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July 1, 1864

Anna L. Riggs	Dr.
Draft- from home	50 00
Cash " "	5 00
Draft- " "	40 00
	95 00

To Balance

95 00
22 65

Anna L. Riggs	Cr.
Entire Land Board	41 00
Organ Concert-	25
Chairs	1 25
Library fee	25
Vaccination	25
Kerosene Oil	80
Postage Stamps	1 00
Report-Book &c	10
Indulgence	1 00
Cal- & trimming	2 20
1 pair Shoes	2 25
Postage & Stationary	1 75
Fair Articles	1 00
C. C.	25
Musical & Board	15 00
Sheet-music	1 75
Thread needles &c	30
Dress Maker & Washing	1 25
Balance	22 65
	95 00

Anna Jane
July 1864



Personal Expenses D. J. R.

Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON,

July 2 1864

Rev S. R. Ripps
St Anthony. Minn

My Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 25th ult &
enclosed check for \$63.00, which I will put
into the account of the A. B. C. M.

The \$10.00 which you refer, had been placed
to your credit, and so as a matter of form, the debit
entry had to be made, but we ought not to have puzzled
you with that phrase,

Very truly yours

James M. Gordon
Recd

Miss Anna Boston
July 5 1864

Rev S. R. Pegg.

St Anthony. — Dear Bro.

Dr. Williamson has
sent a further statement, & says
also, in regard to the buildings
^{or Park Thompson} needed, indicating that the case
may be met ~~for~~ ^{without a} ~~large~~ outlay;
hence the Com^{tee} of Res^{ts} P. M., have
voted \$500; they will give more,
if necessary. It was anticipated that
we discussed the building question
before we considered the plan of
Mr Cunningham going to the
Hauklands.

Exchange cannot be bought
today for 260. This is terrible.
I send herewith a letter sent
to Western pastors. The letter
without the P. S. goes to all the
pastors. Kind regards to Mr H. &
the children. Very respectfully V. S. B. Hunt

Portsmouth July 5. 1864

Dear Brother

I am not quite sure that I am indebted to you a letter, but as my memory is sometimes at fault, I will write a short letter this afternoon, hoping that if I shall get you in my debt, in this respect, that you be disposed to make prompt payment —

Having passed the 68th mile stone in life's journey, the 2^d of this mo. you may well conclude that I feel the mental as well as physical powers decaying, and that I am often indisposed for effort in the way of letter writing — I hope however that the 15 years which you will have to spend in the Master's service, should you be continued so long, may be filled up in useful labor — and that your 68th year will find you much more able, for usefulness and activity than your Bro. J. — Do not understand me as complaining or repining at the allotments of Providence to me — I have received many more mercies, than I have improved, and although I do not anticipate many years of confirmed health in the future, yet I hope our kind Heavenly Father may ever give me a thankful grateful heart, willing to do or bear whatever in his wisdom may be required of me —

Yesterday was the anniversary (the 88th) of American independence of Great Britain, — but to human vision how gloomy — In the aspect that God reigns, how full of hope — Ten years ago I did not expect ever to live to witness a great civil war in the these United States, nor did I even in the most extended expectation of long life anticipate that I might witness the downfall of Slavery in these States — The repeal of the Missouri compromise, in the passage of the Kansas Nebraska act, I then thought

and said might be the beginning of the end of Slavery, but that the end would come so soon after the beginning, as now seems probable, I had no expectation - I supposed "the Lord was merciful and slow to anger" - that he might wait with Nations, as with individuals, that perhaps a quarter or half of a Century might pass before any great progress would be made in ridding the Nation of the system of iniquity which then seemed to be so firmly fixed - I suppose however that my theology, may have been wrong; mixed up a little with the Heathen adage "The Mills of the Gods grind slowly" I supposed a long time, as men count time, must probably elapse before so great an event could be brought about, And the way too, which God has chosen, how different from what I had supposed would be the way; While terrible insurrection, &c seemed to pass my vision of the future, or perhaps some Storm might be raised up, for the purpose of affording deliverance - I did not see that the whole Nation was so complicated in the crime, that all must be punished; nor that the Chastisement must be in proportion to the guilt of each Section of the Country - all of which now seems to be indicated by the doings of the Almighty in the course of his Providence in this Rebellion -

Within the last week, two of our Citizens, have been brought home wounded, Col. Turley of the 91st O. V. I. and Capt. Green of the 27th Ohio - both rather severely but probably not dangerously - the Col. was wounded in the vicinity of Lynchburg - the Capt. in Sherman's Army in Georgia - but what scores from this place & County have been killed or maimed for life in this wicked rebellion -

Some three weeks ago, by the agency of some reckless or careless boys, as I suppose, fire was communicated to my stable on the Old front Street dwelling property, and was so far advanced before discovery that with all the efforts of the firemen the stable & back buildings were consumed & considerable damage done to the back part of the house

It takes to repair the damage would require about \$50 Dollars at the present prices of labor & materials — Stephen's family occupy the House but were all absent at the time except the hired girl & one of their youngest Children — Their loss of furniture was but slight, —

I am still boarding with Eliza Jane — Martha is with Hurrent in Allegheny, Charles is in the Rank in Pitts, and Brown is in a Battery of Artillery, in Major Knapp's Battalion, which went from Pittsburgh in the 100 days Service — When he wrote last (the 27th June) they were in one of the fortifications about 4 miles from Washington — but were anxious to get to the front — I observed last night that the rebels had made a raid into the Valley of Va to the B. & O. Rail road near Harper's ferry, probably in considerable force, which may require all the spare force there is about Washington — as Genl. Hunter's army is all back at Charleston & Gauley on the Kenhawa —

The resignation of Secretary Chase rather took the people by surprise but as Mr Pratt said in a ~~series of~~ 4th of July Sermon which he preached last Sabbath, we must learn this lesson, that the result of this war does not depend on Mr Chase or Genl. Grant or Mr Lincoln but God can inspire the people of this Nation with such patriotism, and raise up such instruments as will crush the rebellion & give us the victory, if we put our trust in him —

I often wish I could know what you are all doing, if still living in St Anthony — Is Belle teaching at Lakeland there is her school prospering — Has Martha's expectations been disappointed or deferred — Is Anna Jane going to school yet — and Thomas & Henry — & Robin & Octavia, —

With sincere & earnest prayer for the prosperity & happiness of all I remain as ever —

Your affectionate brother

J. Riggs

Fort Thompson D. T.
July 5th 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother.

I arrived at my station a week ago last Saturday. The Indians from Davenport arrived only about a week before me. Several of them have been sick since they got here. I think there are some good men among them. They commence exhorting their friends very earnestly on the subject of religion. This fervor will soon wear off, but I trust a much larger proportion of them will remain constantly steadfast than did of those who returned from Man kato. Some of them are also quite busy in teaching their friends to read as we have no school now. Mr. Cunningham started with Ed.

Pond to take him to Ft Randall last Friday. Edward supposes that it will be too late for him to do anything to get off from the draft by the time he gets there. Of course Mr. Cunningham will probably remain here this winter, and I don't know what we can do for the Gentians.

We expect to have communion here next Sabbath. There will be quite a number of additions and some suspensions.

The Sioux are all here now except Nekamman's band most of which is not here. There is not much here for them to eat and they are all talking of going out on a hunt again. Probably most will go next week, as they have heard that the Expedition from Minnesota passed James River more than a week ago, and it was because they were afraid of them ~~that~~ that all came in the last time. All the nations they get now is about 1/2 lb of

flour & between 3 and 4 lbs of beef, for a week. Of course they couldn't live on that if they didn't pick up a little corn from the cavalry horses that passed here, a few fish from the river, a few roots & every other thing eatable. The season for crops has been so far a little more favorable than last but still I doubt whether they raise anything. The barley came up at two or three different times and most of it did not come up at all, and it is now heading out so low that part of the heads would be down in the ground if they were right good length. There were two or three showers about the time the corn was planted which brought it up pretty well. But it is now a long time since it rained, so that the corn all rolls up in the daytime and spreads out yellow in morning. We have seen a great many thunder clouds lately, but they either

Turned out to be all wind or did not come here. The hope these clouds are gathering their forces to give you plenty of rain in Minnesota. The Missouri river is in good stage this year and Capt. Sullys Expedition left Fort Pierre more than a week ago. Steam boats have been all the way down from the mines and met with no trouble.

Sapitotauka's wife has just returned from Simon's. She says Simon told her the \$10⁰⁰ would be here for her, so she is disappointed in not finding it and wants you to send it to her. I don't doubt they need it & presume Simon expects her to have it.

I enclose in this letter \$20⁰⁰/₁₀₀ which Joe Allord sent me for his wife Mniordawin who is now with Simon. I send it to you to send her because I don't know just where they may be moved to before this reaches them.

I am desirous to hear ~~to hear~~ what your plans will be for the summer
Yrs Truly
John F. Williamson

Saint Paul, July 9~1864

Dear Sir:

When I last saw you it did not occur to me, to say to you, that I ceased to be Sioux Agent some time since. I tendered my resignation last March, and I was notified of its acceptance on the 2^d ult. and directed to turn over all property & funds to the Supt of Ind. Affs. as soon as he was ready to receive them. I am ready to "turn over", as soon as, Mr. Thompson returns. Being thus functus officio, I suppose, I can only properly pay the money in my hands to the Supt as directed by the Com^{rs} of Ind Affs. I expect the Supt home, daily, and will hold on to the funds, until I shall have consulted him.

Yours truly, &c
Thos J. Galbraith.

Rev. S. R. Rigg

Fort Rice Mission July 11th 64

Der Sir

I have recieve your letter
But I had now time to answe your
letter I was oreden to go with the
expedition by the General Sully
to go cross the mission and I had
my Boy very sick when I left
and he died one the coton De Prier
where they call the hutoto bayche
the Boy that Mr. Giningham had
for Seollon and I am very sorry
for my two little Girls that
ther way from me I am beny
Glad that got som money for
my little Gince that she is at school
if ther is anathing happins to me
on this expedition I wish you will
take a good care of my children
before we met General Sully two days
before they was a captian got kill
nere the mission a crick they
call the Shian Rivier its call

he was kill by three Indians with
~~two~~ ^{two} of the Indians are Pabaxsa and
one is esanate the one that kill the
captian his name is Matoanatape
wiehe he said when they were surround
by they troops and they were all
kill and they cut their heads and
they stuck them on a pole

they is the newse that thier is
~~plenty~~ of the Yanktons and Tetowans
camp at Raina mountain its call
we expects to have a long fight
with them if I returne from the
expedition I wish you wold see
^{Mr} Sibley that I want to see him
next fall and you will wite to me
if you see him

your truley friend

Paul Magacutamane

Paul

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, July 14, 1864.

Rev. S. A. Riggs,

St. Anthony, Min.

Dear Sir,

I have your
letter of 4 ins. with fifty dollars
in part for cost of Dakota
Receipt upon Receipt.

Yours very truly,

H. Hill
(Recd.)

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New-York, July 12 1864

Mr S. R. Riggs. St. Anthony
Dear Sir, I have
sent by Eric R. R. one set
of hymn book to you at
St. Anthony Min. The no is 23
in Morocco & 145 in cloth.
I hope you will get
them in safety.

I have sent to Boston
for the Matrogan & punches,
and will prepare a
copying for you. Why
not let Mrs Riggs, lodge
with you at the same time
Truly Yours
A. Newlin

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, July 13 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs
Dear Bro.

I send you by this mail the complete proofs of your *Sakotah* book. They are from the stereotype plates, and have been made as perfect as we were able. Doubtless you will detect errors. If so please mark them distinctly & return the proofs to us.

There should be some word answering to "Contents" on 3rd page, and in a few instances a proper running title should be supplied over the pages, the heading of the chapters being too long.
I hope the book will please you.
Yrs truly S. P. Warren. See.

THE TEACHERS

OF THE

Rockford Female Seminary

CERTIFY

That Miss *Emma J. Riggs*
during the past Session has attained the
C *a very good* Standard
in Deportment and Scholarship.

Amos B. Lill Principal.

Rockford, Ill., *July 14th* 1864

July 14

Our mail has got to be a very uncertain thing here. We have had no mail here for two weeks. As my letter is delayed I add a line still not knowing when it will go.

Red Iron has heard he has some money in Gelfillans hands. He wants you to draw it & send it to him. I send you his receipt which you can use if the money is there or destroy if not.

If you send a draft I can cash it here. Red Iron is getting quite feeble.

I had Communion last Sabbath received 22 new members. On the day before I married 15 couples. 8 men & were from among those who came home last. I could not persuade Wiyasha to marry his wife. He said he was blind & too old. Several others said they belonged to Mr. Hinman & would

wait till he came. Our man has
quarrelled with his wife already &
so would not marry her. Most of
the rest claim to have no wives.
Some of them once had wives but
they heard before they came home
that they had been guilty of licen-
tious conduct & so would not
receive them.

Steamboats just down from
the Military expedition report no
fight as yet. Genl Sully had es-
tablished a fort at the mouth of
Cannon Ball River on the 7th of
July. Steamboats down from Fort
Union report that the Indians
assembled near there had been
in to trade with Choteau & prom-
ised they would make peace with
Genl Sully when he came. The
Santes on Mouse River had
also sent word down that they
did not want to fight any more.
Still there was said to be Indians
who wanted to fight.

We have had a little rain here
which makes the corn look a little
bit green.

Truly Yrs

J. P. Williamson

Oct. 2. 1864

Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON,

July 15th 1864.

Rev. S. R. Rigg,

St. Anthony, Minn.

Dear Sir, I have yours of the 7th inst. with Receipt of
July 1. & accompanying vouchers, & remain
Truly yours

James M. Gordon

read

Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON,

July 15th 1864.

Rev. S. R. Ruggs,

St. Anthony, Minn.

Dear Sir, I have yours of the 7th inst with account to
July 1. & accompanying vouchers, & remain
Truly yours

James M. Gordon read

Wilmington Aug 16 1869

Rev S. N. Riggs
Sr. Sir.

Yours of 13th inst
came to hand ~~the~~ yesterday, having
been delayed by the "Siege" of Wilmington

As soon as Miss Lapworth's
affidavit arrives I will attend
to the matter as well also as the
Self-Bred trip ~~lasted~~ in name
of Mary Martin, of which you sent
me the certificate

Respectfully

E. D. Fairbanks

Fiskerville N.J. July 25. 1864

Rev^d S. B. Riggs

Dear Friends

Thomas' letter to me came duly to hand, and I have wanted to answer it, but I have been so very busy lately I have kept postponing - We have been increasing our business this spring by building a Steam Saw and grist mill and a new glass factory. I am also called away from home a great deal in seeing our customers &c and I hardly have time to keep the news of the day read up, but I will write to Thomas as soon as I can - I met Gov or rather Senator Ramsey in New York last week he was on his way home from Washington I spent all of last week in New York - I am going there again this afternoon - we are within about five hours ride of New York and one hour to Philad^a by R.R. -

We have been suffering here for the last three weeks with a severe drouth but last night and

this morning we are blessed with a beautiful rain - Did I ever write to you that we have a baby boy. I do not remember whether I have told you or not - we have a little fellow that his mother thinks is something extra both for looks and behavior - he is 4 months old

I sent you to day to be forwarded by Penn Central Rail Road a box of our patent glass Fruit jars - I meant to have sent them earlier in the season but kept putting it off but I hope they will reach you in time for some of your minnesota fruit & berries -

If you will put up the fruit while boiling hot in hot jars and screw on the clamp tightly - your fruit will keep any length of time - If the lids stick to the mouth of the jar - pry them off with a pen knife or nail under the gum

Some of the jars have fine glass in them before you use the jars at all get about a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of very fine shot and shake up & down in the jar - it will bring out all the loose fine glass - after you get used to them you can put up fruit that will keep perfectly fresh any length of time

The box is marked Rev S. R. Riggs
St Anthony Minn Care of J. C. & H. C. Burbank & Co
St Paul

Please let me hear from you as
often as convenient - Mrs Moore sends her
love to you all

Yours very truly
D. W. Moore

M. S. Williamson
1864

Fort Thompson S. T.

July 26, 1864

Dear Bro. Riggs,

I received your letter
of June 30th by the mail last week -
Perhaps it is the best that the Devils
Lake expedition is a failure. I don't like
the descriptions I hear of that country,
and don't care about the Indians
having to settle there. Perhaps it will
give a chance for them to settle down
in some better spot but I don't know.
I am glad you concluded to go up
and on the Indian Scouts at Head of
the Redwood. I hope you may conclude
to go on to the Head of the Catian &
see all the country and all the Indians.
There must be quite a body of Indians
at the Head of the Catian now from
what I hear & they are needing in-
struction very badly. We may have
some good men there but ~~they~~ need

very much to be upheld and encouraged.
Men that will do a great deal with a
little advice dont know at all how to
walk alone. When Tapatanka went out
on the hunt he thought he would go to
the Head of the Cotian & tell Simon to
preach to the Sisitonwan & help him
get started at it. I encouraged him
to do so. It has now been three
weeks since he left. He has heard
nothing from that direction since Big
Fris wife left there which was before
the Expedition had got there. All the
Ganktons are now said to be out on
the James River on a Buffalo hunt.

In your letter you say you have
concluded not to sell your 40 acres.
It is just as well. The \$150. that
you got if you have not already done
so I wish you would let father have
when it is convenient. I dont think
Gilfillan will charge me the 25 per cent
when he is informed of the right.

I have heard nothing from Edward
Pond yet but I dont expect him back
now, and I am sorry for the loss.
I dont know whether we will get
anything done for the Ganktons this
fall. When they get back from their
hunt I am going down to see them
and also up to Ft. Pierre.

I have written some more at the
Dakota Primer, and also studied a little
on an Arithmetic but have not exactly
got any plan for it in my head yet.
If you go to New York this fall I
want to get them both ready for you
to put through.

Since I last wrote to you a good
many of the Indians have scattered off,
but they are hardly able to get away.
They cant get more than a days pro-
visions ahead & that is on Saturday &
all gone before Monday, and the traders
wont trust them for ammunition or
fishing lines so that they cant

get a start for anything. They are
selling their clothes dishes and everything
they can sell to get a mouthfull of
something to eat. They had pretty
plenty of berries for a little while
but last week the grasshoppers
came down from the north and
ate up everything green almost. They
ate up all the cherries leaving only
the seeds hanging on the trees, and
huckle berries & such things they took
clean. The cornfields a little higher
than the knee was tossing out but
they have only left the stalks and
some places cut them down. Mr Cinghams
planted the latest & in lower ground was
the thriftiest which they cleaned out
first eating pretty much stalk and
all. I don't think the Indian corn
would have made more corn than
the seed anyhow. The barley sowed
was a complete failure though the
grasshoppers ate it up too. The train
from Minnesota has not yet arrived.

The traders have plenty of flour here
from which Maj Balcomber borrows
six sacks a week for the Sioux &
kills two oxen for them. That's all.
Somebody killed a cow the other

day. My Backache feeling
to find out who did it got
made yesterday and told the
children he would not
give them a lift to eat
for six months. I think
it was some home devil
hazy that had done it as
part of the meat had been
drivd near by + none of
the horns taken away.
It is a terrible fear that
for me to see the clearing
day after day + not be able
to do anything for them. I am
almost tempted to stay there
sometimes + stay away till
they are better off. He has
not been heard of since
he left last winter, but
still some of his admirers
stick by him very close.
Mr + Mrs Cunningham in
normal health as well as
myself

We Love

John F. Williams

New York July 27. 1844
Rev S. R. Riggs
Dr Friends

I enclose the
Bill lading for the box fruit
bars they left Philad^a yesterday
I suppose they will be
deliv^d to you at St Anthony
if they do not come through
in good time it would be
well to inquire for the box
at Burbanks in St Paul

I am sorry I neglected
to send them in time for
the early berries - but they
will come in play next.
your

Yours truly
D. W. Moore

August 8th 1864

Tamakee Mitakuye
Kakaha Womapi eca ye do
makahani Can xou ya gni
etimpiki kin he wan hin
onka he ya i te ya gni
onka mitakuye
Takewonji iyo ma
kinpi ecanu onka
he wan xte wanda ked do
Cin ye do kan mata
wan kin he makano heri
n ya gu^{ki} he wan ked do
ina na kuy^{gu}he na wan xte
wanda ked do ho he he tna
he ce tuga he han mitaku
ye ito tan ku wanjin eciye
keta wan nikan ita winca ya za
win kin he e wan yi yota.
han wan heli ta ka okin ni
can te maxica na kan

wo wapi linu x ni ~~tu~~ tu ka
naka han sin wo wapi lin
cu kta mitan ku ye
won pe tu han ka oyo kin
hin su ka x wo wapi ya gu
kin han con xonyopri etin
pi kin he wan on kta
wan cin tu ka do
na ka han le ga iye yopri etin
pi kin he cin ya tan han
con ya ya pi etin pi kin he
wan hin tu ka tin wan ka
oya te winca yu he ci he wan
on tu ka tan ku wanjin
iyo ma kin pi x ni ye do
wo wapi on gu pi ke x on
kin cu pi x ni kin he
wan ke do he on con xa
ya pi etin pi kin
he wan on kta wan cin
do mita ku ye wo wapi
kin de wan da ke cin han
ka han na wan jin mayaga

wan cin do he han ito
tan ku wanjin xpe kta
tan ko mni ko ma nka
x ta de han to kin ya ta han
tan ku wan ka mna on wan
kin hin x ni ga on mni
ke do wo kan mna kin
he so wan cin eda ke kin
han ina mi su ka he na
on ina da ke ca tu kte shua
ela nu kta ~~wan cin do~~
iye ~~ela~~ he cin han e e e e e
kta wan cin do ho he na he e
tu ga be do ke han he cin ye
wan be da tu ka wan di
yaku x ni iyo pe mi ci ya
ga e e e cin ye wan be da ke an
x ni kte pi na wan e e
ho mita ku ye he na na
xpe kta wo wapi kin de on
na pe cin ye ye do
Ileyokan he mi ye
do

August 8th 1864

Tama Koe Mita Kuge

Na Ra ha Wawapi ei eage
ta Ku waji eei ei ye kte den
ya hi ye han ma Koe an ypa
wana miyo pe ya pi Kta ke he
ein he wana miyo pe ya pi he ein
han an a ya Ki da Ka wan ein ya
ix oya Ki hi kin han nyage
Kta on ein pi he han na Ra ha wa
zi ya tan han Jiwa han Tipi
ei ya tan han He yo Ka hi on Ka
wan han ike ei on ya Kon pi ye
han Womapi on ya pi Key ana
on Ki pta pi qan ga greda ke ea
omasin wan ya ke en he ha. on
Ki en pi eee kin he ake na Ra
ha he han iyo tan eee ea wi ea Ki
en yni eee Keye han he ix
iy e kin eden on Kta ein ga
mo pe tan han ska he aya Ki da he
Kta ein Keye the en Kōhama

W. ma pi wa ji ya ya Mta ein
Reya do ma na na epe Mta
Vi ta Ku ya ya 2 manja
Daniel Pennillo

1864
Dr. Pennillo

Sister Lucretia

Recd Aug. 1864

Moses bought them. I do not know what he intends to send you, but will inquire. I did ask him before he left. The table linen is most, nearly worn out & of strong shams not a great supply. Were the things mine, I would send you several articles. I have made but few objects for several years. Regret that I did not purchase before the rise in cotton. What can any of us do, if this wicked war continues? Mr. Paine says, persevere till rebellion is put down, & slavery exterminated if it takes 20 years.

Husband has had an attack of cholera morbus, & when a touch of the cholera. Many are sick with the fever, the effect of dry & exceedingly warm weather. It was very ill a few hours, & quite well now.

Matthy finds it difficult to get along

partly owing to loss of her husband, one of whom died suddenly, & his estate was settled against her. She did not invest in land, what she thought she could spare, & did not get good crops last year. Will see her. I gave supper it possible for Mr. H. to bring Maria with her. He loves the case. Would she not be free from teaching, expense on the west? He would like to come summer school? We shall have to see her as any other one of your dear family. I will try to answer you though writing is difficult, owing to an abscess under my arm. Regret that you are so full. Truly we have much to remind us of our frailty. For several months, have suffered much from an eruption, the result of a diseased state of the liver. I had 30 boils on my right arm, besides members on other parts of the body. Have had some anxiety last in parts most affected it might assume a more serious & permanent form. The worst sore is on my left arm, extending from the side around the back.

Aug. 11, 1864

Your love

Do not allow myself to "borrow
trouble" however. Were any of our
amateurs afflicted with a cancer?

Joseph is now at Fortress
Monroe. He has written to Moses,
that he went to Norfolk to spend
the Sabbath, & see the contraband
schools. They are closed. "The leading
ones in charge," with whom he
was acquainted, are gone to the
eastern states. There is to be a
new arrangement, more teach-
ers to be employed, when the
fall term commences. Mary
& Louisa he thinks would do
well there, & as they have ex-
pressed a desire to occupy this
field for a time, & are both
teaching in W. Moses will
probably write to Prof. Whipple
^{ascertain about}
& obtaining a position there. M.
said they ought not to go unless

less they could receive such
wages, as to enable them to save
something to educate themselves.

Will Martha come on with
her father if she should decide
to teach the contrabands?

Tom had not finished my letter
when the doorbell rang, & Mrs.
& Mrs. W. Paine made were at
the entrance. He had had the pneumonia,
& was very sick; for
weeks she fed him with a
spoon. They had been on their
return from the Springs,
with his health much im-
proved. He was so feeble that
they were a week going from
Holden to Saratoga. We had a
very pleasant visit. He wished
a remembrance to you.

J. sold all his books except
two he reserved for himself.

Winnipeg 15th 1864.

Mr. S. R. Ruggs
mitakoda ito ake wovapi
ci enge ca ozate om waon kin.
taken yakonpi kin tanym
ocicizake kta qd hecen ake
henn igacin. ya ovi cagakize
kta ega wamma towa wovapi
yutapi kin henn ocicizake
hehann igohakann ake nina
epa onkan hehann owasin
tawenten yapi qd hecen ake
igwika wovapi yutapi tuka
ovicista yutapi waon ki ci
on yakonpi kin he ikamakta
sin' hecen uicista kin apa
ohizapi tuka wamma taw
clan witko sin' qd wamma
tehann hecen woldwge eon
pi kta epca hecen sin' wa
wacin. hecen wammayapi kin
he eammon qd hecen janja 3.

ope winton ya hehan. Modu
yithaada waite uweo tuka
hi kta tanzan selon waze
ini tuka nina uweo yahi kta
nina uweo. ce uwekiza hecen
ohini hi kinhan ake uwekiza
kta uweo hehan ito tatan
wanji nataka ecamon he
nazakon kta ya hecen ecamon
kta izcccc ini hecinhan he
tanzan omakizaka uweo hecen
is hecetw hecinhan cante
muwaite kta naacea epa
nataka tatanke zinicizewin
cina winon na he ya hehan
tanzan uwekiza hi kici oncin
ya hecen uwekizaga ya uwekiza
hecen. unpetu wakan enwa
kan kicizugapi cinpi kizapi
hecen ecan maiphi hecen
wakan. kicizugapi ya iapi
tona na uwekizaga ece
tipi kin oja dan ece ya uwekiza

nahan kipi napin tohinu
ekpe zecizapi kta ini ce epa
onmana tokega ziniphi
kta ini ce uwekizaga ece
ya iapi ota epa tuka ito ake
tatan wanji icicizaga kta
makiza ibapi ya kite kta
hehan he nahan. uweo. ece
hehan winohinon kin hehan
winohinon kta uwekizapi kta
uizapi den onpi kta naacea
eka he uweo ziniphi
hehan ito tanzan nahan
uweo ece hehan uweo kin de
eicaga cin icinhan waite nape
ake uweo zinicizaga cin tuka
tuka apa kizapi naana ~~uweo~~
uweo zinicizaga ini onkapi
kta kizapi keze ece hecen tona
naha kin. ehan caje cante kta
hecinhan nahan maza uweo
hecen cante muwaite kta
mize den mate cinhan.

He centu Mtu epa hema majica
pi tuka mize ekta waiga
he cen om wakili: he cen canti
i capica nina canti
marica e celo he cen
taku tona mazakion kin
hema omazakilake Mtu
wacinzelo hema
Mitwacenzon

Napecizungapi siturwin
kici Vitakredu

Robert Hopkins Caske
hemizele

tokeri nica je kin tanyan
omazakizaka wacenzon

Robert Hopkins

G. L. Podge

1864

Newton, Iowa

August 15th 1864.

My dear Brother & Sister,

Instead
of paying you a visit,
which which we greatly
desired to do, and which
I had some expectation
we might accomplish
this summer, I must be
content with writing.

Besides other difficulties,
we were unable to command
the necessary means.

I preached to the
Church here something over
two years. My engagement
with them has expired &
brother Merrill having
returned from the army
will I presume preach

for them again. What I shall do I scarcely know yet. There is no place within reach of me unoccupied; and to seek a new field at my time of life and in my state of health and that of my family does not at present appear to me to be a duty. I shall preach as I have opportunity and ability.

We were very ^{much} gratified with John P. Williamsons visit although a short one, as he only staid from Saturday afternoon till Monday noon. He seemed anxious to be getting back to his work among the poor Indians. He was apprehensive Edward Pond would be taken away from him as he had been

drafted. We have heard nothing from him since he left us. We had a letter recently from Elisabeth, Alfred. They were in usual health. Abella received a letter from George a short time since. He had been sick & in the hospital for some time but was about well and expected to be at home by this time.

Brother Joseph & brother Ruthenford expected to attend as delegates, the Gen. Assembly at Dayton, but we have not heard from either of them since.

That Ruthenford has become a New School Presbyterian seems rather strange. But greater changes are of daily occurrence.

I have sometimes thought
that if it was the will of
God I should be glad we
could settle down & spend
the remainder of our
days near each other
so that we could at least
be occasionally together.
But I scarce allow
myself to indulge a hope
of the enjoyment of this
happiness. Our health is
as good as usual, better
than it is sometimes. Will
you not write soon?

Your aff. brother

George G. Poage

P.S. What kind of an Institution
have they at Rockford?

G. G. P.

M. Henville

Reaton Aug 22 1866

Stephen R. Riggs Mita Roda

Akwowapicistuma cila ge kanda
Kata agumawaki con ya rapido
Rakte tu wigawapi ita he na Be la
he en wapa ipa Rwan eta on Ripi
on dan he aguge Re wawaki con ya ta
pi te han tan han tu ka im re ya ha
sin an Ragniptan ptan pi e eta on ya
pi tu ka wi cota sin la se e la pi
on dan e ci ya tan han nom upi ga Rize
dan hira pin pi ga on ki co pi on ka
he ya pi i gung a hi gu pi gon he nize
pi he cin han unize ya pi tu ka
on Rix uwi coupi pi Rize na hi pi Rix
han pi cou ^{pi} pi ta tu ka on man la
inda on dan waga wte la cin hian tu
misan ka he e ci ya la eta ge la on
na pi ki ci ya ge he e cou pi te di Re
mi tu ka wape ton han ska he e en la
on xi pi gi na ka ex i ga on ki pi pi
mi tu ka san pa ota Re ta wa cin pa
he on nix na na e ci ya ke tu ka wape
ton han ska iwan ge cin han hian can

tulla kelai e hi nye ci ya Re Nta
ohemigan itan can on ha pi on cin
pi gi do de tan ha ta ku e con ku
pi Nta Rin han itan can wasin
on ya kon pi on cin pi do Tu ne
Ma pe tan ha s ta itan can ka ga se
tu kan pi dan ya pi nye ce ce i gi
da pi ga ta ku on ta na pi e con pi
Nta ke x e con pi e ce e wa na ya Nta
nye ce ce ta tu ka ya ya ya ya ya cin ha an
pi Nta dan ha di pi Nta na ce ce on ki ya
Nta pi non pa ga ya min han wi con
ya ka pi Rin han mi pa Nte on Noki
hi pi Nte wa na ya min ya ya ya ya
s don mi con ya pi non on e ce na
he an mi con ya ka pi ha na e pe Nta

Nitakuze On Rendu
niye

2
mihun karangji ta makoe I to
mihun karangji kin de manda ke keta
mihun Do mihun karangji
I to token ogate meicamitu
he cin owasin taku mekan
kin o himizau om nina ce mak
je turka hina cin mihun cinca
2a ho kisingya tu medan
A manjida man meicaya kapi
Hiri he i to he iduk kan
keta macin Do mihun cinca
kin ogate yagitan pi turka
manjida kapi manjida kapi
turka cin turka man taku
I meicakihin 2a mi nakano
ce ce cin Do 2a nakun taku
mekan oige kin turka man
mihun meicakihin 2a mi Do mihun
kidan i to nakaba henu idu
kan keta ho meicasta
A meicamitu he cin owasin

~~Ma~~ taku mekan kin
shiningan nina cekirgapi
Do achini taku mekan
kin eta etomuan ino ringo
nyan yakenpi nukan ke
maite meadake do ~~he~~ ~~he~~
he nana epi ste do
masumekanholi pinidun
tagate kin meayiomari
cintintun kin Ohe naye do
Do

Wigwapi Aug 20th 1864.

Mr. S. R. Riggs

mitakoda ito wovapi cirtinwa
e'cage kta wacin nicin kisi
weco tukta clakota iapi kin
tanzyan okihi sri keza
omakizaka ya hehan hecen
eza ate ecaclan minisota
stanhan. u kta hecen
Davenport ekta i kta naceca
emakiza hecen igwshin
yan makeya clo woldwye
ecanman kta wacin heon
tokizyatanhan paista
wanji' yakipi nina wacin
heha wannan ecanman
kta naceca tukta ito rke
wanji' en yakipi kta he
nina wacin hehan. nathos
oclowan wovapi Super 2.
azahi kta hehan oclowan wovapi
karpapi wanji'clan heca lakiewo

hekan wicasta wem
wakinngan magu eciyapi kin
he odowan woneapi cin qu
nahan woneapi nekan
teca kagapi kin he wangi
cin hecen kangi kagapi
magu hecen iapi ~~ata~~ ata
epe ini toman eper qu
he cen woneapi eicage tuta
he wandaki ini naceca
eper ega odowan woneapi
kin tonu oyaliki aki wo
iho mitakoda he man
epe kta nitanin
Kicica ho e kapeciyapi
Woneapi zi abeide heca
nahan wangi azahi wacin.

Robert Hopkins mizelo
hekan winonkinca tekiya
wicakuwapi itimbe ini
wicakuwapi hecen awicaga
pi wacin tanke matata
he tip: kin he wake ze lo

Saint Peter Aug. 22nd 64

Rev. S. R. Briggs

My dear Sir,

Mr. Bonchowne

informs me that you will
sell the Bell lately used
for the Indian Mission
for \$75. I will take it at
that price and enclose
a draft for the amount.

Allow me to say that
it will be pleasant to
have in our chapel a
memento of the zealous,
though from the presen-
ces of men, disappointed
efforts of Christian men
for the conversion of our
wretched Aborigines.

I am very truly yours
S. Lockman

22/1864

Davenport Iowa August
camp Indianes Samakocce
mihunka Wanji mix nakaha
Morwapi eicage kte do tuka
he token Maon kin he ocicizake
kte do Axkatudan nima Mamaya
yzanka tuka hecen Makantanka
onxi mada ga tanyan et sui maye
do hecen nakaha tanyan Maon do
hecen mix iye cen tanyan ayon
kte Makantanka ice wakize do
he han mihunka Wanji nakaha
Wockize nitarwa kin en owape
kte Macin tuka hecen. Wamma
tehan Waxicun Wakan Wanji
dan Maon nyakapi xni do hecen
mihunka Wanji Wamma tuku
owasin ecixniyan mitawacin
kin hena Wamma ecumio kte xni
do hecen mihunka detunhan
shini Makantanka onxi mada kte

ice wakirye kte do hecen tokata
Wohduze ecunpi kinhan
wape kta Macin do heon
etanhun ecicirake do hecen
nix token ecumayaxi kinhan
ecen ecamo kta Macin do hehan
taku Wanji ecicirake kte do
nakaku major Forbs

Worwapi mayu onkan Wamma
ecudan niciruxkapi kta ee emakirye
do hecen mihunka Wanji nix
major Forbs Wandake kta ga
Macin ga nix mihunka Wanji
nix omayakirye kta Macin tuka
do miyex Dakota taku xica ecunpi
kin takudan ecama xni tka
hecen Wamma tehan makakirye
do tuka takomni Wakantunka
irye hecen ein ga hecen makani
ece tuka okini onxi madakin
han makiruxke kta ice Waki
rye do ~~or~~ omakirye kta Macin
do hehana epe kte do wape
ecirye do Antoine Sparreusalle
he mise

Wizawapi Aug 24th 1864.

Wiste inape mize de

Wowapi kin mitawa hecen
ito token honkayapi onpi
kin owicawakize cin, henna
Wowapi kin den wakage ca
Muhke kta honkayapi kin
hennaca in: tuka Wakantanka
oie kin icage kta wecin
hecen Wakantanka oie kin en
Rtanipi kin owicawakize ca
miciiga hecen ito mize
weicawawapi kin, henna
ecamon ga towa owoten na
onpi kin, henna on wawon
kta ga henna Wakantanka
tawonku onnapi kinhan
owape kta we cin, hecen
tona in: weicawakize
cin henna wowapi kin
den cajepi kin wakage
kta hecen token itawasin
kin henna weicasta solongapi

Kin hean etampam eajepi
kin mduke kta wacin

Atampam mitaua

Robert Hopkins hee

Wasteinape

Wasteite

Byjanjan

Cotomkamanga

Tinayipe wakan

otadlan

Taua kin kpeota

Tomuanokawingellan

Rupahin

Wasi con isuman

Taconcegar wapan

Kinargapti

Qumi Doble

Amongakhu

Wakanhdioa

Tomkangellan

Wicite maza

Pata ina

Tinayipamunni

Hepanduta

Suantham isajin

Tutukizagellan

Henry Tomuanobolunani

he nawicapi

Hapistina

Makipigamagawin

Wawicakizewin

Kape wakanhdioin

Wamclwis Mato Kicawin

Wikomastke

Scagchizagawin

iko clerakea Wakantanka

Ti kin ekta awicamidi kta

Wacin, tukha wanikiza

eyapi kin orrakizecin kan

owakibi kta macecepea

Hopkins Wasteinape

he mizeelo

kehon nakaka dena
woneapi yuaneicaua kiga
Makipigtokeaden
Easka
Tahampe sica
Tigapa 4.

Wigawapi Aug 28. th 1864.

Wakankiliota Nakaka anpetu
De eke Piza Beiconge hecen
akeken Eya Johanyan Wani
Kin kehonyan Wapigapi Kin
Amulustan Kta ce eya ga
hecen Detanhan Kicikunya
neon Kta wecin ga heon
Woneapi Kin de wakage yelo

Wasteinape hemizelo

Westeinape

Santerbar # 1864

Sama koe mitakue

Wawapi kin de an

taku ean onyapi, ga taken eanpi kin
huna owadi nate yaran kta wacin ga
he an wawapi ciage ye, cya toka ghan
anpetu tofo gaptan heen nina yawa
fi tuka ye heen wanna tuweda ya
wa xni ye mit miye micinca nan
nana henaos eedan yawawicawaki
ye anpetu wanka wangi een tuweda
hi xni ye, tuka tukta hipi eanina
iyoptapi kee ake hipi xni'ee ye
nannasa wawapi inanka kin he ya
wapi ye ga hehan wangi he laarima wo
wapi toka he ya kin he yawa ankan wa
na wawapi wakan yawa tuka ye
ga hehan mica kin heyapi. minanica
tanke kin hena wawapi yawapi pte
xni, xiceca eedan yawapi lito eyapi
heen an minanica wawapi yawapi

cimpi tuka iyowicakipi xni ye ga na
kun tuwe iyopaketag wicagaxi kin naku
yapi xni ye ga hekan naku wana wi
caki eicajupipi tuka taku dan angupi
xni ye ga tuwedan naku kajurju kta
indukon xni ye, tuwedan kajurju xni
ekto ohini wowapi yawa pi kin han heen
mie wate wade ke kta tuka ye, ga tuka
Wakan oie kin he mie onspipi waci
heon nina wowapi yawa pi waci ye
tuka ye hee tuwedan wana cin xni ye
heen on nina xice wade ke ye Taku
Wakan kin he wacingan pi waci ga
mie taker awakarniga heen iapi
ewicamakiya eee tuka nina en ewaci
pi xni eeeee heon nina igomaki
xice ye, ga anpetu wakan kin en ekael
ata hipi xni kin he na naku on eate
maxice ye wica kin igotan tuwedan
hipi xni ye, heen on okie winanico
omnici ye on hapi kin he maka akan lake
wawigutan gam on kin he wade ke ga
heen tukter pter abiki xni angan pi eee

ye tuka onkiyepi eger tuka heee
kin he na itehan angakan pi kta
heen Taku Wakan kin ice onkiyapi
eee heon anxi onki dapi ga na onki ran
pi maka takes wicoran xica maka aka
on kin itehan angakan pi heon ahi
ni Wani kiga on kitapwapi wapi de
ewakige eee ye hekan ake taker eon
angaxi pi kta kin ~~he~~ he ake naron
angayapi kta waci ye heen ito
he na ake kta ye awasin pangon
angakan pi ye heen awasin napi ni
yugapi ye wace ki ye on nina onge
kan yapi kta on cin pi ye

Mary Anpetu igothewin
mige

ga hekan wicakakapi kin he taker
eeon pi kta lga takes taker na
yaran kin han awasin naron angaya
pi kta on cin pi tuka ye

Lepi 7 nakaka wowapi ci'caga kupa
onkan hehan kitama wicota hi'hi' go
awicake han yawapi kta kagapi
on heen waete wadake sje yamni
wowapi wakan yawapi ya gaptan
wowapi inonpa kin he yawapi ya he
han wanjidar wowapi kagapi' ceon
heen swanca 33 heha yawapi' tuka
wanma 20 ~~heha~~ hehana yawapi
heen apa wamapi kagapi' cin pi
tuka taku dan an kagapi' eni
inyan sapa wanji' gji aya kiki' kin
han mayagu wacin tuka
heen anpetu iyahi' Taku wakan
haye onki' gapi' taku oncin pi' kin
he aki' hi' anyan pi' keta nina onki' da
pi' ga onli' andapi' ga owasin
tan yan anyakan pi' hehana epe
kte

Marye An. petu Iyathkemi

Marye An. petu Iyathkemi

Sept 6th 1864

Yama Koe Mita Kuye

Naka ha Warwapi ake ei cage

Yan mi han de i ya hi ye han
taka manji e he i yan han

Wown pi ei cage he ohissinyan
awa ein waan cha ke on na he de
n Nta Kuya pi e he een in Kiri
han mi ei ca n Nta a wan ein
Kie han ya Kinga kda pi Kiri iyo ha
han detan han ma Kpa ipa Kyan
he ei i pi on ka Dakota sto wan
mi ca ya Kpa pi tu ka mi co ta pi
na Kax i Ki ye dan ya pi pri
te han tan wan mi ca ya
Ka pi he han he kdi pi Kiri etan
han ino pa een he han ake mi en
ota dan en ide ino pa ee han
ekta i pi on ka inde na han
eeti pi ya naka har mi ya
naska en ya mi owe Kiri
kda pi e been epe apa a mi en
ya pi tu ka he een wan mi cage
ka pi pri Kiri pi on ka ake na han

Me Nta pa tan han ide ino pe
cerhan Mo Nam iya mi ca pe
pi tu han he en wan mi ca ya
ka pi he han i han han na he ci
ake i pi an ka kon Nta pa napa
pi awi iya ya pi he he xpa na
ce en iya N can pi iho he na na
epe Nta he na na ayu ke pi en e
oci ci ya ke he han Nita ku ye
Nape ci ya ze de Nita ku ye
maji Etan h de ya he mi ye

Fort Thompson D. T.
Sept 10th 1864

Dear Bro Riggs,

Yours of Aug 12 I received last Wednesday. The disposition of the funds is satisfactory & I am much obliged to you for your trouble.

Supt. Thompson did not come all the way over here. He sent for Maj Balcombe to go down to Sioux City & meet him there. He started down last Wednesday.

I do not know anything more than what you wrote about the disposition to be made of the Indians & I presume the Agent did not as he left orders for the fall plowing to be commenced as soon as practicable. I presume the object in meeting Balcombe at Sioux City was to consult about the Winnabagoes most of whom are between there & Omaha City causing considerable uneasiness among the whites.

As to the Sioux being located at Devils Lake if my opposition was worth anything I would oppose it with all my might until I saw some better proofs that it was a suitable location than I have yet seen. If the country has no resources of its own it is worse than an island in the middle of the ocean. You can never take anything there for a year of famine. And I don't believe you can ever depend on farming there. It is too far north for corn. I would like for you to just look on the map & see where 48° of lat. runs — clear north of Maine entirely. And though the isothermal lines may improve the standing somewhat they won't bring it down into a good corn region. And the longitude is bad too. Just about in the range of the great American desert which ages will prove is not altogether a hoax. There is a region all the way from the British line to the Gulf of Mexico where it doesn't rain to wet the ground but only to

moisten the surface. Devils Lake will come very near on that line. Then as to the resources, there is doubtless some wood there — probably more than these Indians would need. Such a large lake certainly ought to have. But all who have been there that I have seen tell me there is no good grass there. It is all short. If that is so it is a poor chance for farming or raising much stock either. Then the water of the lake is said to be brackish & unfit for use. So it is probable that even fish might not be plenty as we could expect, though I have been told fish were plenty in that region.

To say the best our knowledge of the country is very imperfect, so that it would be best to make some trial or institute some investigation before running blindfold so far into the wilderness that there would be no getting back but one fearful looking forward to starvation & extinction. It is hard finding a place for Indians now it is true, but there are a great many places I won't risk before Devils Lake.

I would prefer as you know the ^W of the Cotian, if you cant get to the Hole in the mountain & region about them the Big Sioux from the falls up. Then the Shyenne. Then the James River about Utterher ofr. Then I would rather run the chance of going to the Indian Territory, then the Omaha Reserve if practicable. And I would even run the chance of staying here to going up there. But I would nt. rather go down among the Yankton Indians than stay here. Thats my mind & I guess it is pretty near the mind of the Indians but they dont dare to say much but hes to ill that said to them. Father has been here two weeks expects to start home Monday. I want to send you on my "Dakota Primer" pretty soon. He will need it some this winter if it can be had. I wish you would see what terms Barnes & Burr, the publishers of the Nat. Series Readers would publish it on.

Very Truly Yrs
John L. Williamson

I forgot to tell you that we
had concluded the arrangement
for Mr. Cunningham to go
down to the Yankton Agency
with Taptankwa. Whether Mr.
Cunningham will stay there or
go to Minnesota this winter
on a visit I do not know.

I think of going on a visit
to the Indians at the Head of
the Cotian as soon as I com-
plete my Primer.

We have Communion tomorrow
& receive 8 members. Only 70
members out of about 220
are here at present. The rest
are scattered up & down the river
& east as far as the Minnesota
Cotian.

W. J. P. W.

L. N. Riggs

J. S. Williams
1864.

about 4. Thru

Davenport Sep. 12. 1864

My Dear Daughter Martha

I have a little job of work to be done and I know you will do it well and promptly. I brought down a dozen Sabbath Hymn books but they did not fill the demand. So I told them I would send up home for what they wanted and have them mailed to those who wanted them directly. You will then wrap each Hymn Book up in a half sheet of paper and tie it with a string and mark the name plainly. The postage on each will be eight cents I think, which I enclose. The remainder you will take for your work.

Send a book to each of the following persons of the quantity indicated - viz:

Robert Hopkins	morocco
Huntham	"
Mazawashecun	"
Wakanhdito	cloth
Tatecigadan	"
Owancaya-maza	morocco
Winona care of R Hopkins	cloth
Wakingan-maza	"

That is all - 8 - four of each kind.
Then after the name put

Care of Capt. Judd

Sioux Prison

Camp Kearney

Davenport

Iowa.

Wednesday morn Lockport Sep. 14. 1864.

I find Mary
and Anne fixing up Thomas for College - making
him a comfortable out of old dresses, skirts etc.
I fear Mary will take too much work of this
kind upon her. I hope the visit here may
do Thomas as much good as the some time
spent at College. He is studying some and
cutting wood for Alfred.

I hope you will get along comfortably at
St. Anthony. And may God bless you ever.

Yours truly

L. R. R. R.

Miss. Hester Bessie
Sept. 12. 1869

Rev J. R. Riggs
St. Anthony.

Dear Bro.

Yours of July 8 came duly to hand, giving me the information which I needed in regard to the "Scouts," & I thank you for it.

We are busy preparing for the annual meeting. Our financial year has closed better than we expected. We are completely out of debt, for which we feel, I hope & believe, profoundly grateful. It is a great deliverance.

To our public vision the coming year promises to try us severely. Gold is falling a little, but when it is ^{to} be described, no man knows it. Some wise men say it will go up to 200; but the wisdom of the wise is not a sure thing, in these days. Our financial policy will be a chief topic at Worcester; & the interest of the Annual Meeting will turn in great measure on this. Kindest regards, to Mrs. Riggs & children. Very respectfully J. R. Frazar

J. N. P. 1864

Portsmouth Sept 15. 1864

Dear Brother

A letter from Bro. Moss rec'd last gave me the first information of the death of our Sister Margaret Rutherford. She died at Mattoon, where they were living, the 30th August.

"Thus while we stand, on Jordan's Strand, our friends are passing over, and just before, the Shining Shore, we may almost discover."

Our departed Sister has always since early youth been an earnest and I doubt not sincere Christian, and although impulsive, and excitable, was warm hearted in her attachments; She had a large share of afflictions and trials in this life, but may we not with Confidence hope that she now rests on the bosom of the Savior, where weeping is no more, and sorrow & pain will be banished forever.

I have been struggling to free myself from debt, and have been partially successful, — By selling the old front street residence, which I sold for \$4,000 Dols, and a few small parcels of unimproved property, I have reduced my entire indebtedness, so as to feel relieved, & by the sale of a small part of my remaining property will be entirely out of debt. — What I shall have left will be ample for my maintenance the few days, or months or years which may be allotted me here, — and I have long since come to believe that money or property left to children, was very often a Curse rather than a Blessing, & I have not felt any solicitude to accumulate for the purpose of distributing to them.

I suppose Charles may be with you now, as I learn from a letter from Harriet that he expected to start to Muscovote on Monday or Tuesday of this week.

Eliza Jane, with whom I have lived, since my return from the west a year ago, has removed to Illinois not far from the Crossing of the O. & M. R. R. by the Chicago branch of the Ill. Central, near to Saline in Marion Co. — Her removal & the removal of Stephen into the House she left, with whom I expect to make my home for the future, for some time at least, has kept me in rather an unsettled state for a week past —

Martha with her little Jennie, are still with us on a visit, she expects to return to Allegheny in the early part of next month and I should go with her, but may feel it a duty to remain here until after the elections — A few weeks ago I felt considerable anxiety in reference to the result of the elections this fall, but the same God who turned the Council of ~~Attilaphis~~ to foolishness seems to have suffered the Chicago Convention to do so much folly, that there seems to me ~~that~~ there is no probability of their success now.

I was glad to see a statement in the *Am. Gay.* a day or two since that the Am. Board would next month free of debt which had seemed ^{not} very probable for several months past —

Can you call here on your way to or from the East? — Should you remain in N. Y. or Boston long, as I believe ~~you~~ anticipated as probable, I may possibly spend part of the winter with Harriet in Allegheny & you will probably make that in your way, wont you write me occasionally from where you temporarily sojourn — With much love to all your family —

I remain your aff. Brother

J. Briggs

Cauxayapi vintipa Sep 28 / 64

Mr J. R. Riggs Mitatoda

Wowapi mize laga nakaka ovan Kaguja
pi hehan ma mda ka he en waste wadake
Re hehan wovapi za wapi he token y opta
pi he inuanga nange ega tanzan iyo opta
do wanjitepi wowapi wabangasapi go
apa ihe itam hen on pi tukka wan mada
dan okini agv itan pi ita na e e lin wan
na tonana agapi he han owa sin tanzan on
ya kon pi do turwa dan waga gan he xui
do he han wovapi wa tan kin he ka gapien
ya on ita tan ni han ya bi gon sha m^{3a} ka
vige mda ka on tanp hen agv ka waste ste
he ya mni na e in tukka do papa wa ke
ega dehan maza bka mda ka tukka token
e e e iye ita in du ne un xui do ha en wovapi mize
e in han token magaska e e iye ita be owa gabi daki ita wa
e in do gataten toke ka ita v magakidaka iye e e e lin han
e la man kin han pi da magaga ita mize gextaten
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M. Sennville mize da

Gamabose tubiter on belinham

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M. D. D. D.

Stellen, Sep. 26, 1864.

My dear Lucretia,

I write you
this hasty note merely to say, that
our ladies are preparing a few
articles for Mr. & Mrs. Briggs, & that
we should like to know how to
send them. We should be very
glad if Mr. Briggs could come
here & spend the Sabbath, Mr.
Dixon would like ~~to~~ exceedingly
to hear him speak to our people,
but if he cannot, will you
ask him to call at the book-
store of Wm. H. Sanford on Maine
St. It is a place easily found, &
a sort of ministerial rendezvous,
& if I could know that he would
certainly be in Worcester, I could
take a letter there for him.

We have not, of course, done
any thing great, but the ladies
were very happy to do what little
they have time to do, & we wish
Mr. Briggs to have the result, &
we hope to see him here.

We are all in usual health,
though I am sorry to say that
my husband does not bear labor
as well as we hoped, & it is yet
an unsettled problem whether it
will be best to remain or not.

My two sisters, Mrs. Gaylord &
Mrs. Hollock, & also Mr. Hollock
are now with me. It is a
very pleasant thing for sisters to meet.

Please remember me with much
affection ^{to} your family, & take a
kind remembrance to yourself,
my dear old friend.

Very affectionately yours
S. M. Poore

front coat, right

We had no dress



Mrs. Drake
Oct. 1864.

Mrs. Drake
Oct. 1864.

Home Villa, Sep. 26th 64

My Dear Mrs. Riggs

When I bade you
"good bye" almost four weeks ago
I little thought so long a time
would elapse before taking
my pen to talk with you but
so it is much as I have tried
to do otherwise.

When Mr. Riggs bade me Goodbye
I felt quite alone & long ways from
home but got to Rockford that
night completely tired out & feeling
badly on account of the loss of
my small trunk as it was not
to be found when we changed
cars for Rockford. After considerable
care & trouble Mr. Skinner succeeded
in getting it Friday morning & we left
Rockford in the 11 O'clock train A.M. &
arrived at Cincinnati next day at the

I have had so much company my time has been mostly but my aunt & uncle & Billy spent
the time until a few days past
He & Mrs Adams thought my health
was not sufficiently established for me
to bring Ella home with me & I did not
object. I was feeling very weak when
I left St Paul, would have to have
staid another week there, but could
not think of having Mr Riggs start
without me, & I was feeling so well
that morning.

My heart was so full that morning
when I left you that I could not
thank you for all your kindness
to me & especially during my sickness.
Please accept my most earnest heart-
felt thanks & my husbands also & be
assured of a constant & unchangeable
attachment to you & yours & may our
Father's choicest blessings be always in
store for you, though often His kindness
are so dark.

I have not been in the city since
I came home but will go as soon
as I am able, & then give Martha some
advice about her dress.

I meant to have enclosed the
ten dollars in Phoebe's letter but neg-
lected ask pardon for keeping it so long &
am so much obliged for the use of
it. I have written in great haste but
you know it came from a loving heart
will look over the mistakes. Much love to
the children. Very affec Lucy J Drake.

A. S. Sanitary Commission,

City Point Va. Feb 1864

Dear Sister

I have been long expect-
ing to receive a word again
from you.

It is two months since I re-
turned to the Army. But my health
was not sufficient to endure
the hardships & exposures of ra-
vier life, and I entered the
service of the Sanitary Com-
mission here.

This is much more con-
genial also than war
to preparation, for there
I am not pleased with
Antislavery & etc. & - only
to ends are not in harmony
with my belief and instin-
ctions. Such a war is
only sufferable as a dreadful
necessity - a terrible scourge

of God upon a quiet way-
ward people.

It would be gratifying
to our Ambition (and Ours
same yours is not entirely
quenched) to receive pro-
motion & honor - the Capt-
eagle, or Star - but in its-
elf they are vain bubbles
communing with the flesh in
steal of the Spirit. There are
a few good men bearing
the sword - but generally
less serious & devout than
the Quakers & file. I believe
this is the general testimony
of those laboring as Chaplains
in the Army.

If my health permitted
I could reenter the service
at any time - But what
a pursuit! what a profess

ion! what a pursuit!

But then if our own hearts
are right no matter where
we are or where we fall.

I wish I could trusting
by submit all to God - and
go forth ^{fully} ~~trusting~~ to any
field of labor he may direct.

Lucetta writes me that Mr
Riggs will be there after the
meeting of the Free Board.

If I move certainly
I should try and meet
him. I was intended to be there
about Thanksgiving time, and enjoy
again the festivities of Oct.

If Brother Riggs was to be in
N. B., I could see him there.

Will you receive my like-
ness - Dr - which I sent some 3 weeks
ago? The Captains will prob-
ably not want come. If you

Butter J. G. Langley

Oct. 1864

have written me to S. Dugdale
I should receive the article;
and perhaps you had better
do so now - for unless I
hear to the contrary I shall
go up to meet Mr. Pegg - within
in a few days.

I should love to
hear from some of those
"laid ones", which perhaps I
shall never be allowed to meet,
at least in this life - and
sometimes I have great
doubts of the life to come.
God bless us all and pro-
pound us to evermore rejoice
in him is the sincerest wish
of your brother

J. G. Langley

I think Mr. Pegg's gifts
are a loss to the Army here
if he is lost - for the authorities
at Westⁿ - J. G.

St. Anthony Sept 27. 1864.

Dear sister.

Charlie and I arrived home in due time Saturday evening, - after having managed to worm some money out of Mr. Gilfillan. We only got the orders on the Bank, so I went down again yesterday and had them cashed. There was \$35. for you and \$37.50 for me. I enclose a receipt for Julia to sign - Mr. G. said there was something more coming to her - but did not say how much. Did she sign a receipt last fall when he sent her the money, and how much did she receive? Besides signing her name she should I believe put her initials and the date on the Revenue Stamps.

5-123
Mamma wants to know if the Arithmetic you have is yours, and if not whether you can possibly get along

without it. Any how - if it is not yours she wants you to send it, for Robbie is going to commence studying "Practical", and she would rather have him have an old book than a new one. She wants that chemise also - send them by Mr. Hall if he comes up, and have him leave them at Mr. Marvin's.

Charlie left yesterday morning, as he expected - also Mr. & Miss Hall and Dr. Wright. Maggie Mullen Lizzie Van Eman and I went down to the city with them, all were at Mr. Dixon's to dinner. After dinner Charlie Lizzie and I called on Lotie Marvin. We met Mrs. Adams in the street - I did some shopping for Justine - bought her a circular - which cost ten dollars - and a dress - which with goings on cost nearly \$15.00. Dress goods are enormous - I never saw anything like it - I did the very best I could for her - though I didn't get what I expected

This is a cashmere - a sort of dark leather color. I'm so tired of doing & shopping for other people - I might have got the material of the cloak for less - but I could not possibly find time to make it myself for a long time. The dress can be worn at almost any season - is very pretty I think - and perhaps if Justine is careful she will not need any other woolen dress this winter. I do not know though.

We saw the folks on the boat - the "Mollie McKel" - and Charlie and Mr. Hall saw us on the cars - and we departed leaving them there still. I paid Miss Le Due \$8.00 - as you requested, and she lent me Harriet Thurstons to read.

As soon as Julia sends back the receipt - I or some one else can draw the money for her. William was here Saturday - and gave Justine

some money. I send you five dollars
and will send more -

I've been washing and am tired.
besides this must go out this after
noon.

Hope you are flourishing and
have a large chimney.

Your sister
Martha.

Bible House, Astor Place,
New York City,

Sep. 27. 1864.

My Dear Isabella,

Last Wednesday evening I met Miss Strong your old teacher (but she looks quite young yet) at Oxford. She was going through South Deerfield and stopping for the night - when she learned that I was at Mr. Cooly's she came to see me for your sake. She staid an hour or so and we had quite a talk about you and your Oxford times. When she was leaving I received a kin which I was to send to you.

I spent three days in South Deerfield very pleasantly. Mary Cooly I found up at Washington teaching school. I stopped there and spent Saturday and Sabbath at your uncle Mons Longley's. On Monday he took me over to Hawley. We stopped at several places and passed the night at cousin Eliza's - uncle Edmund's old place. Aunt Olive is still living.

5423 I had sent to you a Julia your father.

At South Deerfield I attended the Annual Conference of the Franklin County ministers. Dr. Jones King from Green was there.

I commenced this this forenoon, and feeling very stupid I laid it aside. I feel a little better now though not very bright. The noise in this city I think never stops. At least so it seems to me. I have not slept well since I came into New York, and so feel somewhat nervous and fidgety. The city is said to be so full of people that it is hard getting a boarding place. The first night I spent at a hotel. For breakfast supper and bed they charged me only \$2.25. Saturday evening I went home with Mr. Murwin and staid over the Sabbath. Yesterday I procured a boarding place. After a good deal of hunting and inquiring Mr. Murwin found two places. I called at the both. At one place they could give me an attic back room and three meals a day at \$8 a week. At the other I could get a very small room on the floor above the parlors and two meals a day - no dinner

nor - for \$6 a week. I chose the latter for several reasons. I can buy my own lunch and save a dollar a week in that way.

The Bible Society have already commenced the printing of the Dakota New Testament, but it will be a week or so before we get fully ~~under~~ ^{under} way.

Wednesday morn. Sep. 28. Last night there was a great Lincoln meeting at the Cooper Institute and in the street. I meant to have gone to see, but did not as I did not feel very well. This morning I feel brighter. Many of the men at my boarding place are for McClellan - but one of them this morning of his own accord said that Lincoln would be elected without doubt - but he wanted the opposition to be strong, for he thought it was more healthful for the government to have a strong opposition.

I have not gone around the city much yet. Indeed I am always bewildered, when I come here first, with the sounds and sights;

and it requires some time for me to get
so that I can admire and wonder.

Wednesday eve. After I had written the above I
concluded to go over to Brooklyn and call on
Mrs. Graves. I had that picture of Minnie Lake
you sent to deliver. It is a good way from
here - so I rode a mile and a half in the street
car to the City Hall, and then walked to Fulton
Lury and crossed over. But I did not find
Mrs. Graves at home. I left the picture with
a note. On my way home I sought for Mr.
Graves at his business place in Wall Street
but did not find him. I hunted and found
Mr. Hoge a rich banker and a distant relative
of mine. I had not seen him since he was
a boy. He asked me to visit his family - but
I shall not do it at present, as they are 25 miles
out in the country. His wife was Dr. Henson's
daughter of Pittsburgh - your mother I think
staid there one night.

Thurs. 29. I have received a letter from Mr. Moore
of Fishersville urging me to come and visit them.
I think I will try and do so but perhaps will put
it off until my return west and then go by Philadel-
phia. I went this afternoon to go up to the
Central Park.

5423 I find getting to you as Julia your father.

Fiskerville N.J. Sept 27. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Friends

I am very glad to hear that you are as near to us as New York City for I think you will surely come and see us, we would not miss having you come for anything, We want you to visit us in our own home, and see where we live, and get acquainted with our friends we live in a quiet little village, but it is a pleasant country here - It is only 18 miles from Philad^a and you can come in the cars all the way - When you are in Philad^a you go to Walnut Street wharf and take the boat that leaves at 9 A.M. or 3 P.M. it crosses the river and you take the cars ~~for Glapborow~~ ^{that run to} Millville, we are on the Millville & Glapborow R.R. - three miles below Glapborow, sometimes you would have to change cars at Glapborow to come to Fiskerville, but generally there is no change It takes only $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour to come from Philad^a

or if you will write me what day you will
be in Philad^a I will meet you at the Conti-
nental Hotel in Chestnut Street. If you really
cannot come to see us, I will come to
New York to see you, although I cannot
come very well at present - as we are so
busy at home and I am needed here
but we cannot give you up without a
visit from you - and I want you to
write to me and say that you will come
cant you bring some of your work with
you, and stay several days and work some
in your proof sheet or translating during the
day when you get tired walking or riding
out - I wish Mrs Riggs was with you and
would come and stay with us a very long
time during your stay in New York and
then you come one every Saturday - If
any of your family come to New York
while you are there. I want you to have
them come and stop with us. Now we
shall expect you to write and say you are
coming and say what day you will be
in Philad^a if you can

Mrs Moore & our baby are well and Mrs
M. sends her best regards to you — There
is a gentleman living a few miles below
us by the name of Warner — who married
a Mrs McFadden's daughter — he was indian
interpreter at the lower agency a few years
since — there is also another family living at
the same place (Vineland) who is from Minn.
I forget their name — How much longer
will you remain in New York

Yours very truly

D. Wilson Moore

A. S. Sanitary Commission,

City Point, Sept. 1864
Brother Riggs
Dear Sir

Most writes
me you are in N. Y. &c.

I wish I knew your
plans - so to meet you some
where ere your return.

I may possibly start on
route for N. Y. & Mass - come
before this reaches you; and
I may be prevented from
leaving at present by the
stormy battle culminating
around.

I think you might
get a pass (free) from the au-
thorities at Washⁿ to this place,
if application was rightly
made. Shall you visit Rich-
m^{on} during your stay?
When (if at all) shall you

1864

J. B. Longley

God's work is my
workshop in trying
good out of what seems
to us only evil.

My informing at the
time we are fleeing from
the South

Informing in vicinity
the mine - starting

Informing at Camp Allen

Informing at the track

Informing at the spending

2. The soldiers are in
the way to get the
the way to the
land.

The workshop work
in the West point.

That work in the
camp at West point.
about 3 or 4 miles
to the south of
the point

The work at the
point to some extent
the future of the soldiers

2 The Lakotas are in
this way brought low -
The sky into the
Land.

The wonderful work
in Montana prison.

That work in the
camp at Fort Snively.

more th added
about 300 added
to little society of
disciples.

The work still con-
tinuing to some extent

-
The future of the Lakotas.

God's working very
wonderful in bringing
good out of what seems
to us only evil.

My impressions at the
time we were fleeing from
the Indians.

Impressions on revisiting
the mission stations.

Impressions at Camp Nelson.

Impressions at the trials.

Impressions at the executions.

1864

J. B. Murphy

be in N. England again?
When at Brother Sedgwick's?
How long before your return
west? Please write me
immediately your plans
&c.

I hope you will not
fail to come down to the
front—perhaps we may
then be in Petersburg
or Richmond.

Some general
movement "is on the
tapis."

God bless your ef-
forts to his service and
the good of multitudes.

As your day so may
be your faith.

The same Preser-
ving power that hath
led you through so

many perilous dark
some hours, will guide
thrust & bless

Affly
Yours Brother
J. G. Longley

I am now in the San-
itary Commission at City
Point Va—not far
from the head quar-
ters of Genl Grant.

Mass. House, Boston,
Apr. 30. 1849-

Rev S. R. Riggs,
New York. -

Dear Brother.

Yours of the
26th I have rec^d yesterday. I
consulted the Com^{ee} - in regard to
the criticism - & school book
They are willing to print the
book, provided the expense is
not very considerable. If you
wish to proceed with the criticism
at once, I think you may venture
to do so. But please to let me
know what you expect it to
cost, when you know yourself;
& when the other book comes
please to inform me its
probable cost. Shall I see
you at Worcester?

Very truly y^r

S. S. May

J. B. Tuck

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Rev S. R. Reggs
Care of our children
New York

Mr. L. Scooby &
Mrs. Paine
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D. Deerfield,
Sept. 30th., 1864.

Dear Brother,

We were happy to hear
of your safe arrival in N.Y. Hope
you will be so prosperous as to
attend the meeting at Worcester
next week. Enclosed is a note from
Mrs. Paine of Holden. I intend
to reply & give her your address
at N.Y. but do not know as
she will be able to write & re-
ceive a reply before you may
leave for W.

I supposed Brother J. had at
"put things in proper shape";
around the "family graves," it
surely should be done; & tender-
loves were placed at his disposal
for that purpose before mother's
death. Perhaps that more would

L. is much better.

now be requisite. Hedgwick is away, or he would express his thought on the matter. Lawrence is gaining slowly. Sister M. went home Monday. Hope you will make your arrangements to be with us again, at Thanksgiving if consistent.

Accept a kind remembrance from us all.

Yours affect. lly

L. S. Pooley.

Fri. Morn,

I left this for Henrietta to fill, but she felt too ill to do it last eve. & this morning she is quite sick, threatened with fever. We hope she will be better soon. Ella had a similar attack, but is about now, quite comfortable.

Have you called on Mrs. Graves of Brooklyn? Will you be able to be at Worcester next week, if not, where shall I tell Mrs. P. to send her bundle? I trust you will see her at W. Can you not leave your address at the store she named, & thus receive a call from her?

In haste & in love,

Your sister