) will go with Harriet - Stephen who expects to remove from the other side of the Scioto into town, and either he or Newton Robinson will occupy my house on 2^d Street, & the other the old Front Street dwelling -

If I should not go to the Gen Assembly at Phil^a I may go west in the early part of May, spending a day or two with Margaret Rutherford in Illinois - by the Hannibal & St Joseph R.R.

to Larned in Kansas - when I hope to spend a month or so
with Saml. - then I think ^{going} of by Stage through Iowa to brother
Poage's, thence to the Mississippi & up to St. Paul or St. Anthony.
Should you still remain there, and on my return home I can
call on Alfred & Sister Elizabeth - thus you see I have laid
out an extensive program for the summer visit which I
propose I desire to say ofus "If the Lord will I shall do
thus &c."

"When I went, to dinner, an hour ago (having written thus far) I found
a letter from Sister Elizabeth Alfred - her son, is in the 27th Ohio regt.
and was sun struck, while lying in the trenches before the rebel evacuation
of Corinth; she says he did not recover until cool weather in the
fall, but is now well again and at his post of duty -

God is visiting this nation with a terrible chastisement, the North
as well as South - the latter is doubtless suffering most severely -
but as all have been guilty, all have to suffer - Does
History furnish any cases of Nations who have been guilty
of great sins or wrongs, who have not been punished, and has
the punishment not always been in proportion to the magnitude
of their crimes?

I think there is a more hopeful feeling in all parts of
the Country with regard to crushing out this wicked rebellion
than existed a few months since, still the end cannot
yet be seen - Valandigham and the leading Copperheads
in the West went too far in exposing their policy for peace
with the Rebels, and a subdivision of the Northern States -
New York Capitalists and Politicians whose Patriotism

is only stimulated into action by their interest - seem to have taken a sudden tack around - We may yet have to suffer reverses, but the rebellion seems to be getting into a desponding condition, if we can judge from the tone of some of their papers, as well as the great depreciation of their Currency (Confederate Scrip) -

Will the Indians probably be troublesome this season? -
What will be done with those now in Confinement? -
Having laid this aside & wrote a long letter to Sister Elizabeth since dinner, I find my time exhausted, and must defer saying more at present - I will write you again before long when I can come to more definite conclusions with respect to my proposed visit - in the mean while should like to hear as to your future expectations & present employment -

Give much love to Mary Ann and all your family
from

your Affectionate brother

Joseph -

Bro. J. Riggs
1863

Greenfield, Mass.
March 3^d, 1863,

My dear Mrs. R.,

Having written your sister Mrs. Cooley ~~at the~~ place of your present residence she enclosed a letter from yourself soon after arriving at your present place. I had never forgotten you & your family at that lonely station, though letters have been so few in that direction. I think no amount of worldly prosperity could have caused me quite to forget a friend in ^{such} trying circumstances. Mrs. Maj Reed has always, when we met, enquired if I had heard from you, & when we heard of your perils some months ago we read the narrative with beating hearts.

My object in writing at this time is to ascertain your present wants, if you please to ~~write~~ return,

I hope that ere this your house has been furnished better than at your entrance. I think, however, your faith must have been sorely tried in this respect & in similar matters.

Our ladies in G. have been sewing for several Home missionaries within the past few years, have sent several boxes west, one to Iowa, one to Minn. & perhaps one or two to Ill. They usually correspond with the individual before sending the box or barrel, in order to learn what is needed, the size of garments, the ages of children, &c. that the articles may meet the wants of the family. We have some articles now on hand not designed for any particular place which I think our ladies would be in favor of sending to you if they could be certain that they would be appreciated. Sometimes mistakes are made, owing to inattention to these

matters. I sent your letter to Mrs Reed & another individual who is quite efficient in our sewing society. They wished me to write you as soon as convenient, which I now do, though doing the work of our little family alone, I find little time reading or letters. If you remember our school acquaintance at Buckland, you will also recollect that I was one of the slowest in that little company of four. & I have not improved in this respect.

My dear Mr. R., do not, for a moment let your faith fail in any trial after such signal displays of God's goodness in your late perils. Would you exchange places with any of your friends living ~~at~~ in New England?

Is not the voice still, to you to all 'Have faith in God'?

your children have

all been permitted to grow up to
be useful in their station, to do
something for God, while not a
few Dakotahs will hail you & your
honored husband as those who led
them to Christ. God is not "slack"
concerning his promises & he will
not be a wilderness to any who
trust in Him. I could say much
if we were to meet which I think
not worth transmitting by mail
Should you ever come to this re-
gion I hope you will visit at our
house, if I am here to greet you.
May I hope to hear from you
soon after the reception of this? Be
assured we shall welcome a letter
from you.

As ever

E. Maynard
Dec. 19, 63.
Greenfield Mass.
Mr. J. Maynard