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Anna J. Regis Jr.		\$ cts.		Anna J. Regis Co.		\$ cts.	
Sept.	Cash on hand	13	80	1863	Traveling Expenses	13	80
"	Draft from home	40	00	"	Lithography and Music	38	40
Nov.	Received from Father	80	00	"	Wood bill &c	4	00
				"	Latin Lexicon	5	50
				"	Geometry	1	50
				"	Ballast	1	00
				"	Stationary & Postage	1	80
				"	Lectures & Low Thumb	75	
				"	Indulgence & Benevolence	75	
				"	Washing &c,	1	00
				"	Gari Baldi & dressmaker	8	00
				"	Shoes 2 pr, @ 2.50	5	00
				"	Bonnet, Lemmings &c,	2	50
				"	Belt ribbon & Band	1	00
				"	Broken Crockery and Knives	1	00
				"	Collars & sewing silk	50	
				"	Kerosene, matches, soap.	1	80
					Balance	1	00
		83	80			83	80
	To Balance	1	00				

Anna's
Expenses 1864

Fiskville Oct 1. 1864

Rev S. B. Riggs

Dear Friends

Yours of the 29th is at hand - We are very glad to think there is a prospect of a visit from you, but I write again for fear something may occur that will prevent your coming, if you postpone it until you are ready to return home, and besides it will be pleasanter here in October than in the winter - And further I think I ought to pay your expenses for several seasons - I did not think of it until the next day after writing to you, and I was then determined to send it to you but put it off from day to day - I beg of you therefore to accept this little present - I enclose our check for \$25. you can get it changed no doubt in the Bible House by any man who keeps a Bank of - I send a check for greater safety - so that you will have to endorse it - I wish you would arrange

to come somewhere near the middle of this month and stay as long as you can, and then come and see us again if you can when you get ready to return home - If it does not take it all for your travelling expenses you can appropriate it to coming to see us again sometime - Please write again and say when we may expect you - You have my directions about getting here - but I will also try to meet you at the Continental Hotel in Philad^a when you come on if I know what day you will be there - You will find my name registered at the Hotel if I am there - How much we would like to have a visit from Mrs Riggs too - Is there no prospect of her coming on while you are here -

Yours very truly
D. Wilson Moore

D. W. Moore
1864.

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Oct 3rd 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother

I regret to be obliged to say that your Dakota book is not yet finished.

Shortly after I received the proofs which you returned to me, the workmen in the various stereotype foundries in this City and vicinity "struck" for higher wages. Their employers refused to pay it, in consequence of which work has been suspended till now. On the 1st of Oct. the foundry at which your book was done went into other hands, and I am now

notified that our unfinished
work, embracing several other
books besides this will be
finished at once.

We have been the more easy
under the delay in consequence
of the extreme expensiveness of
paper, and presswork and bind-
ing. Our ordinary publishing
is mostly suspended in hopes
of a decline. Probably however
that may not take place to
any very important extent
immediately.

I presume the plates will
be ready in a few days. If you
wish to have an Edition printed
we will do it as soon as possible.
In that case please inform me
what quality of paper you wish
used, & how large an Edition
we shall make.

Regretting this delay
I am truly yours
L. P. Warren, Sec

Fort Wardsworth D.T.

October 3rd 1864

Dear Brother Riggs,

I write you a line today to let you know that I made a safe trip over here. I came in company with one young Indian man. We left Fort Thompson Monday and arrived here last Saturday. I think the distance is about 150 miles. We would have got here Friday but one day got lost from each other hunting water and did not find each other till noon the next day. I found Gabriel Renville with most of the Indians here have been located over on the James River as an outstation about 30 miles west of this. He has over 30 lodges with him and there are about 20 here. There are among each some of our Missouris Indians. Wakarusa with 5 lodges are here. Wiyaha, Bit nose & Talaxica are on the James. I don't think they will be sent back. But they have forbid any more coming and the Military have given orders to shoot every Indian found this

side of the James River no matter
where he is from & take no prisoners.
Our Indians had expected to hunt this
side of the James as there is little fur
beyond but I suppose it will stop that.

Just before I left Fort Thompson Maj^r Batcombe
came home from Sioux City where had been to see
Col Thompson. He thinks the Winnebagoes will
be put with the Omahas, & thinks there may
be some probability of the Sioux coming here
if the Sissetonwan made peace and were wil-
ling, but I find Joe Brown is very much
opposed to the Mdewakanton coming here so
I suppose every one is that has any influence
from Minnesota at Washington.

There have no Indians come in here since
last spring except perhaps a few men.
Joe Brown has messengers out all the time,
but buffaloes are plenty and they don't care
to come near. What will be the end I
don't know. I am afraid it will be a
long time before the Indians are settled
where they can improve in civilization.
But I hope Christianity will make

some progress among them. The
Sisitonwan here seem rather indifferent
to instruction, but I hope to get some
teachers at work. I have written to
father to send up some books which
he has at Fort St Peter.

Simon is over at Janus River and I
have not seen him yet. I think I
will go back that way & start next
week.

I find Charly Crawford & Angeline
Renville keeping house here & his other
wife gone. Joe Brown has as many
wives as ever.

Licentiousness is the hardest vice
I have contended with among these Indians,
and I am often perplexed to know what
to do. I hope you will pray for us.

Yrs Truly

John P. Williamson

John S. W.
1864

But for the many
Wakantika to the land
Nicoszi malice
The Nicoszi yaga
The Nicoszi Nye Nt

Then ozikizipi Nt
The ozige w.
Jordan the akasapata
Eden ^{waste} Malice waste
Zakata wionni can icepi
The ozige w.

2 Eye tipi micel'copa
The ohimijon the Nt
Safeta ota the wam Nt
The malice the waste

3 The Wionni ^{the wionni} ~~wionni~~ Nt
The wionni wionni
Zakata wionni wionni
Nefelo micize Nt

Shing shoo
Mitacopete askadan
La mis icimovani
Hoda ^{the wionni} ~~wionni~~ wionni
Wionni wionni

The Jordan en nareji
Mitacopete akasapata
La en akasapata waste
Hoda ~~the~~ wionni wionni.

Hoda waste, Nicoszi en
Wionni wionni wionni
Hoda the wionni
The wionni wionni.

Zakata en o'ice s'ta
Wionni wionni
Nicoszi waste the
The wionni wionni

J. B. Neville
1864

St. Anthony
Oct. 6th 1864

Rev. Mr. Riggs

My Dear Sir: I have
pi ci ca ge kte e pea kek na han rin
na pe man ya zan kin he arna
sui xui heur totta wa kage xui
Wica ga Winurinda wan ji Wai
wowa pi wa han o jia wa xte cin
pi ke ya pi ga Winurins ca wan ji
han na man za sha wan ji man ge
ga he ya ha man ke totta totter
e ca mon kte. iye ceti ya da ke cin
han o man ya ki da ha wa cin
man za sha kin ya ti en ena
han ke ca ix ya on kin he ci ena
ye kte on man te kte he ce tya
da ke cin han he wa ke
on man pi kin he na e na han rin
man za sha kin man ge pi xui
tu ka o kin i x ya e con pi ktanale

Wōwapi wa Kan vjstka wa xte
Kin wi'lee ruma hema the ea karwi
ca gaxi Kin han okiri hema the ea
ciupi Kta na ce

He han Wōwapi ita Ki hua he
Tohan a cipi Kin han he han wōwa
pi suiye ea ge cin han he cen
wa Kta hua the

Ton we ga Tipi Kin he ci na Kta ha
pte ota opi Mezapi he cen okiri
wanizye tu Kin han pte yu the
Kta iye Kcan pi Tohan na pe tan-
yan amari sui Kin han he han
e Kta inde Kte. Man ga ska ien
sui xi pi on wōwapi sui ce pi
gon hema onasim han na en
alwai tu Kta Dakota Kin he e -
Man ga ska Kin wi'ea ge piri
ga Dakota cin ea he e onasim -
iwi'ea we ei ci na han rima
pe man ga zan he cen wōwapi
han ska ci ea ga owa Ki hi xri
Di go hua Kta sui ta wa onasim

Tan yan on pi iye I Tan on
on xi on da pi Kin han atke xix
Tan yan ga hui Kte on the cin pi

Yours Truly
John R. Newell

U. S. Sanitary Commission,

"SPECIAL RELIEF" OFFICE,

389 H Street,

Washington, D. C., *Oct 8* 1864

Mr Ruggs

Dear Brother

I wrote you from City
Point - but have re-
ceived no reply.

I am so far on my
way North, and shall
be back after a few
days delay in settling
with the Gov. and in sight-
seeing.

Please write me
immediately - if you please
do, and thank you obly.

Respectfully

J. G. Thompson

Brief Care of
Nelson Fry Esq

J. C. Longley
1864

Dr. William

1864

At home Feb 5th 1864

Dear Brother Riggs

It will be two weeks this evening since I got back from Fort Thompson. I find the country there more like the desert of Arabia than I expected. The summers there are hotter than any where in the U.S. East of the Mississippi. I passed Pelican Point some 50 miles this side San Antonio one day before him the best flock by the way but the real complaint of mine is sickness. Mary Frances appears quite as well as when they started, John Fair however is but is very lean and I fear he will go in a few years as the old sister Elizabeth. This proba-

city now at Fort Snelling. Mr.
C. H. & Mrs. Cunningham as
usual. They come down with me
to the Dankton agency, here I hope
to thank one wife Martha at the
same time all the labor among
the Dankton, but owing to the
entire failure of crops there it
is doubtful whether enough of
the Dankton will remain in
the neighborhood to justify
their remaining there this winter.
At the present high price of
provisions the state of religion
among these Indians there was better
than I expected. In addition to
22 sessions on examination after
Lillian left 8 were received while
I was there and one Tassina Se-
mer's sister returned. Most of
the returned prisoners are doing
very well but several of them are

probably united with the re-
bels. Not many will
remain there this winter but prob-
ably enough for a free school.
They are John also Fred & wife
Leta and are very desirous of get-
ting located on the Indian of the
Prairie. I am of course doing every
thing to favor it I hope you will
if there is time fit for cultivation
about 2 weeks like the articles
written want it worse than the
land on the Indian as the Northern
Pacific Rail Road will pass that
way.

Most of my time since coming
home has been occupied in atten-
ding Lynde. He has a pleasant
meeting the top business I think
than at any previous meeting
but the real adjourn till Thursday
after noon. Mr. Rice paid me
in \$111 which you had for the

Old R also handed me my
translation of Proverbs with your
criticisms, I suppose, but I have
since found no time to look at
them. I have completed the revision
of Genesis to the 32^d Chapter
before I started to the Highlands
but have done nothing at it since,
but think I shall go at it
now. When completed will it be
best to send it to you by express
or by mail? How soon will you
probably be ready for it and
for Proverbs? I intended to
write to the Sec. of the A. B. Bible
society about publishing them
but from something you said
when here I thought you supposed
it a matter of little consequence
and have neglected doing it.
You can inform me whether it
is necessary, or not. You know
I translate from the original.

Last Saturday Gilfillan gave
me the balance of the \$1500. allowed
to me on my claim for Indian depreda-
tions, and told me you were correct
in what you told me about the ad-
ditional two hundred last fall.
If he had informed me sooner
it might have saved me several
dollars interest but as he made
no charge for collecting I have
no cause to complain.

When I saw Mr. Riggs on Mon-
day I was in a hurry and did not
think of it that I was wrong
you now remember the amount.
According to my book it is
one hundred dollars & 30 cents which
I intend paying when time as you
may direct. If you write to
me within two weeks direct to
Saint Peter after that time to
Liverpool Maine, I do not yet

know when I shall go there
but hope to do so before the
close of navigation, I in-
tend going (if I) as soon as
I can get our home made
comfortable to winter in.

I was very glad of your letter
to Sister Jane about the prisoners
there as it enables me to make
a favourable report to Synod
about the state of the church
among the Lakotas. If you see
Rosenmuller's Scholia on the Pen-
tateuch or Psalms for sale at
a moderate price please purchase
for me as I hope yet to do some
thing at translating the Scripture.
We are in usual health.

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

St Peter Oct 18/64

Rev S. B. Riggs

Dear Sir It is not
because I do not prize and appreciate your
sympathy that I have delayed writing to
you so long when I received your kind letter
so full of sympathy. I was lying weak-
helpless - stunned by the crushing weight
of affliction that had fallen upon me
the weeks pass by in dull monotony and
when I take my pen to write my eyes
grow dim my heart faints and often with
a feeling of helpless pain I throw it aside
I do not feel strong for life's duties. My way seems
very dark and lonely. I know that the summer
which took from me my earthly guide
removed him from the din and confusion of
battle to quiet rest of a happy saint. I
feel sure that he was an earnest true hearted
Christian ready for his Father's call.

mine is the loss - his the gain Why he
was taken God only knows & may I not question
his wisdom,

There have been two or three
letters received from our prisoners taken in
Sturgis defeat nothing however directly from
Thomas Pettijohn since the first letter which
was received from them after they were taken

In settling up my business it may be
necessary for me to show my marriage certificate
will you be so kind as to send me one at
your earliest convenience - we were married
the 28 of April 1856 -

I remain Yours very truly

Saml S. Hollisland

1864

Saml S. Hollisland

Wiyapi oct 24 th 1864

S R Riggs mitakuye
Wiyapi cicageyedo eya hecen
ohinnyan hitaye tuga hahanna
hena owasin Wakantanka cekiya
onkanpi ga nakon Anpetu itopa
kin en omnicize onhapi ece e
ga hehan Anpetu wakan eca
Wicasta ga wisnonhinea ko
owasin en mina onpi eceyedo
hehan wana ecadan bashedan
en onkte nri nacece ga hecen
Wahpe torwanna ecizatanhan
mishana honkayapi en waonketa
Tuka hececa esta Wakantanka
omakiye cinhan Tokon cinkinha
ohna okihimaye kte epea
awacin waonyedo tuka ista mina
mazagan kin heon tehiya
makakijejedo

hehan ito "Gau" wanjji ecicize
kteyedo Micokitanini mitawapi
kin wicoka ske en onspa
molu hecin he wakeryedo
Wanakaqa wonapi omaspega
heon wicasta ota wowaapi onspe
wakage ga wicasta ota en opeya
waontu ohirizyan mniheiciza
Mahokon wica kiza waon tuka
heciyatanhan maka akan wiconi
kin en waciciyapi ga heon mocipe
kin awacin mniheiciza yuha
kawajin tuka hecen oshanyan
wana kaska onpi on mociante
ga mitawacin ko mata kuni
smizele Micokitanini mitawapi
kin hena nakaka ikcewicasta
kinen wicasta tona ju heon yakiyapi
heon mis mniheiciza awacin
wonkepea tuka naharhin
yuha maka akan wani smi
wehan honkayapi kinholapi

kin Wanjikji Wakantanka
vie kin en ewacimpi smi
keayapi nawakontuka
wicakapi smi nacece sepea
waon tutle Wakantanka
cekiye ea on mivan hecen
cante yuzge kta he epea
heon wicakapi smi nacece
hehan mina wopida
onkericizapiyedo hehana
epe mitakuye wapeciyuzge

Mowis Ite wakankholiota
Kemizele

hehan Wicasta kin elena
Suannwicamolake tuha
ouasin wastepi

Icalupe

Tayina wakan

Sintommi

hepari

Tukangi

Wakanolwan

Anpawholirajin

Ipahiteoluta

Wajurhonta

Tantankacistinna

Wannulionpidar

Morris Steuakanhelicta

Hemize

Wiganapi Oct 24th 1864. Davenport Iowa
Ms S. R. Riggs

Mitakoda nakaha wowapi nizecaga onkan
Tahen onganthonpi kin he ake ocicigake kta
gacin ega ake nakaha mina waganthapi
tuka okini wanjikhi tapi kta naceca hehen
Respectan he ega wakam muni nicota om ki
kegapi tohinna mowose ehta helapi kta ini
kegapi iho hehen henayakize cingon shakhe
Wi 2 en gaon kta enayakize iho he tanyan
amukizakha wo warra wirakinsa amicagapi
kta kegapi tuka ake wicakapi kta ini nace
epca hehen waningetu kin de hantwe war
jikhi enwita ontapi kta naceca onke cingpi
maga ocit kin heha tankan ekpezapo eyapi
onkan tokca onganpi kta naceca eyapi ga
owarin tankan ekpezapi tuka omi onkan
ake owarin ekdakupigti makek eklep
hehen ito iapi tokca ecicize kta tohinna
Wicasta wanjidun ehta kigwiskapo epe ini
Tuka nakaha wicasta towa tapan wakan
tanyan wacinyapi heha ocicigakapi ga
heha caje nizeciclatapi kta wacin ga
heon Rev Thos Williamson wowapi zecage
kta wacin

Johan taku wanji awicakhekan ecicizapi
 Minhan seen eamizecompi Minhan
 Sanpa igotan amiciciza Nta mitatungepi Min
 wpa ikannaktapi ga chekan om igotankhan
 iguwakizata tuka ito ozakikipi Minhan tonna
 caje gate cizipi Minhan heru ito
 Omwagukizapi igkipi mwagukizapi ^{Nta}
 wacin heru ekpewicuzi wakile Ntein
 tukike waduke iho kecan caje piden
 eepi Capachuta
 Wistute
 Wistunape
 Sintonni
 Tinazipuwakan
 Tonwabobelunani
 Lotankamanga
 Gepar
 Otunwakankubota
 Tunnawhaneote
 Wakinzagi
 Pejikutangha
 Cetankota
 heruakea
 Wanji yakichuwkapin
 Minhan piclanaga
 yapi Nta
 micanthon
 Kapucizungze ge do
 Robert Hopkins
 heruize do

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J. Briggs 1864
Portsmouth Oct. 24. 1864

Dear Brother

I recd yours of the 18th inst. from New York a day or two since, — When I wrote to you in Sept. I supposed you would not leave for the East until the latter part of the mo. but Charles who returned from Minnesota by this place, informed us that you had left St Anthony, before he got there, so I knew it was before my letter was recd. — I hope to see you on your return from N.Y. but as I expect a portion of early winter in Pittsburg, will write you again from Allegheny, — I will probably leave here soon after the Presidential Election, say about 3 weeks from this time, — Since Eliza Jane removed from here, Stephen is the only one of my children remaining in Portsmouth, so that were it not a little business occasionally requiring my attention, I find but little to attach me here except a few friends living, and the graves of the dear departed ones — Martha, spent two months here on a visit, but returned with Charles to Allegheny, where she makes her home with Harriet —

Our Bro. Moss is living in Coveland 23 miles from Cin^c but is Secy of the Citizens Insurance Co. in Cincinnati — a letter directed to him in Cin^c at Citi Ins. Office, would be recd. sooner than if directed to Coveland — He has purchased a Cottage House & 2 or 3 acres of ground about two hundred yards from the Depot in Coveland, & goes & returns to & from the City daily to attend to his business — he receives a salary of 1,200 or

1,500 Dollars a year which is more than sufficient to support his small family, — He says he gets nothing for preaching, which he does, but irregularly, although he occasionally receives a Marriage fee —

I was glad to see the Church come up with their Contributions to the Am. Board, so as to prevent the accumulation of a debt, at the late Anniversary — our Church Collection, the 1st Sabbath in August was \$46 — nearly 3 times their usual Contribution to the For. Missions Cause,

The Gen. Assembly at Dayton resolved to aim at double the sum collected last year for Home Missions, ^{the present year} — but whether it will be realized remains to be seen at the Close of the year —

Sometimes I think the rebellion will soon be put down, and peace be restored to our bleeding Country, but our victories sometimes are very costly; Sheridan's last one at Cedar Creek, from some cause, not yet explained, had nearly proved a terrible disaster, — and many of our Citizens are waiting anxiously, with aching hearts to know the fate of beloved friends — One Battery, & 2 or 3 Companies of Infantry, in Gen. Crook's division were in the most exposed part of fight in the Commencement, all from this County & many of them from town — I do not think the Lord means to destroy this Nation, & since the elections in Pennsylvania Ohio & Indiana, my hope is firm that the reelection of Mr Lincoln on the 2^d Tuesday of Nov. is as certain, as any event in the future, can be to us — Write to Pittsburgh to Mr. "Care of C. H. Riggs," — 2^d Nat. Bk., where he gets his letters daily — I may not be there before the middle of Nov — and shall remain until about the 1st or middle of January, probably —

Yours Affectionate Brother

C. H. Riggs

C. D. Gilfillan
1864

Saint Paul Oct. 24 1864

Rev S. R. Briggs

Dear Sir

Yours of 27. last
came down to day, being under
some time at Washington.

Before being forwarded to this place

The morning coming to
my clients I have obtained copies
in a few cases where the Powers
of Atty. were informal. Mr. Nelson
in the Interior Dept. told me he
would send them and the Board
in a few days. (that is Sept. 14 copy)
and I have confidence that that
he did it. If he failed let me
know and I will have Mr
Gordon give me a power of
att. when I can soon draw it.

Mr John B. Russell has
been here, also your daughter
and I have paid the orders you
have referred to except those
signed by the widow of Burns
I believe. If she had been a white
woman I could not have paid
her the money.

You will understand
that by law and custom is master
of any anything except unless
the act is done by the Govt
or its agents, or under the sanction
of the Govt. No receipt or paper
executed by them is valid unless
sanctioned by the agent. You will
therefore see that I run a great
risk, as has been that of paying
a large amount of money twice
unless I get the proper authority
before I pay the money to the
Indians. I always intended

The cautions in this matter
and while I should be proud
I did not want to see the Indians
receive the money and I gave
it without receiving any payment
receipts from it. I therefore thought
that when any of them should
be located when their funds could
be used in making improvements
out, and that of some one
either the agent or Missionary
who could protect the Indians
from the ordering & distribution of
the white man, and his own
ignorance.

Let me hear from you
on this subject.

Yours
C. D. McPicares

C. D. Gilfillan

1864



J. P. William

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Fort ²⁰Chapman (N. H.)
Oct 24 1864

Mr S. H. Rigg

Dear Brothers

Yours of Sept 30
came last mail. I hope you have rec^d
the MS. of my Gaelic Primer before this.
I do not know how many it is best to
have struck off at first & I don't know
how much they will cost now. The Board
allowed us \$300. for this year for all
purposes. I think we can devote \$150. of
that to the Primer & I send you a draft
for \$200 dollars. The other \$50 I want
paid out in Bibles (extra). I want ³⁰~~20~~
more, & the rest in any patterns
of nice calf you may choose.

Perhaps 200 Bibles would do us well
for a year though a few more would not
come amiss. We have used up nearly
all the old Edⁿ, but some might do
with them for a while.

We are also about out of Edouard
copies. I think we must have
another batch this winter or spring
or I don't know where the money
is going to come from. If the Epis.
Ed ~ had come out last spring as I
expected we would not have needed it.
But I don't know what they have done
with theirs. I guess they must be suppressed.
Mr. S.D. Newman has not himself appeared
on the old image field for nearly a year
& we don't know where he is now.

I do not know how long you will
be in New York but I doubt whether I
get my contributions done in time to send
you. I am much bothered to find words
though I have not yet commenced it.
However it will be small & the proof
sheets can be sent by mail, if I know a
suitable House to do it.

I am thinking a little at times of a
Dak & Eng. book though I don't expect

to do much at it this winter. I often
want some books which I cannot get at.
I wish you would send me by mail
"Ollendorfs Method of Studying the
French" or Esquell's if it is thought the
best. I want it for a pattern.

Also the "American Christian Almanac".
I would also like some cheap maps
of the world, N. America, U.S. and
the different Continents if you come
across any such that you think would
be profitable to hang up in the school
room & can be sent by mail. It
is not very important about them.

But one thing we are very Katakijapi
and that is slates for figuring. We
had some borrowed of the Winnebago school
& they took them all back. It is a curious
thing to send by mail but I think I have
seen advertisements of the past board slate
to be sent by mail. I want a dozen or
two very much if the postage is not too high.

I will settle for them these things when I know how much it is if you are willing to wait.

I returned from my tour a week ago last Thursday. Spent the last Sabbath at Haraja with Simon where we held Communion. I did not find them in suitable condition to do much at tracking. They will probably be moving about & bringing in the fall. Matters of religion among them are old. Border war engrosses their minds. They had four horses stolen a few nights before I was there.

I have not time to write about the removal of the Indians. But I would rather these Indians would stay some another year than go to Devil's Lake until I know more about it than I think any white man does. I want to hear of some crops being raised there first.

Adm. Truly Yrs.
John Williamson

Dr. Williams

1864

1864 Saint Peter Oct 23rd

Rw J R Riggs

(Dear Brother

Your favor
of 11th Inst I receive very
shortly after I had written to
you and so have neglected to
acknowledge it to the present
time. I however wrote to Dr
Holdich as you suggested
Your favor of 17th Inst. came
to hand last evening and I
thank you for writing so
frequently. I think consider-
ing the high price of paper
you have done well in reducing
the size of the type for print-
ing the Scriptures and also
in omitting the question in
your Catechism which the

Tract Society could not properly print. I think infant baptism is very important but do not think it very important that we teach it in our catechism.

I this morning finished my revision of Genesis. I profited not a little by your suggestions and criticisms and could not but wish there were more of them though I did not adopt them in reference to spelling proper names because by so doing I would reject distinctions which exist in the Hebrew and which I think it important to retain. I have made many alterations more than you suggest some of which you may perhaps think for the worse. I wish to look over the corrections and see if they are all intelligible but hope

I have finished revising Genesis and will mail this this afternoon

to send it on in a few days.

I have as yet done nothing at copying Proverbs nor do I expect to do much till I reach Liverpool unless I am detained here by sickness in my family I hope to be ready to start two weeks from next Monday E.W.H. has been so unwell of late at times I have doubt about leaving home this winter she now however seems to be getting better.

I suppose John mailed his Dakota manuscript to you before he left Fort Thompson I know he intended to do so. He arrived at Fort Wadsworth on the 1st inst and wrote to me from there on the 3^d. He had been invited by Simon and others to go there to administer the commission

to them but when he arrived
found that most of them had
been sent to camp at Waijogu
on the plains about 30 miles west
of Hadsoworth he thought of going
home that way.

Mr & Mrs Cunningham arrived
in this neighborhood last Satur-
day having come over for supplies
and expect to start back in about
two weeks. They are moderately
pleased with their prospects at the
Yankton Agency. Several of the
Chiefs had expressed to them their
wish that their people should have
to starve but in consequence of the
entire failure of crops very few will
remain in the neighborhood this
winter and Taptankwa was about
starting back to Fort Thompson and
may not return this winter to the
Shanktons. I think that a very
important and promising future
but the half breed Catholics will
probably make considerable opposition.

It has been impossible to get
batter in this neighborhood and
this has prevented me from getting
our house made comfortable.
Mr Hunter is now sewing down
for me but the old mill is so rotten
he gets on with it very slowly.
Mrs Higgins has been in bad
health all summer and is rather
worse of late entirely confined to her
room. The chief difficulty now is her
eyes neuralgia she thinks. Eliza
is to teach Mr Thomson's school
at Chatham beginning next week.

Some years ago when was in New
York or Boston a Society for the
improvement of the Aborigines of
our Country. If you can find out
some of the members of it perhaps
you can awaken an interest in their
behalf which will be felt. The
military expeditions of the two past
summers make us no friends but
many enemies. Let it must continue
till we give them some chance to
live. I am Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 29. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs
New York.

Dear Bro.

In reply to yours of the 22nd - I am happy to say that the Com^{ee} have allowed \$260 for the Dakota Primer. You can proceed, therefore, to the printing of it at once.

When I ascertain the balance due for "Practical Precepts", I will see that it is adjusted. I asked Mr. Child, the other day, what it was; he did not know.

I will write to Dr. Holdich in regard to your expenses. I wish first, however, to receive instructions from the Com^{ee} to this effect, in order that the application may have more weight.

I shall hope to see you in New York at some time before your return, when I cannot say
Very truly yrs

S. P. Trask

J. D. Grant
1864

Inquire about the One hundred Shares



S. S. Merfield
Oct 19/86

Brother Briggs

Dear Sir

I reached
S. S. Merfield last evening,
and found all well.

I shall tarry but
a few days, if business
opens, unless I conclude
to wait till after Thanks
giving. I wish you would
get the Braves to enquire of
Hibbs & Hatch the present price
of 3-20's and 5-13's (if any
are in the market). I see
both Gold & Silver have
fallen somewhat, & I
presume 5-20's will be down
to \$1.01 or fraction. It is quo-
ted from Boston at \$1.00 $\frac{3}{4}$, at 2.03
and only \$1.07, with coupons, in
N. Y. Perhaps you had bet-

to step over to the Sanitary
S.C. Broadway, and receive
payment for me for whatever
they may pay. I sent them
a bill amounting to \$16.00
as follows: - From N.Y. to
Marsh \$8.30 - through the city \$1.60
from N.Y. to S. Denfield \$5.10, and
3 meals \$2.00 -

I ought to receive the
whole - but they can pay
what they please.

If they with reference
about myself for future
more responsible & remuner-
ative employ, you can re-
fer to Dr H. Harrison of
Louisville Kentucky (a fellow
townsman) formerly of the San-
itary Commission, to the
Groves' Hotel St, to N. Hol-
dings corner of Second & Main
den Lane. or. Mr Marsh

of the Southern Dep^{ty} will be
in N.Y. in the hurry - and
wants an agent.

I would prefer the change
of a salary on the issuing
of goods & the like to a sal-
ary of \$75 to \$100. The sutlers
pay some of the late San-
itary Agents \$100 per month
& found. I ought to earn
that & expenses ^{& time} from home
& return. I would contin-
ue 6 months, or longer with
a few days vacation then.

I put the above to test
if occasion requires you might
know my idea. The Secy Do-
mest is one of the Execu-
tive officers, or perhaps is Gen-
eral Secy. I did not see any
of the Executive officers myself.

I originally made ap-
plication through Dr Harrison,

then Mr Snapp, then Dr Parish
who set me at work at City
Point. I expected to have
remained through the winter
with the privilege of coming
home for a few days.

But under the mid af-
flictions at City Point, they let
that with me & placed me
in my stead where I left.

Use any of the above,
seemingly needful, and act
cautiously & wisely in my
behalf.

I enclose a line to
be furnished as soon as in-
convenient.

Yours &c
J. G. Longley

Com. of Board
of Comm.
of the
War

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L. G. Longley

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Rev J. R. Riggs

Dear Sir,

We find that it will be impossible to give you the cuts, as soon as we expected, in consequence of being obliged to get a part of them Electrotyped — We will have them done in a few days, say by next Tuesday, if possible.

Yours Truly

James Burr

New York Nov 3^d 1884

Barrow
1864

Theo. Dwight
1864

62 Harrison Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y. Nov^r 4th '64,
Rev Mr. Tiggs.
Missionary to the Dakotas.
Dear Sir,

It would be gratifying
to the American Ethnological
Society, of which I am a Secretary,
to receive from you a paper on
the Dakota Language.

As you have first reduced
it to writing, and have had great
success in teaching the Indians
to read & write, you must
be able to communicate much
information of interest to the
Society; and I shall hope to
receive such accounts as you
may be willing to send at any
future time, respecting the
peculiar customs, superstitions,

traditions &c. of the Carolaks.

Our November meeting
will be held in a few days,
and I shall send you an
official invitation to attend
it, as soon ^{as} the place & time
shall be determined.

Some verbal remarks
on the language &c. will ^{then} be ac-
ceptable, if you should not have
time to prepare a written report.
Respectfully Yours,

Theodore Dwight
Recording Secretary
of the American Ethnological Socy.

P.S. I am able to enclose my
official invitation, with the
time & place specified.
T.D.

South Deerfield Nov. 9. 1864

Dear Uncle

As you spoke wrote to mother
of my writing to you, I thought I would try and
pen a few thoughts. It is 15 minutes past 5. Today
the heavens were covered with dark clouds
which burst asunder and let fall their many
pearly drops upon the hard beaten earth
below. Mary has had a letter from Mattie.
Is it very cold in New York? Each frost
has made us several visits, he brought a
good deal of cold with him. Uncle Joseph
has come to Boston we expect him he will
be here at Thanksgiving I hope you will come
too. Ned ^{has written} wrote to us that where he was the
price of envelopes was 50 cents a pack and paper
was 60 cents a quire. One day Ellen came into
the house with quite a swollen finger
we asked her what the matter was she said
she had put the ring that you gave her on
to one of her fingers and could not get it off
we tried every way we could think of, but

could not get it off, & and father had to
break it. Ella felt very badly ~~about~~ about it
~~so badly~~ that she cried. The reason was because
Uncle Riggs gave it to her. Did you enjoy
what time you spent at the meeting of the
Board at Worcester? The High School scholars
and a few others, held a public Lyceum at
the Village Hall here. ^{last eve.} The question was, whether
Lincoln or McClellan should be elected.
Allen was on the side that ^{argued} ~~was~~ for

McClellan. It was a very good Lyceum.
As it is near bedtime ~~and~~ I will close.
I remain as ever

your loving niece,
Hester L. Cooley

Mon. Eve, Dear Brother, I have
detoured this letter for Eb. to
recieve hers, but she is so busy
say coming apples for sauce, that
I forward it as it is, thinking you
will overlook all mistakes, &
hoping Eb. next will be more neat.

Please reply soon, as I wish to write to you
immediately on the
question of your
answer.
your sister
H. L. C.

Mr. L. Cooley
1864

St. Fairfield,
Nov. 7th. 1864.

Dear Brother Riggs,
How do you
prosper in your business? You
have doubtless noticed, the Pres-
ident's proclamation for thank-
sgiving in all the loyal states,
naming the 28th. of Nov. to be set a-
part for that purpose. We wish
much to be favored with your pres-
ence on that day. Can you not come
in the evening train or at three
P.M. & remain till Tues. or Wed. of-
ter? If you can, we will write to
brother M. to meet you here with
his family if he can consistently.

We some expect George will
bring a friend with him. I
shall write to him as soon as

your reply comes to hand.

Joseph has gone to Cambridge, to see what is wanted of him in the San. department, in answer to a request for his immediate presence there. I have heard nothing from him since he left, which he was obliged to do without going to H.

We are in comfortable health. L. has gone home. Mary we expect soon.

May the good God be ever with you & yours.

Yours ever affectionately

L. S. L. Cooley.

P. S. Did you see Mr. & Mrs. Paine at Worcester? Did you pass the Sab. with them?

R. Hopkins
1864

Ms. J. R. Briggs
Briggs

Davenport Iowa
Nov 7. th 1864.

Pagha mitaku ze ito
Wowapi cinstina na cin
kte wootanin wanj
Nawakon wacin wam
na tikan, tumecan
Wowapi magu in
Heon Hohanna nis wam
ji magu wacin, ze do
Nakon, mitawin tokan
On kin, oclan waze in
do hekan, Ithos & Williamson
Tipi kin etankan tokin
na wowapi magupi in
Pejikutu weicasta wamma
Hdi ke cinhan wowapi
Micaga wacin e okizaka
we hekan weicasta kin
clan oclawan wowapi cinpi
hecan, Maja jupin kin
Heon Hohanna weicagu we

Cajepi clunee pi ze clo

Waka canka karpapi 50

Painyanki 50

Pijikuta ska 50

Maya wakin yangna 50

Maya san 50

He kagape 50

Tate kulinajin 50

Kawingechuta 50

Wakin yangi 50

Mr S. R. Riggs

Den kuli kinham mayuka
kin hema ween kte ze clo
Okini we ricor hema
Icapi kte ikowape ze clo
hekan ehakeonna
Tokiza on hecinhan
omakizakawo alk
Kinu wauicayanki
do nakaba 2 tapi ze clo
hecen hema epe kte
yatipi ocowasin
chape bizungapi ze clo

Nita kuzepi

Robert Hopkins
hemi ze clo

Owasin micaje
akan kaga wo

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Nov 9 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Bro

Your book, the "Woon
spe Itahkwa" is ready for
delivery. Will you give us
directions how to send it.

Yours truly

I. P. Warren

Sec.

J. P. Kamm

1864

Davenport Iowa
Nov 10th 1864.

S. R. Riggs

Mitakuya
Akaka Mowapi miyecage
cin he uanna nannolake
yedo heon waste wadake
ca eke taku oyakapi
wanica tuka wowapi eien
hinna kin takuclan
naya kon niga tohan
taku wanjinkji naya
kon kinban oei oyakapi
kte ehcin he waste wada
keyed hehar oya hecen
Rtayetuga hanbannaga
ampetu wakun kin heha
onasin m mihiciya
onkar piyedo hehar akaka
Ijehutawicasta wowapi
magu onkar ehake ampetu

Wakan nonpa hehan u kta
kery hehan taku tokiya
tanhan ceicizake kta wani
cegedo anpetu kin den
wonapi mayagu kin
he mina pinadaga heon
iyu skinyan wonapi cicaga
tuka heen tanzan
wakage mi mina ista
mayagan hehan wonapi
wakan ojuha waste cinpi
tuka heen wonapi mi
mis wani wacin tuka
mina ista mayagan
heon caji omicida mi
taku mi mi kagapi
heon taku okicici tuka
ista kin heon tokiya
won hehara kape
cizaze

Mouis Itewakronoi ote

Davenport Iowa Wiganapi Nov 10th 1864.

Mr. S. R. Riggs

~~My dear Mr. Riggs~~ Mitakochi wovapi magyapi
makahipi: kecen malaruaga nationpi wovapi
waiste ke magyapi: 1 keha weanona wicasta
wanjiki: 50 en ekiknapapi: tokesta
tokonyan en makhe cimban kema tangyan
nem madahe kta tukta Dr. Thos Williamson
hi kta iconban idade kta eka kecen wama
wekta makhe kta yedo yon makhele cen
hi ga ke ya nicin mda kta waste wadahe
tukta Dr Thos Williamson S. R. Riggs
omni wovapi magyapi kinkan
onye kta ke waste emakiza ~~Shan~~

Wanizetw kin de en waon kte cin ha
weko yazake mayagapi on kaš pi clama
yagapi kte wegojucan, stan ha
tinan ha son ha uen ha. It su
weicakipi kezapi canklestha wa kin
ykojapaku shakozake ega kozake
cina ozate cigacur ecizapi ha ~~was~~
noons weicakipi. Peipacur en
micanton kapicizagelo

Robert Hopkins hemizelo

Saint Paul Nov 10/64

Mrs Mary L. Riggs
Madam

Your note
of 15th ult. and appendix of
7th ult. came duly to hand
I am sure that no one
could be more anxious to get
rid of the money, in a proper
manner than I am of that which
is due the Indians, whose
claims I have collected, but still
I can not act otherwise in
disposing of money which I have
got otherwise than as suggested
of law. If I did otherwise I
should certainly bear a weight
of the confidence shown me
by so many people in placing
in my hands so much money

You suggest. My Hol brother,
and Col Thompson when
his return. and an action
is any possible way a return
this one which you so
earnestly press. and my
desire to do so, please coming
to Mr Riggs, who has also
written me upon the subject

Very truly yours
C. D. Kelpian

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C. D. Kelpian

South Deerfield Mass. Nov 10. 64

Rev. S. R. Riggs -

Dear Brother;

Your Friends
here, the Cooleys, inform me
that they have some expec-
tation that you will come
& spend Thanksgiving with
them; & I write to say that
I hope you will stay over
the following Sab. & preach
for me. They will of course
wish to hear you; & so shall
we all. Moreover, Thanksgiv-
ing week is a very busy week,
you know, with us Minis-
ters; & I was thinking of
arranging for an exchange
for the Sab. after, but should
much prefer to remain

home & hear you.

Besides, we did not see, or hear, much of you when you was here at the meeting of Conference, & I shall be glad of the opportunity to see & hear more.

I do hope that you will conclude to come; & you will do me a personal kindness by informing me that you will do so as early as possible.

Please drop me a line to that effect & oblige

Fraternally Yours
J. K. Clark

1864
Rev. J. K. Clark

Okianna

1864



Camp McClellan

Davenport Iowa

Nov. 14th 1864.

S. R. Riggs.

Mitatkoda natcoka

Nowapi' cicage keta wacin Heon
Nowapi' kinde wakage Chahakin
Dr Williamson denhisini' okini'
Wanna Anpetu kin den onnace
epca Mis' Williamson den Witte
Cinhe Inawakini' Oyate den
on yakoupi' kin Wicasta wakan
Wary'i' kici' onyakoupi' kin Heen
Wicasta owasin waonsakapi' seese
Heen on tohan den Wary'i' yaon
pi' kinheon Cante Kawastee
Hehan Chakaha
Reipadan Heeyatanhan Notanin
onkan Wamma oyate owasin
Wotiyapi' cinpi' keyapi' Wamma
Wamudi' onpi'duta Tipi' witkeenna
om Reipa itkiyedan aheliti keyapi'

Heha Wamma Reipa enhidipi
Nacepea Hehan onnapipi
Heha is'eyake Wamma owasin
aten keyapi' kooska Wangi'
Jon wanite ton takeaiten
Canten wangi'dan Eeyapi' he
eeyatanhan Hei'keyapi' Heen
okini heha wicakapi' nacepea
Hehan Wamma osni' nakeas'
Ovinahin onenwipapi' can ga
naken taken wangi' Mokea iye
eeca aonpapi' heha aitutka
Imnihan ongapipi' sini' nakeas'
osni' tutka Tehizim onkanpi
sesea Eya Heceasta Wokeayake
eoya onhapipi' onkanas'
Tanyan onkanpi' keta tutka
Hehan Tanyan Kinde Minutico
awicayapi' keta eyapi' tutka.
okini' wicakapi' keta'ini' nacepea
tutka is' awicayapi' keta tokutu
Sdon onyapi' sini' Dehan Iyaton
Woyute ontelike sesea sieca ga

Minutico owasin
owasin kina wotoketohapi
Hehan Mowapi' wakan Oj'aka
wao'tete kagapi' kin he Wangi'
Wacin tutka dehan Taten
on Owak'ini' keta man'ia
Taka Heceasta okini' wangi'
Mdenhe keta wacin keta nae
Hehana epe'ta
Napeigoye Nitakodo
Wangi' Mige

Elias. Ruban
Owan wayakapi'

J. J. W. 1864

Saint Peter Nov 15 1864

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favor of 5th Inst I received last evening and thank you for it. I had hoped to be on my way to Liverpool before this time but it was impossible to get lathes in this neighbourhood till after the time the plastering work have been done and I have not yet got enough to finish the house but unless the plasterer disappoints us all the plastering I think it best to attempt this year will be done this week.

Since about the time I wrote to you I have been unwell most of the time unable to do any work out of doors which is still the case though I am now much better than I was a week ago. My disease inflammation of lungs. I have got clear of the

at landing from but think I shall
not be able to start on a journey
for at least a week perhaps two.
I have been copying Proverbs
since I have been unwell and have
got over one third of it which I will
probably send you in a few days.
Though anxious to go to Liverpool
as soon as I am able to travel I now
think it probable I will not leave
home till I have finished copying
Proverbs. I find your criticisms valu-
able and adopt nearly all of them.
I shall be glad to get it to New York
in time for you to correct the typo-
graphical errors as I know you are
much better at such business than
I am. I endeavour to conform to your
spelling and make the copy as plain
and correct as possible but I find so
many more errors than I expected
I fear I retain some of them and
being unwell I am apprehensive

My family are not quite so well as usual I have been unwell
for a week or two and have been copying Proverbs for a week or two
and have got over one third of it which I will probably send you in a few days.

I have made unintentional mis-
sions and alterations. I have however
looked it over once or most of
it twice since writing and intend
to go over it all once more before
sending it. I hope to get it all
to New York by the time you
are ready for it and if you can find
time to look over the first chapters
to change any Xs & ns before hand
up to the Printer I will feel thank-
ful to you. There are much less likely
to occur in the latter part of the book.
If owing to any cause the copy
of any part does not reach New
York before you are ready to have
I suppose the proof sheets can be
sent to me for correction. I suppose
the number of copies you mention
1500 or 2000 will be about right.
If not stereotyped the edition should
be larger than if it is stereotyped.
Some days I have copied two chapters
but average only one a day.

I feel very desirous the Sabotas
should be allowed the cotian of the
press. The Spirituwan the northern
and the South and their friends
the part about the head of the Red sea
and am confident this is the best ar-
rangement that can be made both
for the whites and them but I do not
know that either I or you can do any
things influential towards getting
it for them, I have the will but think
I have not the strength to travel much
more among them, am with looks
what I can at translating the Simp-
lars for them, but am not determining
what to translate next. I want to go on
at Exodus hoping to finish the Penta-
teuch but in the present state of me-
chanical knowledge among them no
translation of the latter part of Exodus
could be intelligible and I think the
Bible Society have a rule not to print
a part of any book without the whole I
woud like your opinion about what I
can better do next.

Yours affectionately
David Williams

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M. N. Dow

J. D. W. Landon

Washington
Nov. 18. 64

Dear Bro. Riggs

Your note was gladly & gratefully received. I wish I could hear from Mary Ann, to whom I have written 3 times in vain & sent "Robbie" a book, but no reply.

You judged rightly about my alarm clock.

Nothing seemed to go right. I could get no word or Commission from Demand, (he was at / front) I could not sell my horse, Lawrence continued ^{sick}, my minister (Goodrich) going elect to China who will call

our gang) was notified to
be ready, sooner than
he expected, & best of all
some little attention to
the subject of religion
appeared which I could
not leave & so I gave
1 mother up for 1 present.

"I have purposes, but
God disposes." I feel more
& more 1 need of simple
faith, rest, contentment.

I have been putting
forth much extra labor
for four weeks, & this week
meant to hold a meeting
every night, but Sabbath
a terrible storm & only 1/4
out! & snow & rain &
wind since have pre-
vented & not one mee-
ting have I attended!!
Have been con-

verted to work much
2 days to 1 very end of
my strength, closing
year eve at 8- by a des-
cent into 1 well for a
lost bucket & I am most
under.

I am glad you are
going to S. I. Thanks
giving. If we are not
of 1 happy company, man-
ly & strength - 1 lack of
them, still be 1 reason.

I don't see how minis-
ters can weather it, or
their former laborers -

Can you not come
this way? We should be
rejoiced to see you &
Mrs. Warden & Miss
Paul of Pittsfield com-
mission me to urge you
to visit them.

Miss Paul has been
at your home in St.
Anthony.

I would be sure
like it. It seems
as if my life would
be a failure, yet I have
meant to follow him.

With love from
us all -

I remain

Affly your Bro

Charles

1884

W. W. G. L.

A. S. Sanitary Commission,

No. 514
to Springfield, 1864

Dear Brother
Yours is received.
You have not received
a ticket of the N. E. & N. W. Room
P. O. Please forward the
enclosed, or deliver it in
person. You had not
better leave later than Sat-
urday, and then you can
reach So. Sc. like the same
evening. Otherwise if any-
thing should happen you
would not get here in sea-
son for phantomizing, besides
having to be out on stomach
a part of the night in Spring-
field. I have sent a pass
also to Cham & family —
I hope they will all be here.

Yours brother
J. C. Corbin

You will not return to soon
as to paying the wages of the
enclosed

Shall you be able to see French-
men's Association? I have no def-
inite arrangements for visiting you -
Yours, in haste
Joseph.

I wished Henry Ann could
have been telegraphed to have met
you here - a fine or "Paris" ticket
could have been obtained.

J. G. Smyth
1869

St. Peter, Minn. Nov. 19.th 1864
Mrs. M. A. Riggs.

Some two weeks
since I received a letter from
Mr. Riggs enclosing my indebted-
ness to him. Accompanying
this note you will find a draft
for the amount payable to to his
order. I should have sent it direct
to him, but have lost his letter,
and have forgotten the specif-
ic directions, therefore I send it
to you, supposing it quite prob-
able that you keep up a corres-
pondence with him. We are all
in usual health.

Yours
Jonas Pettijohn

Jonas Pettijohn

1864.

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Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dear Sir,

By your order I have
made the following disposition
of the "Nonspe Itahikwa"

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S. S. Williamson 20 " 230 "

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I will send the bill as soon as
possible.

Yours truly,
N. Broughton Jr
By Rennie.

Dear Bro. Riggs

I am very un-
expectedly, thro Joseph's inter-
cession I suppose, in want
of tickets, in part, for us
to S. D. so we shall try to
go, in expectation of seeing
you. We should not, but
for this, much as we might
love to.

Affly
Yours

Wilmington Jan. 21, 64

M. M. Lough
1864



Mrs. Rumble

1864

Saint Anthony

Nov 24 /64

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir we have had the best-thanksgiving sermon I ever heard by the Rev Mr Secomb, I do hope it will be published so that you can read it in full; It would do your heart good; I know there is an abundance of material for national sermons, but not every one could weave it into a complete sermon, as ~~the~~ If I did not think your family would give you the sum and substance of it I would, but they can do it so much better, and will without doubt.

The sermon did not help us quite so much as the draft-

you sent. It came so providential
for I was quite troubled for means
and wrote you to that effect just
before receiving the draft from
Mortha.

I have enclosed yours to Mr
Remville, and have also received
the book. You were correct in
regard to the \$10, I will get the
box from the depot when it
comes according to Mr Remill's
order, before he left home.

I have had two letters from Mr. Re-
mville, one this evening he dated
it the 6 said he had just got their
found the people well; said he should
teach them as long as they remained
there (at the head of the La Cote)
The Buffaloes were a good way off.

Your family are as well
as usual & Mrs Riggs goes to the
water Cure tomorrow I have

great hopes it may benefit her
she looks quite feeble, but as
cheerful as ever.

Paul let us have
the \$25, which is a great help but
we can't support the children
on \$75, as a quarter this year
last year we just cleared our-
selves; but things are so high.
do you think the Board would be
willing to pay any more, I am not
willing to part with the children
on any account and only suggest
this by way of inquiry. They are
learning very fast in both languages
they could not read any when they
came (though Peter had read when at our
school in Yellow Medicine a little)
Peter studies arithmetic and his
sister will in another quarter and
they can all read the Bible (excepting
in their own and our language).

They spend one ^{half} hour writing every
day so I hope they will soon learn
to write, and they get one or two
verses in the children's catechisms
every evening, we hope Peter is a
little Christian, he certainly is a
different-boy, He has some hard
trials for there are a good many
bad boys right about us, still
may it not be a good trial for
him for if he cannot resist the
evil influence of bad company here
what can he do among his own
people. I have written a much
longer letter than I expected but pardon
me for I thought it would interest
at you to know how the children
were prospering.

Yours Respectfully
Magg. B. Remille

Woodland Seminary Mantato,
Nov. 26th 1864

My Dear Mrs. Riggs,

There is a question of great importance resting on me in part for its decision. For two weeks past I have been revolving in my mind daily, where I should apply for advice and help to decide, I have thought of one and another, but in each case there seemed to be some little obstacle, I have decided on writing to you plainly and confidentially, Hoping you will pardon every thing that may seem too plain, that you will look at my question impartially and use your judgment and influence for the success of our cause.

Dr Williamson once remarked that to build up an institution of learning two things were ~~necessary~~ - Teachers and scholars.

Of the latter I think there will be ^{more} no lack. There are quite a number that would have come here this winter had our house been sufficiently large to accommodate them. We hear reports on every side of us of many young ladies who want to go some place. Some are merely waiting to see if this succeeds. From what you know of the country don't you think there is almost a positive necessity for such or similar institutions of learning ⁱⁿ this part of it? If there is the great need that we think there is and those able and desirous of availing themselves of its advantages, Are there not those able and willing to lift the burden and bear it along. I feel that it will be a stupendous work. It needs persons of ability of energy and of influence. Also persons of faith and prayer.

A beginning has been made this winter, but on too small

a scale to meet the wants of the people. There is one lady here from Besen and quite a number from twenty and thirty miles above us but - Oh how many others there are from near and from far, that should come.

God has so far greatly blessed the feeble instruments he employs here and has made our efforts successful beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. But I feel that our most responsible and important duty now is, to take such steps as shall bring in the help of those, that shall secure permanence to the institution. Those that shall build it up, and fit it to meet the wants of the people.

I think the first step to be taken is to find a well educated efficient female Principal. One who would throw her whole soul into it. One who had faith and energy to say, "We must succeed." I have the faith, the energy, the ardent desire, but I lack other essential qualifications. Therefore must say "Another must be found." It is not because I wish to throw off responsibility, or am not willing to perform hard labor, but because the good of the institution requires it; I would like to remain, doing something for myself and something for others.

I have had but one conversation with Mr. T. respecting it. I had no wish to be Principal of the Seminary either in name or in reality, and that I thought - another should be found to take the field as early as next Spring. He now teaches the higher branches himself, but he would be glad to throw off nearly all or quite all of the teaching and do what he calls the out-door work of the institution. He expects to put up an additional building next Spring. Whoever is going to

be Principal should be here to advise in regard to that Dec 3 I send this unfinished sketch not being able to write more now, my

Miss. Home Boston

Nov. 26. 1864

Rev. S. R. Riggs
New York. —

Dear Bro.

The Com^{tee} have
not made the appropriations
as yet for your mission. Their
estimates have come from Est
Thompson; but we have nothing
from Dr. W. How much shall
we say for you for him?

Can you send me a reply
by the Sunday P.M. mail to
Boston?

Very fraternally
yrs

S. B. Lusk

P. S. I understand that the
Wood is coming to Boston
Monday, so that you can
speak by him.

J. B. Hunt

1864



1798
J. May
1867

Allegheny Nov. 28. 1867

Dear Brother

I wrote to you from Portsmouth, after your letter from New York came to hand, advising of my expectation of spending a portion of the winter here, — but lest you may lay the letter aside, and forget the direction, as I sometimes do, I will write again; having rather more leisure time than I usually have in Portsmouth. — I left Ports- the 16th inst. — Came by the river to Wheeling — arrived here the 18th & found Harriet & her Children, and Martha, Charles & Brown, in usual health. — I may remain here until the 1st or perhaps 10th of January, — in the mean while would like to hear from you, — If you please you may direct your letter to me here; N^o 116, Sandusky Street, Allegheny.

Thanksgiving, last Thursday was generally observed here, at least by all the Churches, and the absence of Smoke indicated that the Manufacturing establishments were not in operation. — I presume, however, that Copperheads, fearing the desecration of the pulpit, by political sermons, were generally absent from the Churches. — If any were present to hear Mr Johnston, of the 3^d Pres. Church, they had no reason to complain that it was a Milk and water or Conservative Lecture. — He preached in the 1st Church (by invitation) the two Congregations uniting, Mr Payton being absent from the City.

I have heard that the members of the 1st Church propose to print it in pamphlet form. — I doubt whether they would have proposed that ten years ago — indeed I presume many of them would have left the House

before the sermon was half delivered, "The world does know" —

There is considerable anxiety, about the result of Sherman's movement, not so much for the safety as to know the destination, I fear more for the condition of things in Tennessee, — Hood is evidently preparing for some kind of active work, and I am not certain that our force is equal to that of the rebels — But if the Lord is on our side, it will be of no consequence about the number of Regiments — Perhaps you may say, the Lord was accomplishing his purposes, and probably in our favor too, at the Battle of Bull Run, of which I have no doubt, and possibly we may yet require more resources, before the Nation is fully prepared "to do the will of God" — That nearly one half of the people in the Great State of New York should at the late election indicate their sympathy with the rebellion and in favor of retaining the system of Slavery, is mortifying; but then it is cheering to see the different sentiment in the greater West, and I rejoice that the Aristocracy and Mobocracy, of the so called Empire State, have been rebuked, so signally —

Some 14, of the evangelical Ministers of these Cities have agreed to deliver, each one sermon in the 1st Pres. Church, commencing this evening by Mr Howard, to hear on, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday evenings until completed, — The object, to promote a revival of true religion in the Churches and Community — When Presbyterians of all Schools, Baptists, Methodists, Covenanters &c &c can all meet "together in one place with one accord," it looks as though Pentecostal days were about to return; and surely we ought all to pray that this may be the beginning of a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit —

Hoping to hear from you soon — I remain,

Your aff. brother
J. Reggs

Dr William
1864

At Home Decr. 5. 1864

Dear Brother Riggs

A little

more than a week ago I mailed
the first part of my translation
of Provbs. On Saturday last
I finished copying the re-
mainder and having looked
it over to correct errors I ex-
pect to mail it today. I have
intended to look it all over at
least twice after copying to cor-
rect errors in copying, but I
find that in pulling up before
I return pages 38 - 57 and sent
you 58 - 97 the latter I have read
over but once and will return it
a favor if you will look it over
and correct the dotting before
handing it to the printer. I
think I have succeeded in keep-

ing out X's & S's but the many
dots confuse me and even after
looking over twice many which
should be inserted are inserted omit
ted and not a few inserted where
they should not be. I had hoped
to write in copying plainer than
before but have not been able
to do so.

I expect to start this afternoon
for Liverpool and by travelling
night and day hope to get there
on Friday or Saturday. The letter
which you sent me directed to that
place I have received. It was for
warded by Robert Hopkins who
though not in prison is still
there. When I get there I will
try to get him sent to his fam-
ily, but am not sanguine of
success. Gen. Tibby could easily
have it done and I do not know

who else to apply to, and
I suppose he is little disposed to
grant me favors. As Roberts farm-
ily are still where you saw them
it would be better for him to be
sent this way, than by Fort Thom-
son provided he is sent in charge
of soldiers, but I suppose more dan-
gerous to travel without an escort
and soldiers will not probably
be coming from Liverpool to
Minnesota during the winter.
If you can come by Liver-
pool I will try to furnish the
money to bear his expenses to
St. Paul from which place I
suppose Gen. Tibby would send
him to Fort Ridgely whence he
could make his way.

I think it a matter of great im-
portance for the Dakotas that the
Scouts and others who are generally

regarded as friendly should begin
to plant on the cotian this ^{coming} summer
if they do so and occupy the islands
of wood they will probably be al-
lowed to hold them as the cotian
will not probably be much cut
by rail roads and it seems to me
improbable that they will be allowed
to reside long in any other country
when they can make a living by
agriculture. The Northern Pacific
R.R. will probably pass up the
Shayenne and by Devils lake
and if placed on the line of it they
will soon be removed. Besides Devils
lake is too hot for corn and it is
doubtful whether there are mowing
lands there.

My family are in usual health.
Hoping and praying that the Lord
may be with you and bless you
in your arduous labors I remain
Yours affectionately
Geo. S. Williamson

Cincinnati Dec 15th 64.
Rev. Alfred S. Riggs,

Dear Sir,

I have endeavored
to comply with your request, as you
will perceive by the notes that follow.
You are mistaken in our relationship,
for James M. Synd was my son
whose death has been deeply felt
by all the family. I feel thankful
to your father and others for the
interest they feel in securing a
biographical notice of his death for
the Historical Society of Minnesota.

James M. Synd was born in
Baltimore, Maryland, on the 25th
of November 1830. There was
nothing peculiar in him in his
boyhood, except an obvious love of
the beautiful in nature and art,
and a mind of more than ordinary
delicacy and taste. But he was

not fond of school, and was at an early age, having acquired a tolerable English education, placed in a store where he acquired a knowledge of business, and subsequently became a Clerk in an Insurance Company with quite a large salary for a young man not 20 years of age with the promise of an annual increase.

But after being engaged in this situation for a year or more, and giving perfect satisfaction to his employers, he resolved to educate himself. For this purpose he gave up his position in the Insurance Office and commenced his studies, under the supervision of the Professors in the Western Baptist Institute in Covington, Ky, (since removed to Georgetown, Ky.) Here he made himself quite a good Latin Scholar, and a Mathematician. His Professor in Geometry said, he was the best Geometrician

he had ever met with, in his studies or in his teaching. During this time he devoted much of his attention to literary acquirements, intending to devote his life to literary pursuits. He took peculiar pleasure also in studying the Character of the Aborigines of our country, and their language. He became through his own untiring industry, and almost entirely self taught, a very fine performer on the Piano.

He was always of a retiring disposition, keeping his own counsel, and tender and kind in all his intercourse with others.

He went to Minnesota in the year 1850, and lived for several years among the Indians at Traverse des Sioux, devoting all his leisure time to the knowledge of their language, which it is said by those who profess to know, he spoke with great fluency. His death

occurred at Red Wood on the 18th of
August 1862.

I send enclosed a beautiful tribute
to his memory, published in the
Lounville Journal. His MSS
I have learned is now deposited in
the Archives of the Minnesota Hist.
Society.

His career in Minnesota, your
father is better acquainted with, ~~is~~
all probability, than I am, or, at
least he is in a position to acquire
the requisite facts with more facility.
He was remarkably secretive in
reference to his personal affairs, even
to his own family. He resided for
a time in the family of one of the
Missionaries, while he was preparing
his Manuscript of the language, Customs,
and Manners of the Dacotahs.

I have nothing further of interest
to communicate, and remain,

Yours in the Gospel.
S. W. Synge

S

W. L. J.



Fort Randall D.T.

December 7th 1864

Rev S. A. Riggs,

Esteemed Brother,

Yours of Nov 11

came safe to hand by last mail as also did the books and other things. I am very much pleased with the appearance of Moonapa Statahna. I think it is got up in nice style. I have not read it yet. I think I shall send to Mr Warren for a dozen more copies by mail & then wait till next spring for the rest. Perhaps I will want them sent to Pembina instead of Sioux City. I believe there is an Express line up there.

The plates will answer a very good end. I am sorry the Primer is being so much trouble to you. I think you might about as well get the whole thing up only for getting my hand in at a business which I may have something to do at when you can't do any more though we don't know that. I will be very glad to have some of your lessons in. It will give more variety in style and I thought there ought to be some more lessons there only for the size of the book. I was expecting rather larger type but I do not think it is very material and it will be an advantage in the respect you mention of taking in more.

I send you a draft for \$6⁰⁰ for your expense in getting Ellendorf &c for which I am much obliged.

Things are progressing here much as usual. The Indians here have not starved as much for the last three months as they did before that a while - because there have been so few here.

W.D.W.
Jan 1867

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Last the Government gave them their years supply of clothing to which a large number came in. Probably three fourths were here. Hardly any of the Yellow Medicine Indians were here. They have nearly all gone over near the Minnesota line and did not think it would pay to come so far in the winter and I think so too. There are a good many on the head of the Little Sioux and a good many near the head of the Coteau notwithstanding Maj. Brown told me when I was there that he would send back all who went ~~into~~ the other side of the James River. The Indians received but a very small supply of clothing. One blanket to a family, a dress for the women & coat pants & shirt for the men was all, except some trifles. The women are most troubled about what do for skirts, as they think a calico dress is not very warm or lasty.

Those who are here will a large part of them have again immediately as there is not half enough food in the place to feed them all till spring. The most of them will go up the Missouri as buffaloes are said to be plenty not very far from Fort Sully. And though the Dakotas forbid our Indians chasing Buffalo beyond their lines where buffaloes are plenty they always manage to get meat somehow.

We administered the Communion here on last Sabbath. Only about half of our church members were here - because those who wander off towards Minnesota are mostly Upper Sioux or related to them and it is those who generally belong to us. The Indians here appeared nearly as much interested as ever before in our religious exercises, and I thought the Church

members generally showed more knowledge than
I have ever known ^{among them} in religious experience.
Wandering about so much they have our
many temptations and many fall but I
am confident a goodly number are kept of
the Holy Spirit. Many of them now seem so
glad to get back when they can have religious
privileges again. We received five new mem-
bers on profession of faith. We also received 11
members from the Episcopal Church but I
presume the most of them will return there if
ever Mr Hinman comes among them again.
He sent Thos Robertson over here lately to attend
to some of his affairs &c. and he told the Indians
& Mr Hinman was very sorry Mr Hinman had

had been detained from them so long by the illness of his wife but he would be here next spring.

We are having quite a cold snap here now. The mercury stood more than 20° below zero this morning. There is only a little dust of snow.

I just received a note from Mr Cunningham saying that he had returned from Minnesota without his wife - that there were but few children about the Gaulton Agency, and the prospect not very fair for this winter & asking our prayers.

I think we all need to be remembered and trust we are by many Christians - Truly Yrs
John P. Wilson

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J. Dwight
1864

New York, Dec. 8, 1864.

Rev. Mr. Briggs,
Sir:

You are ^{invited} ~~requested~~ to attend
a Regular Meeting of the American
Ethnological Society, on Wednesday
evening, the 14th of December, at 7
o'clock, at the rooms of the Long Island
Historical Soc. in Brooklyn, Corner of
Court & Jay on Street, Opposite
City Hall, 2^d Story, near.
Recording Secy.

J. Dwight
Dear Sir, Please to bring specimens
of your Tacata Bills or other
over

presenting or other objects
to exhibit at the meeting,
with any paper you may
be prepared to read.

Respectfully
J. D. Wright

Ms. L. C. 10,
1864

So. Burfield,
Dec. 13. 1864.

Dear Brother,

We have been pa-
tiently waiting for one of your
interesting letters. Hoping to elicit
a response, I take my pen to
scribble a few lines. It is so cold,
mercury below zero, that it is diffi-
cult to hold the pen.

Have you received anything
from Mrs. Paine? Did you
reach N. Y. in safety?

You recollect my speaking
about your overcoat. Have
you exchanged it? If you can
take the trouble to measure
it across the shoulders, be-
tween the sleeves, I think
you will find it narrower

both him & you my dear brother, is the prayer of
your loving sister,
L. J. P.

than your dress coat, consequently will be less serviceable. The merchant who sold it did not do the manly thing to ask you such a price, & let you take a coat that did not fit. & if he is a man, will exchange. I fear it is more than half cotton. I have written thus definitely, for I feel that, because you have an honest modest face, you should not be imposed upon by ~~the~~ shavers in trade. Excuse me if I have said too much, for you deserve a letter outward adorning & how I the means, the friends to that effect, ~~that~~ be forthcoming immediately.

You may wish to know of our health. We are all comfortable, saving my unworthy self. Since you were here my lame limb has been & still is, afflicted with severe canker sores, that are painful & troublesome.

The young folks attend school, with the exception of Mary. She has presided over of the kitchen, & hopes to study some at home after this week. Eliza left us as we expected, the week you left, but came last night, begging to work for her board, as she had ^{no} new home, & could find no place. We took her in for a while. We enjoyed being independent, highly, the two weeks we were alone. It is a great blessing to have

health to perform our
own domestic labor.

When do you hope to
complete your work in W?
It notice in the paper
stated, Dr. King was in W.
recently, & gave a sketch of his
trials &c in Greece. Have you
seen Mrs. N yet? I wish Dr.
Th. would send me the
book alluded to containing
his picture.

Brother J. left for Hawley,
10 days since. Has found
no employment. Was quite
depressed in spirits; said
he should enlist in the ar-
my if no other opening pre-
sented itself soon. Has made
various applications, all re-
sulting in the disheartening
negative. May God bless & help



Oct. 2. 1864

Davenport Iowa Dec 12

(Dear Brother Riggs

I arrived here on
yesterday After noon. I have
been down to the city this fore-
noon where I received your favor
of 12th 1864. Altho. I did not
open it till I came home to
Mr. MacBryde (when I have
again engaged board) I did
not inquire for the books and
so do not know whether they
have come or not I suppose they
have not for if they had arrived
at the express office I would
be informed of it by a letter in
the Post office

I left home Monday afternoon 5th
last and if I could have come on
without delay as I was told I might

I went back around here on Friday
morning but the weather was very
cold and the stages and railroads almost
on every part of the route behind time.
It was well I completed copying
Proverbs before I left home and depo-
sited the last part of it in the
post office at St. Peter the day I
left for my trunk was lost off
the stage behind between Owatonna
and Ellenton with and with it
all the books and papers and most
of the clothes I was bringing here.
The Agent of the stage company at
Rochester told me they would send back
for it and no doubt have it there
the next night and so I staid there
about 30 hours but the trunk did
not come and so I told him to send
it here by express which he promised
to do and as Burbank and Co are
liable to pay for it I hope to get it
but am not confident of this as

it was probably picked up by
some traveler who did not wish
to find the owner. I had in it besides
clothes worth at least 50 dollars and
a number of manuscripts valuable
to me if not to others and a number
of Dakota books my Hebrew Bible
and Lexion as good as new and as it
is quite possible I may not get them
again I will thank you to inquire
what such can now be bought for
and inform me.

Robert Hopkins and Light are still
here and anxious to get a way. Big
Eagle also has recently been returned
on an order from Washington but
how obtained I know not. Gen. Lib-
bey could easily have them sent a
way and I intend writing to him
on the subject but am not in much
hope of accomplishing any thing
by so doing as I suppose you have
already written or spoken to him on

on the same subject and Capt
Judd now having charge of them
says he has written to Bibler or Pohl
I do not remember which requesting
an order for sending away Hopkins
& Light and some women who have
wished to be sent to the Ellipton for
nearly a year. The Capt. says he cannot
draw rations or fuel for those who
are sick and so it is an injury
to them to be sick if they are not
sent away. They say they get but one
meal a day and sometimes a part of
them get none. The number of sick
appears to be about the same as it
was last winter. Those who do the work
about the camp look fat and hearty
but I think most of them look rather
more lean and delicate than they did
as if their health was gradually fail-
ing from the long confinement. I think
there is a considerable diminution of
religious feeling but have as yet
been too little with them to speak pos-
itively on this subject. Please if convenient
peruse the price of Alexander on the Psalms
and of Bush on Exodus & Leviticus
Yours affectionately
Chas. S. Williamson

on the same subject and Capt
Judd now having charge of them
says he has written to Bibber or Pohn
I do not remember which requesting
an order for sending away Hopkins
& Light and some women who have
wished to be sent to the Cliff House for
nearly a year. The Capt. says he cannot
draw rations or fuel for those who
are released and so it is an injury
to them to be released if they are not
sent away. They say they get but one
meal a day and sometimes a part of
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Dr. T. R. W.

(Dear Sir)

I have here neither Woudapi wakan
nor Odoroon Can you supply me
with one or both. I hope to write
to you shortly again.

I have borrowed from Antoine Pro-
vencall his account of deaths among
the Prisoners If it is correct 12 or
13 men have died since the first
of last April making nearly
or quite 60 men since they were
brought here and more than 80
since their first confinement and
1 woman & 5 children I had ex-
pected to do something at translating
the Scriptures this winter but the
loss of my books in my trunk
will probably prevent it Perhaps
if I had them I could make but
little use of them I was there hours
in the prison this forenoon and sat

I may find full employment
there for the three months which
I expect to remain here
I left my family in usual health
and my own health is pretty good
better than might be expected after
such a journey but my hand
shakes so that I can hardly write
a legible hand as you see and I can
not accomplish as much at any
thing as I could some years ago
The Indians say they are expecting
you to return this way If I know
when you would be here I would try
to make arrangements for a com-
munion at that time

May the gracious Saviour be with
and assist you in performing his
work for the Lakotas and bring you
to your home in peace safety and
health

Yours affectionately
Thos. S. Williamson

Fiskerville Wg Dec 15. 1844

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Friends

Yours of the 14th is at hand - and we are glad to hear that you will spend Christmas with us - ~~Rest~~ We assure you our latch string will always be out when you are expected - We are very sorry to hear that Mrs Riggs health continues poor. You must feel very anxious to get home - I received a letter a few days since from Charles Rice he has married Mrs Blair - widow of Chas. Blair - His mill at Henderson has been destroyed by fire - I am thinking a little of coming to New York next week if I do. I will call on you and we will come on together - but if I do not come - do not fail to come and see us the Saturday before Christmas - If you have time in Philad^a - call at our store No 33 South Front St - you may find one of us there

Yours very truly D Wilson Moore

L. W. Moore
1864

Lavenport Nov 14. 1867

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favor of 13th

Just. I received on Saturday too late
to write an answer. I thank you for
reading my manuscript and correct-
ing it and you and others concerned
for electotyping Genesis and Proverbs
so that they may be printed the
same as the old Testament, and
I am glad I remained at home till
I had finished copying Proverbs.
Photofit kept me away from her
a week or two longer and subject
to me to a very cold ride.
I wrote to you soon after my arrival
here. I afterwards went to the
City and found the box of Worsafe
Stationers 250. When I inquired of
The Freight agent at the Rail Road
Depot he said there was nothing there.

for me but on looking over
his book for sometime he said
he had sent a box of books marked
for Williams to Salisbury which
might possibly be the one I was
in search of and I went and found
it all right very plainly directed
to me. I have not yet distributed
many of the books but expect
to distribute some very day till
all the readers are supplied as
I lost my acct of the contribution
in my trunk I will thank you
to send me yours that all such
may be supplied though they be
not readers.

I think it will be good to put in
the price of the bill towards
paying for them.

If Robert Hopkins is sent to the
Missouri I will endeavour to send
by him as many as he can
conveniently take.

I have just returned from the
city whither I went with Robert
and Big Eagle at this request to in-
quire what can be done about send-
ing them away. The Third Quarters
of this State have been removed to
Lombard so I could not see the
commander in chief but Quarters
master Corning told me that he
would write to Gen. Pope today
for an order to send them to
their friends and if the order comes
he will send them. Robert would
prefer going with you but it will
cost us about 50 dollars to send
him that way and for that and
some other reasons which I have
not time to write I think it better
they all go together to the Missouri
if you will provide the transpor-
tation. I would not like to trust
many of the books with Big Ea-
gle and Light. If you Pope do

to order transportation for them
I will endeavour to send Robert
to meet you at Lock Port as you
suggest and will consultation with
your son Affin on the subject.
I do not like to intrude on your
time when you have so much to do
'and am anxious to get home but
I would like to know when we
may expect copies of the other
books printing for the Societies and
who to consultation in regard to them
I had supposed the prisoners pretty
well supplied with primers &c
on the but find there is some
demand for them here.

I am sympathetic with you in
your earnest desire to get home
and think after the hard work you
have been at you need some rest
but as soon as you are settled I hope
you will set about translating the
Old Testament and work to know what
next you wish to work on for
Yours Affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson



Lakeland Dec 17. 1864

Dear friend,

I thought I would ^{write} a few lines to you to night in answer to your kind and interesting letter which I received some time ago. I have been wanting to write to you before, but I couldn't get a chance. The three girls are getting along very nicely. Julia teaches the primary school and Miss Riggs teaches the high school; so I go to her school. I am getting to like it some, but I didn't like it very ^{much} yesterday because I had to write a composition and stand up before the school and read it. That is one thing I never did before. ¹⁸The melodeon is at one of the neighbors and both the girls are gone to practise. They go away nearly every night and leave

me alone with Mr and Mrs
Hall but Mr H. is gone down at
Afton to night. and so Mrs Hall
and I. are sitting here all alone.
if you see Cornelia please to tell
her that I would ^{like} to have her
write to me if she writes I will
write to her too. she told me that
she was going to me when I was
coming away but I guess she has
forgotten me, if there is any
mistakes in this letter please
write them on a strip of paper
and send them back to me
so that I can ~~and~~ spell them
right another time. I hope you
are getting better and liking
your home. When do you
expect Mr Riggs home? we
expect Billy here about next
week his school is going to be
out pretty soon but I dont
know when. do you know if he

has been up there since we
came away. I do Mrs Hall's
washing every Saturday and scrub
her kitchen floor when I
get through. and I am always
pretty tired by the time I ^{am} through.
I am getting sleepy so I must
close my love to all
especially to Cornelia.

from
Justine Laframboise.

P. S. I would like to have a
letter from you again soon.

J. L.

Justine Lefebvre
Dec. 1864



Mrs Mary A. L. Riggs

J. G. Longley
1864

S. Burfield
Dec 18/64

Dear Brother

I want to see you
before leaving for the West if
possible. Can you call
again at the Freeman's Co-
-op Am. Mt. Ab. - and en-
quire about teachers.

I wish you would ad-
vise me if there is a N. England
Education Society that sends
out teachers. It is a great
question in my own mind what
I had better do. Can you ad-
vise? Moses is always talking
about my preaching. A bless-
ed work is done for those whom
the Lord calls. There seem to
be the various questions of teaching,
preaching, studying, fighting
& business. And then
still more important my

Or buy a little plough
somewhere - perhaps South

must longish for a further
line Union - a sure re-
election than my Redem-
er liveth.

I can go back to the
Army as officer, I can en-
list as private (health not failing)

I can return to Study - I can
go forth and labor for Con-
fession - for I could labor
awhile uncompensated - I
can go out for the C. Com^{rs}. &c.

When shall you befriend
the Sabbath? I suppose
I could not spend it with
you should I come on this
week - Please write me
if you have ought of counsel
or encouragement. My
is somewhat faint & fother-
ing. God bless you a-
bundantly

Yours
J. G. Thompson

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Dated Phil^a 1864.

To Rev S R Riggs

Care Mr. Murwin

Bible House

I will be at the
Fifth Avenue Hotel
at num. 9 O'clock

this evening I would
like to see you if convenient
I am going to Boston
And want you to go with
me if you can take them

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Wm. House Boston
Dec. 20. 1864

Rev J. R. Reggs
New York.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 14th I
laid before the Com^y this Pm. They agree
to assume the \$162.71; so that matter
is disposed of satis-^{facto}ringly.

They have also appropriated
\$750 for the support of yourself & family
for 1865; & they allow \$300 for the 4
Sakota children about etc & etc.
Renville.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. R's
health is such as to excite solicitude.
I hope & pray that you may find her
much better on ~~your~~ return. But I
am more & more impressed with the
uncertainty of all things pertaining
to our earthly lot. In an ~~stranger~~
& fulguris; & I rejoice that the
journey is not to be very long. "I would
not live a day", is often in my thoughts.
Oh to live a sinless life! in presence
of the Beloved! who would not begin
it, as soon as God speaks the word! Wm. H. B. 1864

New York Dec. 20/64.

Dear Mrs. Briggs,

I am sorry
not to have seen you when you called.

Mr. Bodge says you have the
stereotype proofs of all but the title
& last two pages - & that you have
approved the whole. If there are
any corrections to be made, of
course we want them. I doubt
not you have taken all possible
pains to secure accuracy.

I suppose we are now to print
1,000 in paper covers. It can-
not go to press until we know
it is all ready for the press, & it
will take some time to print
& do it up - so of course it cannot
be done before about New Year.

Please tell us where to send
them &c. & give all necessary further directions.
Y^{rs} aff^l Bro
A. H.

Wm. A. Halladay
Lr.

Dec 22th 1864

Ma ho ee Mi ta kun ye
Naka ha ake Wowa pi wa ji ei
en ge ndo ke han Woki wa pi bin
ke ien ei yi tu ka lua ke ei ya i
ga awa ain yu so te he en etan
han ka ppa pi wa ji dan wa n ruda
ke yu he en Ma ho ee wo wa pi
bin ke wa nna yu plan pi he en
han John B. Renville he awa ain
ya ~~han~~ ya yu Ma wa ei. Lu ta
wa ya Thomas ta wa bin he na
ho awa ain wa ke he na ya yu
kte ga he en Kun kta na ka wa ji
iyo pe ye ca ma ka n kte he en
mi ta kun ye si na kin wa ei ei
ye do Mi ta wu ni en ca awa ain
am wa pe ei yu ze do he na na
e ke kte Mi ta kun ye wa ji
Daniel Renville
he unze

Daniel Pennille
Jan. 1864



Brother Moses
Longley
Jan. 1865-

Washington
Mass. Dec. 27/64

My dear Sister

Your little note
came to day, for which I
thank you. It has touched
in the heart, for it presses
to my thoughts, that you may
be finishing your course &
I would not have it so. Still
I know it is far better to be
with others here.

I trust God may
raise up.

He will cheer Sister
He will lead you into
the silent land. He will
not let the waters of the
river chill you. He will
put you in himself.

Jesus can make a dying ^{or} & then come after thee.
It has been my sweet privilege
to help battle of our
dear parents, as they step
back closer to the Father.

Father, conscious, yet
hardly thinking he was
dying, but Jesus near.
Mother, almost two weeks
for conscious rest, breath
ing her last in our arms,
I & mine.

Jesus aided them.
He will gain. Oh how
direct, inexpressible sweet
to know we have only to
commit all, literally all
to Him. "I'm a poor sinner
& nothing at all, Jesus it is
my all & in all."

If this be ^{my} last, there be
well precious ones. Forgive
me all. I'll tell you a little
longer

Apply your Pro.

P.S. You should ^{be happy} ^{cloves} to hear from
any of your loved ones &
will answer.

Christian is very feeble
to day, but sends love & so
do all.

Lawrence is to come
home Sabbath to make
a profession of faith
to Jesus - He is 15 -
Prayer and with us -
all -

Dear Pro S.

Jesus about visiting
your last week & I. motto
you would love but - &
he might go closer & see
you. I hope he will. I
am anxious for him



1862

(Davenport Iowa Dec 28th

(Dear brother Riggs

Your letter of
21st just I received on Saturday
and the Hymn book on Monday
I thank you for both and also
for reading over and correct-
ing my manuscript I am
sorry it should have given you
and the compositors so much
trouble. I wrote most of it
under very unfavourable cir-
cumstances. Though it has ma-
ny defects I hope it will be
the means of conveying to the
minds of the Dakotas much
of Gods own truth. If so you
as well as I will feel well repaid
for all the trouble in preparing
it for their use.

Having gone to the city several
times to enquire after an order
to send away the schism from
here, and getting no news of
any, I have fully made up
my mind to start Robert to
Lockport on the train next
Monday morning and feel
pleased to think how soon
he would be with his family
who he has informed are at
Lakewood, when in camp last
evening I was sent for by Gen
Sully, then on a short visit ^{to the} camp
who requested me to ascertain
who are the members of Big
Eagles family, as an order had
come to send him and his
family, and the other two
schism prisoners to the Cliff House.
So you need not expect to
see Robert there at Lockport.
There are 3 women and one
boy I suppose will go.

Gen. S. tonight will publish
by day when I suggested that
the persons being sent away
needed some clothing he told
Capt. Judd to see that they
be provided with what they
really need.

I have as yet received nothing
for Wovapi Stakihna but several
have told me that they want such
when they can get the money.
The following have paid \$17.75 for
the forth coming W. Waken in
extra binding Wicahineen mwa-
za, Pejuta ska, Mahipiya
aichduhommis. Decetichula each
1 dollar, (Maza koyag inapi
90, Okowge 85) Wakinyan
go & Tawamunsa waste each
50 cents.

of Wasnawakanhdi 95 & 2yo.
Tawinna 75 for Wabowan
A Waken in extra binding

The latter to me they intend
to make up theirs to 130 each.
Where are the Osborns to come
from and how to be obtained.
A number of primary books are
needed here how many I have not yet
ascertained. I had hoped Johns book would
come in time to supply the want but
from your letter it seems this will
not be the case and I know of no other
way of getting except by writing home
for books to be sent by mail. Those
I gave last year seem to have been
chiefly eaten by the mice.

I have already given out at least 134
W. Statikina and I have promised some
others but hope to send nearly 100 to
the Ellipson by Robert H.

I have now spent 6 evenings two
to 3 hours each and expect one
more inquiring into their spiritual
state and hearing their confessions
and I feel much better satisfied
that a large majority of them are
instead the children of God than I was
before. I am much surprised at
finding far more cases of delinquency
among the Wikipulou than among

the Elders and women who are
nearly twice as numerous. Of
them better than one in 12
has been absent from their meet-
ings for confession, and nearly ev-
ery one of the absentees are known
to be necessarily so either in the
Hospital too sick to come, or at work
outside and so not allowed to come,
A considerable number confess
to Ojima & omi, miniwakun
zakkanpi, winakomunhorokyski
or Anshiwakan shunipri and one
or two to some other sins wapijahn de.
but with 3 or four exceptions all
these sins were committed prior to
your coming here and administering
the last communion here and the
confessions except in two or 3 cases
were to me satisfactory as evidencing
repentance Besides them perhaps
half a dozen chiefly old men pro-
fess a determination to adhere to

religion they have embraced and
talk in such a manner of their
own goodings as to make me fear
they do not understand the way of
salvation and are trusting to their own
righteousness. Several whom I thought
lost a year ago because they neglected
public worship and so far as I could
see other religious duties and excuse
themselves for so doing by saying that
they belong to Hinmen, now appear
different for though they do not
evince much religious feeling at
first attentive to the worship of God.
Wawanditanka however and several
half a dozen at least I suppose of
the Wakiputa appear converts as we
and while professing to approve of
Christianity wholly neglect its du-
ties and worship. There may be
several similar cases among the
Wakipute and Ogata Sica who have
yet to confess. Affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Bible House n.y. Dec 30th 44

my Dear Brother Riggs,

I was disappointed in not taking your hand and saying good by, when you left. It is my present infelicity that I am not in my own house as every man with a family ought to be who can. Had I been house keeping I should often have had you at my table to my own comfort and that of my family. My wife & I deeply regret that she did not see you again before you left the city. Make our kind regards to your wife & children. The knowledge that your children are doing so well gives me pleasure as it must you. Just what I take a flying trip with a friend to look after the White refugees in Nashville & Kentucky.

The Ship good today via
New Orleans & on the Erie N. R.
say 100 or 125 Bards of clothing
shoes & with blankets &
we have leave to draw for
\$2,500 or more if we need to
put up shelter & to pay them
of money to the free state -
I expect to see deep suffer-
ing & hope to make many
hearts glad. I wish you
could be along. Shall be gone
about 3 weeks.

In much haste

Truly yours

A. M. Wain

Jan. 1865

A. M. Wain

Wigwapi Dec 30th 1864.
Mr Rev Riggs
Mitakocla ito ake taku
Wariji omazakizapi Kta
Wacin, qa ake wewapi
Eicageclo wicakizapi
Kin en wewon kin mize
Agotom micicla sin cingze
Wicawaze cin heru e e qa
Sontawicawaze cin heru
Agotom wariji tanheron
Kta he igotom sinu wacin
Tutka ake omazakizapi Kta
Wacin clo taku wicawaze cin
Heru carbi qa carbi heru
Ewicawakihni tutka wanna
Wahle Kta he cin ito he cingze
Wististe Kizakapi ges epea
Tutka he wicizakapi ye clo
Shos P Williamson is he
Ewakiza tutka mukaha
Agotom sinu clakota
Wahokom wicakizapi

Talla tokeri eon Kter he
omakizake sini he taku
Wicawage cin kena dehon
zan Kattijapi Kter epe
Sini tulla wamnatuhun
Agotuhun igekizapi
Kinn kena awacanni ca
Tehike wacake zelu
Tehun mitawin, wouapi
Wariji wagu Kter ehe zee
Kter wacin zelu hehon
Wakuntanka vie Kinn he
baje mulati sini tulla hege
tokei weicohun, mulu he cin
selon zage he nuna epe Kter
ytipi onawin, mitawacin
on Chapicizugapi
Robert Hopkins Caske
kennizelu

J. R. Briggs