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Jan., 1865

Dear Bro Riggs
Mary Ann's little
note started me & you will
see how I am worried. I
trust she may get her
spored, if not may God
help this my Bro.

Let us hear soon.
I was about writing
you last week when a
line from J. said you
would come for Dr. J. Est.
& he might go to Dr. G.
to see you - I hope he
will. I feel alarmed about
him. He seems to be
floating & to have no
aim & to be foolish as
to the thought that next

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thing he must & will
have ^{is} some money.

If you have not seen,
I hope you will write
frankly, for it may help
our benefit him, & our
care.

I have said to him, there
never was such a
time to do something
glorious, as now -

The South in various
departments of business
teaching & preaching
is to be wide open
about - He only wants strength & heart.

Can't you stir him
to decide on something,
& to do what he can,
wherever he is, to im-
prove himself & to
make others happy -

I meant to have had

another letter with you
about him.

I pray God to use you
for his good.

As to self - I have
worked awfully hard
since I saw you. A
few precious ones have
come to Jesus.

As to the future -
I shall visit the army
by & by, if no more.
I think in Feb.

I should love the Christian
and service.

It seems as if must
ere long go somewhere
for my children's sake -

Love with direct

Best love & love
to Mary & you all

Apply always
Washington Dec. 27, 64

J. H. P.
Jan. 1865

Allegheny January 7th 1865

My dear Brother—

When you left here I was somewhat unwell, consequently felt that it would be imprudent to go with you to the Rail Road Depot— I have since recovered my usual health, I presume you got away safely, and hope you had a safe and pleasant journey home, and that you found your friends & family well— I always feel some anxiety until I hear from friends who have been journeying by Rail Road, I therefore hope to receive a letter from you on my arrival at Portsmouth, which I hope will be next week— The warm weather the two past days with rain yesterday, seemed to promise a resumption of Steamboat navigation by Monday; but this morning the wind changed & the rain changed to snow, which is now at least 6 inches deep, and the prospect of getting to Portsmouth by S. B.— is not very flattering at present— I may therefore decide to go by Rail—

This week having been observed as a week of prayer by most of the Churches in these Cities, by Prayer & Conference meetings every evening— I have attended all except, one evening, when quite unwell; Last evening being well, I went with Harriet to the 1st W. P. Church near by— and found a large Congregation, there were 3 or 4 Congregations united, and was pleased and edified with the earnestness & warmth of the prayers & exhortations, — The Missionary Spirit seems to pervade the younger portion of the members of that Church, — and I think that as one of the Divisions of the Army, they will do good service in the Cause of Christ —

If you went through Rockford - you probably saw all your children
not now in the Home Circle, - and may hear more definite information
in reference to the probability of your future movements - at least
as to the Mankato School - I shall feel pleased to learn the result
of your conclusions - I cannot help thinking however that the
Providence of God will indicate that it is your duty to give up the
Dacotah Mission, - and if the Mankato proposition shall be practicable,
then I should think that with what Home Mission work you can do,
& the general superintendency of your other affairs, at your time of life,
you will find a field of usefulness, perhaps as good or better than
the Foreign Missionary work promises to be - I hope to hear that sister
Mary Ann's health is improving, - My own future movements I
must leave (as I desire to do) in the hands of a kind & wise Providence -
I can't see into the future, - My present desire is to sell off my property in
Port. and rid myself entirely from debt - Then if I have any thing left
to invest it in some productive property, or stock, or otherwise to engage,
with some one else, in some safe business, for the purpose of having employ-
ment enough to prevent life from being a burden - and yet not to require
effort or attention on my part, beyond my powers - now failing, by reason
of declining age - I intended had it not been for the shortness of your
stay, and my indisposition whilst you were here, to have had a few conversations
that I might have had the benefit of your counsel - I have I think
made up my mind, that the remainder of life's journey I shall travel alone,
therefore I feel the need of counsel and advice of a friend in whom I have
confidence, - but I may when I get home, should I feel the necessity of
seeking counsel as I believe you can give, write you more at length, and
in the mean while, hope to hear from you - The Lord bless you
& yours - & keep you - and direct you in the right way -

All love unite with me in love to all your dear family -

Your Affectionate Bro.

A. Riggs

J. J. Williamson

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(Davenport Iowa Jan 12th)

Dear Brother Riggs

I have just received
your favor of 2nd inst from Lockport.
I have as when here before gone
to the Camp McClellan sitting for
my mail and got there and was
not aware till since noon today that
there was any other place about the
camp ^{where letters were kept} till today as I was coming a
way from there having just received
two letters a soldier asked me if my
name was not Williamson and on being
informed it was told me there was
a letter for me at their shanty and
on following him to the place I got
yours, they had marked off Camp
Perry which being on canvas it to
be taken to that Shanty and also
Davenport & Iowa and were about to

send it back to Lockport Ill.

So in future you will please not put Kearney on my letters. Since I came back here I almost ignore the existence of such a name. If my letters are directed to Lockport I suppose it is sufficient. The Indians complain much of failing to get money and other things sent them by their friends and since I have been into the Camp Kearney shanty, I think it probably they are lost by going there. The man who keeps the Camp McCallan sutler brings up the mail every fore noon and takes it down in the afternoon and appears to be gentleman and now delivers all the Indian mail which comes into this hands to Wasicum maza who has been selected by the Indians to receive and distribute it. He is one of the newly elected elders and the bus scribe in the prison.

I This morning saw Robert Hopkins Jyoginjun and Wammedi tunka with the family of the latter consisting of Maza giga win Womnape, Maza gahomni win and 3 caps Mizege win in the car with some 20 soldiers starting for Grinnell and the Indians to Fort Thompson. Womnape goes in place of some little boy who Big Eye said was a member of his family and he did not want to go and as Capt. Jones who though he has lost an arm in the service of his country I think does not understand his business very well and has no excuse of pretence or love for the Indians is accountable for it and I do not wish to cause him any trouble please do not say much about Womnape's being sent off. I had no thought of his going till I saw him in the car with the others. When Gen. Sully was here two weeks ago he suggested

me to ascertain who were the members
of Big Eagle's family and report to Capt.
Fiske. I went to Big Eagle and inquired and
he pointed to an old woman whom he called
~~an old~~ (Tomwin) and said that she and
his daughter and grand son between 3 &
4 but high were his family with whom
he then been living and wished to take with
him. I asked what of his wife Maza yega
win who was sitting by him and he said
she did not want to go. I then asked her
and she said she did want to go and I re-
ported 3 women and a small boy. I sub-
sequently learned that he then taken Maza
yeghomin win also and so it seems the
two women and boy he spoke of at first
are left, others being taken in their
place. Soon after getting your letter
about Mr. D. W. Moore's donation, I gave
Robert ten dollars informing him how
it came, to get some things he was need-
ing for his journey. He seemed quite cheer-
ful getting off.

I thank you for the information
you give about the books. I have
sent by Robert about 80 copies of W. Stukhma
to the Mission. I had disposed of most of the others
before I knew he would go. Then

2^d *Shur*

 I have received since I came
here \$11.60 for 10 Novapic work
d & 6 dozen in extra binding to be
furnished and have the promise of
some more besides what will make
out full payment for those above
who have paid only in part. But
I must make further inquiries and
write to you again on this subject.
I have only received 50 cents for
one copy of Mr. Slakikina in extra bind-
ing and finding them not in demand
I have sent half of them in extra
bindings to the Missouri.

One of the ~~best~~ letters I received to-
day is from Mr. Cunningham he says
there are not many Indians there and
those much scattered so his school is
small and he thinks the Roman Catholics
are making considerable opposition,
I think if there is any prospect of
his doing good there the Devil will
surely excite the Roman Catholics and

traders to oppose him.

My other letter is from Mr. Cram
who informs me that Mr. Dewitt
will be here the first of next
week to transport a number
of Indians to Fort Thompson. As
I have no information of the
release of any more of the prison-
ers I suppose those brought here
last summer are alluded to. If I
could choose I would prefer
sending off some of the others.
In regard of the release of the
prisoners I have thought much
and felt much without coming to
any definite conclusion further
than to watch and do every thing
I can to further it, when I see any
prospect of success. I have hopes
they may all be liberated in the
Spring or at least sent to some
place where they with their families
can be at work but I do not

see how it is to be effected.

I am of opinion that a petition
for their release signed by 100
respectable voters of Minnesota ad-
dressed to the President would be suf-
ficient to procure the release of the
whole of them unless opposed by
counter petitions. But I am doubt-
ful whether it is best to start
such a petition. If the Minn-
ota delegation in congress would have
consented to it, the president would
have gladly released the whole of
them when I was there.

Gen Sibley I think has more
self respect and is not so much
disposed to surrender to popular prej-
udice as most of our politicians
but it is almost too much to
ask him alone to act directly
contrary to the general feeling of
the people of Minnesota which I
feel is yet strongly opposed to the

liberation of these prisoners.

I think however our military men
being better informed on the subject
are more disposed to favor it than
civilians. About ten days ago I
wrote to Gen. H. H. S. about them asking
to do what he could for them.

To send them to Fort Thompson and
require them to stay there unless the
treasors should so change that they
can by agriculture obtain food for
themselves and families would hardly
improve their condition in some re-
pects make it worse. To send them
there and allow them to go after
the buffalo skins very much like
compelling them to become hunters
and savages. I think if you can
get a recommendation from Gen. Sibley
that they be sent to Fort Wadsworth
or Abencrombie and set to work
cultivating the earth chopping
wood making hay &c for the
garrison and making some kind
of dwellings for themselves and fami-
lies it would probably be assumed
to be the other military authorities
give no offence to the people and

if carried into practice be
 the best thing that can be done
 for the Indians until the fears
 and prejudices of the whites sub-
 side. I am persuaded that the good
 conduct of most of them would
 have a powerful influence in aban-
 doning the prejudices against them.
 As they have no guns nor means
 of getting any unless given to them
 and for the first year at least it
 would be necessary to feed them
 and so they could easily be kept
 from scattering then could not be
 the slightest danger of their molest-
 ing the white settlements. It would
 cost little if any more to feed
 them than than it does here
 and no more to feed them and
 their families ^{here} here and at Fort
 Thomson. even for the first year
 and after that if they were
 furnished with horses and tools

they would probably to a
great extent find themselves, ^{after the}
I believe that if these Indians
and their families with the Scouts
were settled on the eastern of the
prairie with officers to see that
our laws were properly administered
among them and the understanding
that the country would be theirs
so long as our frontiers were un-
molested they would be a more effec-
tual safe guard against hostile
Indians than three times their
number of white soldiers in forts
any place you could put them.
But Minnesota politicians care
for life for the security of the fron-
tier than popular favor. There
is one consideration which will have
for more influence to reconcile the
people of Minnesota to placing the
Indians on the eastern namely that
if they are placed there the St Paul
merchants might gain not a little

by this fresh direct and in-
direct furnishing supplies to them
and the soldiers guarding them
and a market would be afforded for
grain on the western frontiers when
such a market is much needed.

I intend writing to Mr Winslow
about making provision for subjecting
the Indians to our laws not only
declaring them so but making pro-
vision for the support of officers
to enforce our laws among such
as are near our settlements or hostile
civilized. If you are acquainted
with any member of either of the
committees on Indian affairs please
write to him on the same subject.
I intend also writing to Com. Sch
on this subject and in reference
to the release of their prisoners &
I wish to write to Judge Fay
formerly of Saint Anthony now
of Washington City on the latter

subject but I have forgotten
his first name. I suppose you
know it or can easily get it
then inform me what it is.

Unhappily I get more encouragement
than I know of to look for the re-
lease of all I will try to furnish
you with a list of 25 or 30 names
of prisoners for whom release you
may ask Sibley. Having lost my
copy of the evidence against most of
them I shall not be able to say much
about their comparative innocence except
that about a dozen were only sent
to imprisonment. I know of two
or three others whom I would ask for
on special grounds after then ma-
king the selection sent to me by
no means a pleasant business.
You may tell Sibley that many of
the young men have learned English enough
to go into the army and would exhibit and
make good soldiers.

Please excuse my long letter

Affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Davenport 20. Jun 18th 65

Dear Brother Pigg

I have this day received your favor of 10th Inst. The reception made me glad but the contents made me sad & given because Eliza R's health is so poor and given because I find you are thinking so strongly of leaving the States. I hope you will not however take any step in this direction for some time yet at least not till after Presbytery and that you will not ask for a release from the service of the Board till we shall at least ^{give} license some of the motives to preach to this people. I have many things which I would like to say on this subject too many to write and especially my mind is not now in a

a state to write properly on it.
I had hoped that having finished the
translation of the New Testament you
would now set about translating the
O.T. I wish to do what I can in this
work but if I go at the Psalms as
you suggest it is probably as much
as I can hope to accomplish in the
few years in which I may be able
to attend to such work. If you would
engage in translating them as you have
translated a number of them already
I would work at the Pentateuch but
you must judge for yourself about
what it is best for you to do as well as
what you are able to do, and you know
far better than I can what the Christian
public are willing to do in the way
of furnishing the Sahotas with
books.

Which on the subject of books I
wish to ask your advice about
the price at which we should count
the small Sahote books in the
vouchers which we make out for
the expenses of the schools. I intend
making out such here at the end
of the quarter and though the books

will cost more at Fort Thom-
son than here I suppose it will
be but to the ^{same} price for the
same book at every place where
they are used. I have been inqui-
ring about the number of Odsman
& Kahan in extra binding wanted
here by those who will probably be
able to pay but am not yet
satisfied and may not be in time
to send with this but I will try
within a week to write you definitely
on this subject.

It is but a few days since I wrote
you a very long letter and yet I can
not remember what I wrote and
so I may write some of the same
things again though I have other
things enough to write about. I
wish you to see Gen. Sibley and as-
certain whether he can be induced
to recommend sending these prison-
ers to Fort Wadsworth or Abneromb
or both and then setting them at
work. If they were allowed to buy

and for their families and keep
without guns or ammunition.
The garrisons then could exercise
a sufficient watch over them
and they could be supported about
as cheaply as they and their families
are at present, by raising some food
for themselves, and get wood and hay
for the garrison. If Libby will recom-
mend this I have strong hopes it
will be done. If he will remember
that the prisoners assisted in rescuing
and delivering to him the white capti-
tives under promise of kind treatment
from him, and consider what they
and their families have already
suffered, and that they are probably
less guilty than the relations of Little
Cross and others who surrounded last
winter and have now been chained
and are now I suppose about to be
sent to the Missouri perhaps he
will have courage enough to
recommend something like what
I have mentioned.

My congregation Sabbath from
noon, on week days 200 P.M. 100 to 150
on Tuesdays & Thursdays about
100. On Mondays Wednesdays &
Fridays I am trying to teach them
arithmetic but have not yet got
them to learn the multiplication table,
I think by trying to take them too fast
I fail to interest them as much as I
might have done, I began with the tables
only but as several of them cannot attend
I have now invited the young men
generally and begin again. If I had books
they would no doubt learn better,
Sundays I have bible class with at
least 10. When your Catechism arrives I
shall probably use that.

Mr. Cairn spent most of the day
with me which prevents me from
getting from the Indians some of
the information you ask for and
the produce that they brought
here last summer a full third
of all now ^{will have me} here increases the diffi-
culty of stating definitely what
books will be wanted.

I have paid in full a clothier each

for the Woorah Waken now finding
5 others have paid in part who ex-
pect to pay the whole 20 others have
informed me that they want it of
whom I think more than half will
probably be able to pay. I may know
more about this some days hence but
suppose 25 may be found extra for
these prisoners.

5 have paid each 50 cents for odow-
wan and 2 others less who expect
to make it up to this. 24 others
have asked me for odowwan so
please send me 30 odowwan half of
which may be in extra binding if
you have them. Women however will
expect to pay more than 50 cents
for odowwan. please give me your
opinion about the propriety of giving
odowwan or other books to those who
have already had a copy of the same.
If you have a W. Waken that you
have no use for please send me that
also with the hymn books as soon
as convenient. I think of leaving
here for home early in April and
if the navigation does not open

early, I shall probably
go by R.R. to Grinnell and
thence to Winton and Ellendale
by stage, on which account
it is important to get the book
for the prisoners as soon as they
can be got ready. I do not yet
know how many Woorah Waken
of the new edition will be wanted
here, and suppose I had better
order them from New York,
you informing me of the time
when they will probably be
ready, and who to address.

I have not yet made out
the list of names of prisoners
for whom when you may apply
to Jim. Sibley but shall proba-
bly do it within a week.

My kind regards to your fam-
ily. May the Savior guide and
bless you affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

I want the initials of the
name of Judge Day formerly of
St Anthony or Minneapolis now
of Washington

J.S.W.

Tuesday before the 1st Thursday of
May next.

1865

J. J. Williams

2^d Jan 19th

Mr Vain came here last Tuesday by order of Agent Belcomb to assist Mr Dewill, who has a contract for taking a number of these Indians to the Cliff House but Mr Dewill who was to have been here on the 15th as stated in the letter to Mr Vain has not yet arrived and no one here has any other knowledge of the matter and so we do not know who are to go. As we have no knowledge of any more of the prisoners being released we guess it is those brought here last summer and perhaps some of the women brought before I had knowledge of Vain's coming and business a week ago and mentioned it to the Indians and before I had no idea of how anxious they are to get away from here. In the hospital a woman who has been sick ever since I saw her at Fort Snelling last May, requested me to intercede that she might go. I told her she was too sick to travel especially in the winter and would probably die by the way. She replied she did not expect to live long but thought she might.

to get there and die among her relatives but if she died by the way it was better than to die here in prison.

An old woman brought her among the first asked me to intercede for her. I told her that if she would then she would have to starve and asked her if she had not heard that the Indians then were starving. She said yes she had heard it. She has her grandchildren then who were poor and starving and wanted to go that she might starve with them and die be fore them.

Last Sabbath I solemnise the marriage of 11 couples and should have had 3 or 4 more but the women want to go to the Missions and were unwilling to be married lest it should be an impediment to their going or the men were unwilling thus solemnly to bind themselves to women who want to leave them so soon. If we consider that these women are not prisoners as the men are, often going out without a guard (Capt Fitch says they run all over Canada and give him more trouble than the men) that generally they have better food and far better health than the men, we may be able to put a higher estimate on the Christian patience of

men who without complaining endure so long confinement.

I thank you for your letter and especially for telling me so much about your family matters having been so long associated in labors with you I feel a deep interest not only in you but ⁱⁿ your family and would like now in the evening of my days to be near you. If you think that Providence indicates that you should leave them ^{the Dabotas} and turn your attention to some thing else it will still be a cause of gratitude that have been able to do so much for them much more than any one else. I still hope that you may see your way clear to labor for them yet in some way for many years. I do not think I can be here much if any next summer. If things are not relaxed and you can be with them even half the time you can probably do as much good as you can do laboring at any thing else the whole of your time. It seems doubtful whether the Dabotas are

are to have any more missionaries,
especially if you have them without
being nearly worn out as I am already.
Such being the case it is a matter of
vast importance to train some of the
younger men to make known the
Gospel to the wandering herts of the
tribe as well as to act as pastors among
the scattered villages as we expect there
will be of those who call themselves
Christians. I have been corresponding
with John on this subject. He writes that
there are no young men there suitable
for a Theological class and though
there are some bright boys we must
look for our first preachers and teachers
among the prisoners. I suppose he is
correct and regret that we have not
been able to do more in the way of
teaching them since they have been
here. I have little skill and had little
practice in teaching yet they have
learned much. The facilities for teaching
are not as good as they were a year ago
owing to so many of the younger men
being kept at various kinds of work.
Still I think I can accomplish more
among them in a day than I did at
any time before the outbreak in a week.

Godfrey

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Camp Indian Jan. 21th 1865
Tamaoce mihunkarwanji' nakaha
Worwapi eicaga tuka he token
Wacin kin he oeciayake kta Wacin ga
Worwapi kin de eicage do eja nina
Wamaryanka tuka Wakantanka
onxi madda ga hecen tanyan
et masni de hecen nix mihunka
Wanji de Worwapi kin de iye cen
tanyan nake kta en ni' kta
Wakantanka iee Wakiye do
hehan mihunkarwanji' tuku
on Wacin eije ga Worwapi kin
de on oeciayake kta do ecin he
mihunkarwanji' Wicasta
Wanji Wacin xida kin he nica
nakax nixnana Wacin eije do
ga hehan marya wakan kin en
et marupi gehan en aja on
ga tanyan silonyaye do hecen
tuku xica eca more kin tuwe

dan selongye xui tuka Wakantanka
ee yedan tanyan selongye tuka
takudan xida ecamuri kin
tanyan selongye ga nakin
nakaha i'wage ein nakon
namaron ya o'witanua
i'wage ein tanyan namaron
do Heon etanhan nix
mihunka Wanji' omayakiye
kta Wacin ga nina, Wacin
eiye do hecen mihunka
Wanji' onxi mayada kta nacece
ecin Wacixida nakux nina
Wacin eiye do hecen mihunka
Wanji' nix token Wacin
duye ein narwari kta
Wacin do hecen mihunka
Wanji' he nana eciciye kte
do nape eiye do
n nitakuye
Joseph Godferyye
hemige do

Summer, assumed a new form,
that of large, deep canker soars
on my left limb just below the
knee, & for five weeks, I have been
unable to do any thing about
the house. It is now better, still
am obliged to rest my foot on a chair.
Hope soon to be better still, but need
a great share of patience, having
been so accustomed to activity.

Your suggestion when
here, in regard to Mary, was soon
executed, that we were mute with
emotion. I kept our warmest thanks
& present the same to your beloved
M., should she be able in future
to execute her plan of benevolence.

Enclosed is a photograph from
G. Please ask M. if she recognizes it,
before giving the name.

An affectionate remembrance
from us all to all your dear
ones.

Yours ever L. L. L. Cooly.

Peperintahagi Janu 29th 1863

Mr J. R. Riggs Mita Koda

Me weowapi eicage manihansampa
Reipa etatonga Konpi etian taker
da Koda eicage tamber mawarou eche
in weowapi eicage eche tuka de hanegez
den onza Koda tian taker agaz pi eam
xini ega un nige pi onza tian taker an
onza tian pi weowapi eicage manihansampa
Konpi ega me mawarou eche eche tuka
man sapa eicage pi mima eche pi ega
man eche weowapi weowapi eche pi ega
man man pi eche tian taker weowapi on
sapa pi eche eche pi eche tuka man man
he mawarou eche man man eche tian
agaz pi mima mawarou eche tian eche
eche mima man mawarou eche tian eche
eche he man mima he mawarou man eche
oh mima man eche eche tian eche tian
eche eche tian eche eche tian eche tian
he tian eche eche tian eche tian eche
he tian eche eche tian eche tian eche
he tian eche eche tian eche tian eche

magaye tota tuka gata kuka ta
toke e heta aninaron pica sdon gae
citra naron sdon e magaye ci hon
pida magaye hte noma pili en ga
tuka de ci inia osni sui Rula ga
mini sapia on ha pi owa bin ta ba Raga
noma pi on ha ga pi owa ki hi xui Ritan
set waka ge do ga nima wa osni naba
ex tota pila ahi na pi xui ga wa naba
pi Rixi gata pi on tanga on pi xui
hura na do ohini tuku wakan on xi
vada pi ga ta can tanga on on on
ga pi tuka e waka ki ge na nima wa Rixi po
ohini gata nita kye e waka
M. Riville nige

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M. Riville

Mr. Duran

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New York 31 Jan. 1865

My dear Mr. Riggs.

I find it is nearly three weeks since we welcomed a few lines from you, we were very happy to hear of your safe arrival, but your journey homeward was not without its trials, the loss of that shawl which had so often before proved such a good warm friend both by day and night you must have sorely missed, and your sufferings from the extreme cold on your way from Lacrosse to St Paul must indeed have been great, but I expect it was all forgotten in the pleasure of meeting those loved ones from whom you had been away ~~for~~ such a long long time. I was glad to hear that you found Mrs. Riggs at home, and some what improved, perhaps after this cold bitter

winter has passed, and she feels the warm
air of Spring and summer once more
she will gain strength more rapidly.
and if she does receive any benefit what-
ever from Hydropathy, I hope her faith
in it will not only continue but increase
even though her good husband does
think it a good deal of a humbug.

I promised Johnnie to answer your
letter immediately and that he should
with my help enclose a note to you.
but the week I received yours, they were
both taken down with colds, and which
with Louise, proved to be Pneumonia,
she was very low, and for two nights
I thought her little spirit would soon
be called home, and Oh! my dear friend
I cannot tell you what my feelings were
and how earnestly I prayed my Heavenly
Father to spare her precious life, if consistent
with His will, and His infinite goodness
he heard our prayers, and once more

she is around, the same bright happy
spirit as before, Johnnie too has been
ill, but not as ill as his sister, I often
Mr Riggs, question myself as regards my
affection for my children, I do not speak
of my husband's affection for them
only my own, do I not love them too
dearly? could I give them up submiss-
ively? I cannot answer as I feel I
ought to, how hard it is ^{not} to love our
precious ones too much, these thoughts so
often come up, I cannot quiet them.
Ma and Grandma especially desire to
be remembered to you, and were very glad
to hear that you arrived safely, in fact
I delivered your Aloha to all, for
which they were grateful and would
send their Aloha (or Aloha's) in re-
turn. we have the same family with
one exception Sandy has gone and a
Mr Enlay has his room, we all speak
of you frequently, and I often wonder

if your ears do not tingle well, but
let me assure you, we have not said
anything bad of you, we miss you at the
Wednesday evening prayer meeting, they
are just as good as ever, but thinly at-
tended, Mr Berdan and I go regularly.

We were sorry you did not see
John in Chicago, we received three
letters from him to day, he reports him-
self as very much improved.

Maia Linise wants to know "why Mr
Riggs does not come again?" she talks
about you a great deal, and Johnnie's
Wacoth leaf of the New Testament, the
ring, and my little hatchet are the
curiosities displayed whenever your
name is mentioned to others than our
family, the remembrance of your stay
amongst us, is very sweet, and especially
those moments when we gathered around the
mercy-seat.

I have promised Johnnie some other time
he shall write if nothing happens.
All join me in kind regards to yourself
and family. please write whenever you can.
yours very truly, Sarah Berdan.

James Thompson

1861

Manhato Jan. 30th 1861

My Dear Brother,

A few days ago I received a few lines from Ben. Adams suggesting to me, that you might, perhaps, be induced to enlist, with your family, in our Educational effort at this place, with a view of making it a North Western Mount. Holyoke.

You are aware that, from the first of my acquaintance with Minnesota, I have had it in my heart, to try to do something for the cause of Education here. I did not intend to go into such an effort in the character of a teacher. But after repeated efforts to secure cooperation, & as often failing to realize anything in that direction, I resolved, with not a little hesitation - and after repeated ^{reflections} ~~reflections~~ a

Young Ladies school on my own responsibility, and, in my own house, in the absence of better accommodations I secured the services of Miss Huggins as an assistant, and supposed that she and I would have to do most, or all the teaching, until our borders could be enlarged, if that should be needed. I find in her all that I expect, except, that her health is so delicate she thinks she will be obliged to give up her place and rest awhile, at least. At her suggestion, I wrote your daughter Martha a note, inviting her to take her place, at least temporarily. To which, I am gratified to be able to state, she has just returned an affirmative reply, which I, this morning, received. You may say to her, that I shall depend upon her, and will, of course comply with her terms. As to the permanency of the Institution, Providence will doubtless, determine that matter wisely & well. At present, it is entirely, a private enterprise and has already reached the extremity of my capability for furnishing accommodations. Two things, have been demonstrated by the effort, thus far: 1st That such an Institution is very much needed in this country, somewhere; and 2nd That an Institution of this character, under proper management, will be patronized in this country. We are full to our utmost capacity.

As you have heard also, our ~~prayer~~
and have been answered, and
God has set his Seal of appro-
bation upon the effort by exceed-
ing our most sanguine ex-
pectation in the Out-pouring
of his Spirit upon us.

In relation to the Subject-Matter
of Br. Adams's letter I will sell
out my premises to a corpo-
ration of suitable character, on
reasonable terms, (if it should
be thought a suitable site), who
could enlarge it, in accordance
with the demands. Or, I will not
be in the way of the establish-
ment of such an Institution
in a more suitable point
in this Valley, if such a point
is attainable. Can you not
visit me, and talk matters
over with me and other brethren
here? Your brother in Chr.
Jas. Thomson

L. H. Ford
1865-

Bloomington Jan'y 31. 1865-

Mr. S. R. Riggs

Dear Bro.— We are becoming old & but a little of active life remains to us. We have, for a comparatively long time, been, in a sense together, but my call yesterday, caused me to feel that we shall probably even meet together but a few times more on earth. Without violating my present inclination, I cannot refrain from, at least thanking you for your kindness to me in the past. If I do not now, I probably never shall.

You don't know how much I prize your kindness long ago at Lee's Park, in many things, but especially for encouraging me to go with yourself & Br. W. to obtain translation from Mr. Perville. It was a great thing to me & done in the time of need. Now but God knows the exercise of my mind.

One other great thing to me, I want to specify, & that is your kindness, in helping me into the ministry. You don't know how much I prize this kindness. As for other matters I thank you in the general.

As regards the remaining part of your life, since you are just now about to "strike anew" in a sense, I will venture to say

that I think the plans & object at which
you should aim, should be to finish the work that
Jesus has enabled you to begin among the Bakota.

Remember that, in concern for your family, on
account of the undue regard for self which seems
to be the essence of human depravity, & which clings
to us all, you are, to some extent liable to be biased
in your judgment. Our families are ourselves
slaves. There is some danger that every man,
relatively, overestimates the importance of what
is his.

It seems to me that with
your qualifications for direct active personal
service among the Ind's, & their need of this
service just now, if possible, such arrange-
ments should be made that, if God will, most
of your time for years to come should be spent
among them. Expenditure of money is a
small consideration certainly. This first.

If this cannot be, & if you can find
suitable men among the Ind's for preachers,
it strikes me that the next best thing
would be, for you to devote as much time &
labor as might be necessary, for it, on sketches
of sermons for their use.

If the Ind's are to have native preachers
in the present state of education, who shall be
efficient, they must be helped comparatively &
I am persuaded that too much importance

cannot be attached to a work of this kind. To produce a good & appropriate work of this kind, would be worth a life-long effort. There is no man more living, & it is not probable there will be soon, to do such a thing except yourself. If you cannot go personally & preach, then I would say, do this one thing & do it with the utmost care. Such a work would probably require you to preach some yourself, at least enough to express in your own sketches & watch the ^{tendency} effect. Spend a day, or a week or even a month on the parable of the Leaven, or of the Sower, or of the Bad figs &c. Spend all the time on each sketch that is necessary to make it the very best you can make it.

In their preparative directions, simplicity & plainness should be studied. Two rules should be adopted & followed from the beginning through (1) to present & illustrate & enforce the truth as it is in Jesus, & (2) that involves in the saying of Paul that he had rather speak five words so as to be understood &c.

Such sketches prepared with true Christian kindness, & tenderness & love, & done for Christ's sake, would be a rich mine to the Babelian as long as the language should be used. If you could do such a thing, & do it well, I am

confident, that you would sometime hear
the Master say to you "Well done" I am sure

I have suggested to Br. W. to do something
like this for the imprisoned Elders, but it is
not in him to do much or such work

I feel at liberty to say this much since
our conversation yesterday.

Trust in God to guide you & follow
when he leads & he will direct your remain-
ing steps & take care of you.

We, perhaps, have ten or twelve years of
active life remaining. They ought to be
the best ten or twelve years of our lives

Not the best physically but mentally
& religiously. Sometimes to do little
things in the eyes of men is to do great
things in the eyes of God. For a little
while we shall see man as God sees, then
men are apt to do.

The Lord Bless you

In haste

Yours &c

G. H. Pous

J. J. Williams
1865-

(Savannah Iowa Jan 31st 1865)

Dear Brother Riggs

I did not write to you last week as I promised in my last Messrs Wain and Swill were here for the purpose of taking some of these Indians to the Illinois chiefly women and children as was said in a paper which they had with them and I was anxious to arrange matters so that the women who have husbands here should stay and the others go and lost considerable time in attending to this and the last part of the week was so cold I could not write in the prison and could not depend on my memory to write after I came home what they told me of what they had done or confessed to before the Court which tried them and so I did not get ready to write.

If I remember correctly I think in my last I named 25 as the number of Wapawunkam that the prisoners would pay for in extra binding I have since received 3 dollars for such books and think 5 or 6 more will be wanted here than the number I then named. More odowan also are likely to be wanted than I wrote for. Major Belcomb when he sent for the Indians evidently supposed the officer in charge here would know what Indians were to be sent away and he had no information on the subject. Mr Swill went to Burlington & Chicago to learn from Gen. Sully but did not find him, so after much delay and expense they have started back to Illinois without any of them. Perhaps it is but so, as food is cheaper here than at Fort Thompson, but most of the women were anxious to go.

I thank you for the information and suggestions in your letter of 20th Inst. In regard to laws for the Indians

I wish and have long wished for two things which may
both be included in one act of Congress and that not a
long one, 1st a declaration that they are and shall be
subject to the laws of Congress and the criminal laws
the state or territory in which they may be found
just as all other persons are. 2^d legal provision for
the appointment and support of such officers as may
be needed to enforce these laws among the Indians. I think
now is the time to press this business and that we may
more likely to succeed because Congress is so full of busi-
ness that the traders will not be expecting it and so not
have time to rally their forces in opposition. I wrote to Mr. Windom
on the subject and he has sent me a kind letter in reply in
which he says he has secured in getting a committee of five
appointed to investigate matters about the Indians to whom my
letter will be referred. I have not yet been able to learn who
the committee are but you will probably know before
this reaches you.

I send you the names of a number of Indians for whose
schemes you will please ask Gen. Sibley if you think pro-
per to do so. I tell in regard to most of them what they
say they confessed to on their trial omitting things which
appear to me of little or no importance. In regard to several I
remember that the record agrees with what they now state to
me and suppose it does so in all. In several cases I have
not inquired what they did or made no record of it most
if not all of them I suppose you are acquainted with &
may ask for their scheme on other grounds. Nearly all of
them are supposed to be over 40 years of age and well along
past that and I have had more reason to age in making the
selection than comparative innocence. In regard to several
of them and I think the same is the case with some others they
appear to me to be no evidence of any thing criminal.
You may know of evidence that some of the Indians now here
have been in the magazines but the such evidence is not related
in the account of their trials. Robert Hopkins' case was by far the
worst I found and Mr. Sol. told me that he would have been hung
but for sister's letter in defense of him.

Affectionately Thos. S. Williamson

Feb., 1865

Dear Sister Riggs

Although I been so long in acknowledging your precious letter you have been so much on my mind and we have been sorry to hear of your protracted ill health but were gratified by the last account to hear you were better. Do you still continue convalescent.

I was so thankful that Mr Riggs had returned in safety it must have been trying to you and Martha too to be without him when you were sick. We had hoped R. Hopkins would return with him and by accompanying Kawauke soon speedily rejoin his family but a letter from brother had informed us he would be sent up the Missouri so we were not so much disappointed in not seeing him.

I am thankful that the Lord still inclines you to labor for the poor Dakotas and hope that by restoring your health and giving them a country He may open the way and make you a great blessing to them even by making a home pleasant for Mr Riggs you would do much but I have no doubt that in other ways too you would be useful Yet while your health continues feeble and the Dakotas wander without a home Permit me to say Do not weary yourself by trying to come to any conclusion Endeavor dear sister to cast this with all your other cares on that kind Father who is ever mindful of his of his children and in his own good time He will make the way plain to you Even though you should not be able to resume your labors among the Indians He will know

that you had it in your heart It is laborious for Mr Riggs to go out and make tours among the Indians yet I have no doubt he may do much for them even in that way and it hard seems expedient to move your family till have a country where they may plant with some prospect of reaping the fruits of their own labor and I do not think that will ever be at Ft Thompson.

I fully coincide with you that your grown daughters accompanying you among the Dakotas should be from their own choice or conviction of duty and I have no doubt some of them will be willing not only from love to you but also from interest in the cause You have my tender sympathies in all things

and feel deeply interested in all
your plans and although I do
not suppose I have said or could
any thing to throw additional
light on the path I do love to talk
of with you of these matters and
feel a sweet assurance that our
kind Heavenly Father guide you
in the right way What should we
do without such a Father to go to
I cannot see why the decision
should be made this winter and
only hope you may not be too
hasty in deciding not to go while
you are unwell although a state
of suspense may be trying

Kate Daves is a pleas-
ant little girl and seems to be
regaining her health while
with us she conducted herself
with great propriety she is at
Mr Huggins now. Mrs Huggins
eyes are getting better Mrs Holes
claw seems sweetly interesting
says little of her own sorrow and
tries to smooth the way of others
Eliza we trust is being very useful
but you have heard of the revival
at Monkata all the girls in Leon

their dear hope they are Christians too

Aunt Jane W.

1865-

Franky is with Eliza Mary Ann
had an invitation to go over
the river near Cleveland to
teach she seemed rather firm
hesitated about accepting but
the gentleman assured her it
would be a small easy school
and her mother and some
said they could spare her Mr
Huggins seems to rejoice in
the Lord continually - Laura
Pettyjohn came home from
the Sem. sick she is better
but not quite well Albert too
is unwell We shall miss them
very much when they move

Mr Peck called on us the other
day saying the Committee in
stead of granting Increase Ch
the usual aid for this year had
written suggesting the expedi-
ency of uniting with St Peter
Now it is not strange that they
should feel thus but hitherto

the two churches been pretty much
as Jews and Samaritans Very few
of the ch members from Saint
Peter have ever come into Free
ch since we have been here
although they have now been
for a considerable time without
a preacher even as a supply
and their ch. loaned to the Meth-
odists (which by the way is much
better than having it lie idle)
I have often wished there was
some Christian love and in-
tercourse between the two
churches but don't know how
it could be brought about it is
said they would not be willing
to be under a M.S. Pres. and
the most of us would object to
uniting with the O. School un-
less convinced they were more
antislavery than most of the
St Peter church members for
that then this I would not be par-
ticular which school but I do not

think we have any just cause
to part with Mr Tack and hardly
think they will ever unite under
him if

St Peter Feb. 6 1865

My dear Mrs Riggs,

Aunt was suddenly
called to Mr Hunt's and desired me to
put up this letter for the P. O. She was
quite unwell when she was writing and
wished me to ask you to excuse mistakes.

I have been very sorry of your sickness
and do earnestly hope you are recovering.
Please accept much love for yourself
and Martha.

Yours affectionately (for Aunt)
Nancy J. Williamson

Doussville, Mo.

February 21st / 65

Mr. Riggs

Dear Sir, I received
your kind letter on the 23rd of
Jan. But as we were on the
point of moving down into
the heart of the City (where we
are doing duty at the present
time) I did not answer it then.
The next day after, I received
your letter. Martha's letter came
It went via Quincy City Iowa
But I have heard nothing of
the Book. We are now doing
Post Duty in this City where
we may remain for some time
Should we hereafter move away
I will keep you posted as to
my whereabouts. Only get me
the Book, if it is in your power

Should you have to be Six
Months, in bringing it about
I trust, that, that will, progress
enough reward me, for my
trouble, and, I am willing to
pay you, well, for your trouble
For I believe with the aid, of your
Grammar, and, Dictionary, that
in the next, 6. Months I can
get, a, pretty, good, Idea of the
Indian, Language, My time
will, be out, in, the, year, in
about, 6 1/2 Months, These will
be, great, rejoicing with me then
I may take, a, trip, up, that way
then I know, that, you, will, do
what, you, can, for, me I have
not, writing to Mr. Pond, yet, I
think, the, better, way, is, to, leave
the, whole matter, with, you
Consequently, I shall be satisfied
with whatever you, do

1783
We have very nice weather
Dawn, here, now as far as Climate
is, concerned, But, it, is, rather, windy
here in the Winter, for, me I would
much, rather, have, one Northern
Climate with, less, Wind, The
News is rather, good, to, day if
you, can, depend, upon, rumors
I believe me, ever your friend
Co. B. R. Riggs
Sgt. Elisha Coff
Co. D. 3rd Regt
Wis. Vol. Inf
Louisville, Ky

1881
Bliss 20th

Her 3. 1865.

Tamaco

Mita kuge nakoka
nouapi wangi eicage taku wangi ohini
icuwange kta epea kex dehan epegni
oniconkxi uicingona kin he makoe wo
wapi tawa wan copawakpa en ege eihna
ke cin he wake token iconpi ca he cinhan
ecen canon wacinde. ix wigoseyaya oyakahi
ga oyakihipni he icuwangendo.

hehan pejihutazigi kin hen onkonpi tuka
wawaha wanice nakos onkakinonpi ga
mazaska onkapi xta nakon wana owasin
vuhdusotapi ga heen woyute wanice do

Hoyan he yuhakta onkecinpi tuka uta xai
wanjikxidon heen wetu kin tetan wopeton
kanska ya ake woyute on wasingonpi tuka
niip challe mazaska wikcesnara gaptan hana
na maku. ca deha ke dotopeton wahi ga
Conxdacigedon itanhan skicagendo.

ohini yahi kta nace onkecinpi ega onpeta
wakon owasin noupa mni onkicijapi ee
ga onpeta igaruni hen nakon mni onkicijapi
eeo. heen ony onkonpi hana eicijalle do

owasin con moshia titonka ee onkaga
pi ya cawankampi ya tumee dan woyagan
pini injakampier. naksha hecigatambon
wowapi nom ahipi ya mitawin kici
mduton kta keyapi tukka onoma he mivnoma
mduton kta keyapi he onoma mduton ya
Wopetankonska iye keyapi ya onmakim
he ix mitawin kici mduton kinhan hehan
ake rowaye kta. Ehakeon een okiyakons
wowapi wacaga tukka wowapi kinhe mduton
pini itokam he wacaga ca inonpa
con ahahan nix decicagewo wageju kta
otonure kin kta waiga tohepi decicaga
herona wana wahde kta ihe nix eada
wowapi wangi micagawo.

Liyahunka mitawa owasin nape iyuzapi

mitakoda hemiya

Antoine Renville

1861

A. Renville



Fort Ridgely Min. Feb. 5th, 1865

To Rev. Mr. Riggs
Dear Sir,

I wish
to obtain a dictionary & grammar
of the Sioux language, rather a
Sioux and English Grammar, &
Dictionary. upon making inquiry
concerning them I was informed that
you could probably tell me more
about them than any other man,

As I can find no other man
who can tell me where or how to ob-
tain them, I determined to apply
to you. If you can furnish them
will you please to let me know as
soon as possible, and the price
or if you can not furnish them, if
you can tell me where I can get
them I should be greatly obliged

if you would let me know
as soon as possible and the
probable expense, in any
case I will cheerfully pay you
for any trouble it may be to
you, to give me the information

Very Respectfully
Joseph F. Bean

P.S. Direct to me

Co. F. 2^d Reg. Cav. M.V.
Fort Ridgely Minn

1863

J. F. Bean

WM. BALLANTYNE, Chairman, 498 7th St.
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Washington, D. C.

N. S. Christian Commission,
BRANCH OFFICE, 500 H STREET.

Washington, D. C., Feb 6 1865.

Rev. S. R. Briggs

Dear Brother

Please send
me a recommendation for
Mary Cooley - to Mrs. Bitten
Mayer - for entering one
of the C. Commission "Ladies
Laid" Bitchens.

Mrs B. is organizing such
everywhere the hospitals -
and wants earnest, de-
voted efficient ladies -

I think Mary is worthy
of a good recommendation,
and yours would
be of service as Mrs
B. knows of you.

Please send one for
myself -

I am now in the
C. Commission - for a

a few weeks

had an offer from
the Am. Cons. to go
again to go here.

Can you act for
them till I choose.

Should you do so
rather than obtain
a Chaplain in one of
the Regts?

I need permanent oc-
cupation as well as
money to live upon.

During the war
I did work much - un-
less I now receive no com-
pensation.

I shall be here till of-
fer of Immigration,
if I do not go into ^{one} of the Regts.
I can return a-
gain to the service,
if health will permit.

God bless you & yours,
giving life, health and
supplying every want.

Yours truly
J. G. Longley

St. Paul, Feb. 8th 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony

Dear Sir,

There is due Antonio Reaville
on the sale of his remaining scrip, after deducting his
draft on me (+ 7 p.c. int.) for \$300. for Mr. Sweetser,
the sum of \$144. Please state whether I shall send a
check to you for the sum payable to A's order, and in
such case, if you can enclose it to him. It is probable
he could have it cashed at Fort Bridgely, if he wishes
to see the money there.

Mr. Wells informs me
that he sent a deed to Michel R. to be executed by him
& wife for scrip sold by me long since, but the other
papers were returned without the deed. Should you have
occasion to write him, please ask him to have the deed
signed before two witnesses, and acknowledged before a
Not. Public & then returned to Mr. Wells.

With kind regards to Mrs R & family believe me

Very sincerely yours
H. H. Cobley

(over)

Belov Thru. Feb 4th 1865.

S. P. Riggs.

Dear Sir.

Yours came to hand last Saturday, and I have made some inquiry for houses. I have not found exactly such a house with land about it as you have in mind, but I think that you can find a house, such as you describe, in the city, & get land a little out, so that the whole expense will not be far from your figures. I presume also that you will be able to find a place to rent while you are looking about, though houses to rent are generally more in demand than supply. I hear of one or two places which I could rent now, but

I am offered another house
app 800, while the last one 400 X 80
not quite large enough
for your
I could within mile or two
and pay only cost \$50 to 100
per acre.

do not understand that you wish
me to do so without further instruc-
tions. Neither do I know where you
would wish to take possession of a place.
I presume that you could not well re-
move until the river opens in
the spring. Perhaps before that time
you will be able to come & look for
yourself. If not, I will if you wish,
in consultation with your son, try to
engage a house for you to take at such
time as you may wish. Perhaps it
would be necessary to pay rent from the
first of April which is "moving day."

While I am writing a man comes in
offering a house which would do for \$1.50
per week. Probably we shall have to give
more than that in the spring, but
not more than \$2.00 or \$3.00 per week.

The house in question has nine rooms on
the lower floor with a low attic not fin-
ished off. ~~2 fine lots~~ are one of land - viz
about half a mile from college. I could now

hire a large house at 150 till April - after
that at \$200. about a mile from college.

The first is for sale at \$1500. The draw-
back is that the land adjoins the cam-
pus. It cost ^{another} \$2500.

I find ~~a~~ ^{another} house - containing ~~four~~ four
or five rooms below & two chambers - with
cistern, well & well house, white with green blinds,
& about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land for \$1200.

For \$2500, I find a large well built two
story house - ^{nearly} a mile from college - with barn,
well cistern & six acres of land immedi-
ately about it. The improvements cost \$3500.

There are several other places for sale,
with regard to some of which I shall have
information very soon, will write you
more particularly, if you wish to know
more before coming.

Your son is doing well in studies
& department.

Mrs. E. unites in respectful regards -

Truly yours
J. Emerson.

Rev. J. R. Riggs.
1865

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 8 1865

Rev. J. R. Riggs.

St. Anthony. - Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 29th I laid before the Com^{tee} - yesterday P.M. I read extracts from the letters of the other members of the mission, except - E. R. Pond. We then had a conference in regard to our future plans as connected with the Dakotas.

1. The pecuniary question has some importance. On our present basis, the cost of your mission this year will be more than \$5,000. In the great uncertainty of our prospects, we think we cannot safely make so large an outlay. At least, we ought to have very strong reasons for it.

2. The future of the Dakotas seems to be as doubtful as ever. I expect nothing from the Gov^t - as our Indian Affairs are in the arena of politics. There may be changes; but they are as likely to be adverse as the contrary.

The experiment at the Saukton Agency I regard as unpromising. Hence I have just

written to Mr Cunningham (at Minneapolis)
that the Com^{ee} have concluded to abandon their
efforts at that point. We make no change
at Fort Thompson; Dr. Williamson, I suppose,
will care for the Lavenport prisoners.

I come now to the main topic of your
letter. I have been hoping that Providence would
give you a field among the Dakotas, which
you & yours could consistently occupy. The
Com^{ee} regret exceedingly to lose a missionary,
having so good a knowledge of the Dakota,
so much experience, & so unexceptionable
a character. It almost seems like losing
a part of our capital.

But you have strong reasons for not
wishing to dwell among the Dakotas, - away
from civilized life. I appreciate them fully;
& I can see that in your circumstances,
I should feel as you do. One's family has a
claim, as well as the heathen; & the former
may outweigh any other. On the whole, we
have come to the conclusion that we cannot
ask you to work on any such line of
things."

Is there then any half service which you can render, that we should ask of you? I appreciate your feelings in this regard also. A minister of Christ, duly called to the sacred office, can hardly be content with such a position. He desires to do his part, ~~the whole~~ of it, in the great work which is committed to the church.

Still, were Dr. W. out of the question, I think I should propose to you to become the chaplain of the Leavenworth prisoners for the present, you taking your family nearer that place than we are now. But I infer from your letter that you think that we ought to give Dr. W. some such employment, as he is so much farther on in life. If I am right in this, I don't see that we can have any further claim upon you, (except that I hope you will make the trip to the Scouts' camp, of which you speak, if you can, at our expense, of course.)

If you are to minister to the whites, it is better for you & yours not to postpone the change. You will lose in aptness for such a work every year. If you begin at once,

I doubt not you will soon become accustomed
to the new harness; & I trust you may have
many happy years of service, differing from
your past labors, it is true, & not in the
One vineyard, & under the eye of the One
Master.

I need not say that Mr. R. & yourself
have the entire confidence of the Com^{ee} -
& the Ex. Officers of the Board. If you shall
leave us, we shall feel that nothing has
happened to weaken the bond ^{which} has so long
existed between us, but that it is broken,
because the God of missions has so ordained.

In case of your release from our
connection, ought we not to make you some
retiring allowance? We have no uniform
custom; but we often do this.

kindest regards to Mr. R. & your
family
Very fraternally
yrs

S. B. Truett



Davenport 26 Feb 10th 65

Dear Brother Rigg

It is several days
since I received your favor of 27th
Ult I had written to you shortly
before which in some measure ob-
viate the necessity of my writing to
you immediately as you suggested
X I have not been able sooner and
am hardly able now to answer
all parts of your letter. I will
pass over such parts of your letter
as have been answered in my last
so far as I remember them and
will here mention to you one thing
which I should have mentioned
sooner. Soon after I came here
I received a letter from Simon
Ameyman asking me to inform
him how much money was allowed
him for his losses. I have now

known and cannot get the information here. Perhaps you can inform him.

I thank you for what you have done and are doing for the release of these prisoners. And though Gen. Libby has not consented to my plan I wish you when you see him again to present him my thanks for asking for the release of those he has asked and proposes to ask for. I think he is more of a man than most of our politicians and if he should be a candidate for office again I shall prefer him to some I have preferred before him in time past. Of the 8 you name I would take the following four in the order named Lt Wakanholote, Wastiste Uluhpiya, Kollaga manie, Wakingyan Kute. Kihimman is on he has been sick ever since I have been here but if released perhaps

might recover. There is a Uluhpiya Cankidiske here but I think he came last summer and the man for whom Nelson Uluhman asked was either among those released and sent away last Spring or is known by another name as no one of that name has died here and there is but the one here now. The authorities here have no information of his release. When the word comes he will be easily found, if here. I have got Wasicum marga alias Uluh George Wells to write a roll of the names you ask for and have spent twice as much time as it would have taken me to write it myself, in comparing it with other rolls in my possession in order to make it more perfect. Still if Libby's roll is like that sent him with the prisoners



Davenport 20 Feb 10th 65

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since I received your favor of 27th
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viate the necessity of my writing to
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known and cannot get the information here. Perhaps you can inform him.

I thank you for what you have done and are doing for the release of these prisoners. And though Gen. Sibley has not consented to my plan I wish you when you see him again to present him my thanks for asking for the release of those he has asked and proposes to ask for. I think he is more of a man than most of our politicians and if he should be a candidate for office again I shall prefer him to some I have preferred before him in time past. Of the 8 you name I would take the following four in the order named Lt. Wakonahote, Wastete Ullahpiyakokaga manie, Wakingsyan kute. Kinnamman is he has been sick ever since I have been here but if released perhaps

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you will find a number of names
on each which you cannot find
on the other.

The Orlowen I got on Monday. Those
found in Morocco are all taken and
I could easily dispose of half a dozen
or dozen more like them at the
same price 50 cents each. I charge
25 for the others, only 3 or 4 of which
are yet paid for. I intend requiring pay
from those to whom books of the same
kind have been given. If you have
an account of the books you promised
to them brought last summer I would
like to have a copy of it. I intend
paying you what you are behind in
bright out of what I have received
for those books if I do not forget it when
I see you.

I have as yet received none of the
Sakota Catechisms. If I do not get
them I intend writing about them
next week.

I am glad that Mr. J. B. Remond is
likely to preach to the Sakotas.
I do not mind the Worep Wakana as
I got my trunk yesterday safe.

Feb 11th

One principal reason of not being able to answer your letter sooner was I had appointed a communion for next Sabbath and have spent 4 evenings this week the time I usually devote to writing letters in having and taking no count of the numbers. They very generally attended and the confessions and professions of a large majority gave me much satisfaction. To day we have had a very long meeting of the session to inquire into the case of those who did not attend or were not satisfactory.

We suspended 1 for neglecting the means of grace 2 for sorcery and 3 for adultery. We also examined 6 candidates for admission to church privileges 5 of whom we have agreed to receive.

20 William

At our last communion
we suspended about half a dozen
two of whom went with big Eagle
to the Illinois effort of them
and some of them had an old case
and the persons have not been com-
muning but the session had not
acted on the cases. There remain
several cases of men living with
women to whom they have not been
married in regard to which I wish
to take action but do not know what
to do. Perhaps in another letter I
may state them to you for the purpose
of getting your advice.

I think perhaps you are correct
in supposing you can do more for
the Lakotas and your family by
moving to Berdit than by moving
up the Minnesota valley. If a consid-
erable part of these Indians are to
remain here another year as is
probable it is very important
they should have more instruction
than I can give them.

Yours affectionately
Thos. S. Williamson



Thomas received my trunk
I now have a copy of the testi-
mony I copied at Washington
and so far as it goes it seems to me
I have not all I took can give you
definite information about individ-
uals. I see it mentioned in the
papers that Gen Curtis is going
to St Paul and suppose Gen Lib-
bey is or will soon be released and
so not willing to ask for the release
of any more of the prisoners but
if there is any prospect of doing
any thing for them and you
will send me such names as are
on Libbey's list and not on the
one I find you I will inquire and
inform you what has become of
them. I have the names of those
who have died here and thought
I had in my trunk the names
of them sent away but do not
find it. I do not feel favorable

to the release of Godfrey
but think he ought to be sent
to some penitentiary.

Of those sentenced to imprisonment
for 3 & 5 years 1419 John Finner
Phamakpiza was the

vicarage & Pita wanyagmani
are dead and I think Itakukinga also as a
man similar is found among the dead &
not among the living. Sam Kinga is
not found among either. Several Wakon
hole histories were brought here one has died
and one is still living and it is said to
suppose he is the one sentenced only to improve-
ment. Anpeta ojanjan, Dinkongji

Antoin Rouiller Wakaniyapa ma-
ni Anpetakata & Chakpiza ola are
here alive and would be glad to get
away It is important in asking for
their release to ask and be sent to
their friends or something of the kind
The order for the release of Pepi's wife
has not yet come here



St Paul, Feb 11th 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St Anthony,

My dear Sir,

Mr. Weller desires me

to retain the balance due A. Renville in my hands
until the papers of transfer of the scrip are returned
by him properly executed, which of course is proper.

Please inform him and Mr. Renville of the necessity
of prompt action in the execution of these papers & the
deed of latter.

Shall be glad to see you if you come down on Tuesday,
although it is possible I may go to inspect Fort Snelling
on that day.

With kind regards to Mrs. R. & family, believe me

Respectfully, but truly yrs

S. H. Cobley

P.S.
If you have
any more orders to
make about the
Mowapi Makar
I would not
care to have
half a dozen
bound with
claps

J. P. Williams

East Thompson, D.C.

Feb. 11, 1865

Mr. S. R. Riggs

My Dear Brother,

By the last mail
I received your letter of Jan 7th and
was very glad to hear that you
had arrived safely at home.

I was much interested to hear
of the progress of our books. I do
not know that I shall order any
of them at present however as
it is very difficult getting any
thing up here this time of year.

I have all along had some notion
that the Indians would be moved
from here in the spring, but it
has no real foundation and so will
probably fail. Maj. St. A. E. Balcombe
has just started on a trip to Washington
with the Winnebago Chiefs. The Ponca

and Omaha Chiefs are being taken
on also. It is the intention they say
to have them all put on the Omaha Re-
serve. As Maj Balcombe will prob-
ably leave this place with the Win-
nebagoes I suppose we shall have
a new Agent but who I have no
idea - some Indiana politician I
presume. If he is not better than
the other Indian Agents I have seen
on the Missouri he will not be much.
I think Maj. Balcombe is the best
one of the lot and he don't belong
over here. But he is not a man
at all to please the Indians. He
always says he can't feed them
anything till he is ordered to
even if they have to starve to
death. He is the opposite of Maj.
Brown in that and is really a
very stingy appearing Agent.
For several months he has had

no Sioux Interpreter. His
ostensible reason is that there is no
one here able to interpret, but he
says he likes it better - they can't
trouble him so much. The Indians
however think it is terrible hard.

His wife has principal charge of
affairs in his absence.

Soldiers and white people generally
on the Missouri have been telling
the Indians that the Sioux were going
to be moved to in the spring so they
have been collecting here from above
and below during the last two or
three weeks. Of course there are
no extra provisions made for them
and they are suffering on that
account. If something is not
done with them there will be a
heavy emigration ^{within a few weeks.} towards Minnesota
and if they are kept here next
winter I shall not expect more

than 150 to remain, which is just about as many as could have remained here comfortably this winter with the provision that was made for them by government. The number of Indians here for the last 8 months has varied from three to eight hundred. There are now between 5 & 6 hundred.

Our meeting house is now crowded to its utmost capacity every Sabbath, which is not far from 200. Christianity may very well claim to be the national religion for this people. Even the ^{Oldenwaggon} Chiefs who have always before held themselves aloof from my meetings have this winter given way to public opinion and attend Sabbath meetings quite regularly. Judging from the number of meetings which the Indians hold among themselves in the

Camp it might be said there has been quite a Revival here. There is not a day but what they hold two or three meetings and many days half a dozen for social prayer and conversation.

The female prayer meetings have taken a new stand this winter. They are mostly young women who take part in them. There are three leaders, I call them 'deaconesses'. One of them is Riddays daughter. I have always tried to select the oldest persons I could find for such offices, but I find I have much more often been disappointed in old persons than in young. Our school has been remarkably regular this winter. It has averaged over 100 for the last three months. I don't think now that schools can ever be put

down again among these Sioux.

In the last two months there has been one remarkable fact developed here. I do not think there has been one death in that time and tomorrow I expect to baptize 4 infants besides which there are several that will not be baptized. So it is clear the Indians are not at the present moment decreasing at this place.

I have not heard anything from father since Caskidan left Duwamport, but we have had divers reports. He is doubtless on the way and we have the report that 60 women and 50 men in another party are also on the road. Our mails have been very unreliable of late is one reason for not knowing more.

Give my best wishes to your wife and children at home.

As ever Yours for Christ
John D. Williamson

Davenport

FEB 13th 1865

P.R. Riggs Tomakoca

mitakuge

itotaku wari' epe tote
wicasta 7 q niye Aisa kdogan
Hena wuwapi cinpi do eowasin
cagipi kin aciciyake tote
wakingangi ga

Ma'zaya mari ga
Ma'zawaste da ga

Ninaiyaste ga

John iearape ga

Gasag yema 2 cindo ga
Tonkonteiy e odwanisa waste cin
iho hena e Heca oncinpi
e he aciciyake masipi he
aciciyake hean toke tukinon
hon he kohan na nawanon tote
wa cindo ishen yakanhe cin
han uyaye tote iyee canace
Epe do Hekan ito oyate kin
de toke isapi wari' wakan
tanka oie aciyatan han

Enicayakiyo kte wacin do
Eya gex wakan tanka oia
Kin on nina ecorpi
wadu ke do dihan iyatan
wayawafi ke nina ecorpi
Hanzetr asansanseeu
wayawafi on nina ecorpi
Hanzetr ite heizatan han
iupi wanji wicayagan kte
Wacin do cwakane se
Hanzetr 2 Hanzetr wicasta
tapi do Takommi tukun oiei
yake kte manice do dihan
Anpeter wakan iharanna dihan
ditanhan Anpeter wakan 2
Hanzetr de wawafi on nina ecorpi
cin waki wasta make kte
seu er toketr nawaror wacin
mitakuge Hanzetr epekte
mitawacin on nina ecorpi
ze

Mrsag yekitwan mose's
mizee



American Bible Society
Bible House Astor Place
New York. Feb 13. 1845

Rw. S. A. Riggs
Saint Anthony, Minn
My dear Sir,

Your favor
of the 3^d is just received. I have spoken
on to Mr Martin about sending the
plate proofs ^{of the Dakota text} and he says he will
send the first portion on Wednes-
day the 15th. The printers could
hardly have been much pressed
of late and have not proceeded as
rapidly as they should have
done with the Dakota; besides they
made the mistake of intending to
send all to you at once. I have
now directed to send as much as is
ready & the rest as soon as possi-
ble -

Very respectfully yours
Joseph H. Oldick

Fisherville W. Va. Feb 13. 1865

Rev S. B. Riggs

My Dear Friend

We were made very happy to hear from you again and especially that you had reached your family and find Mrs Riggs as comfortable as you did. We hope her life may be spared and that she will yet pay us a visit. We have had some bitter cold weather here since you left and I think you would find your journey home now quite as cold and disagreeable as when you went, we had one of the greatest snow storms here yesterday that ~~we~~ ever saw. I never saw so much snow on the ground in this part of the country as there is now. It must be nearly three feet on the level and in some places 4 or 5 ft. We never have such snows in this part of the country, it blocks us all up and interferes with our work very much. But worse than all we have a great deal

of sickness here now among our poorest people and this cold weather and snow will be very hard on them - We have an epidemic here that is very much like the small pox - The Doctor calls it a very malignant type of chicken pox - but the patients are handled very similar to small pox - in bad cases they break out just as bad as any small pox, there have been a good many deaths - and a few children have been made blind - whether they will ever see again or not I don't know, nearly every family in the place have had it - so many of our workmen have been sick we have been compelled to stop one of our factories and we have barely enough left to run the other two, we have escaped in mine & my brother's house so far, but we no doubt will have it - Some doctors and some persons who have had small pox affirm it is small pox, and others say it is not - but it is making a great havoc among our men and boys.

It must ~~seem~~^{be} very comfortable to you to be home again after boarding away

so long - I conclude you are like
myself - find there is no place like home

We hope you will write to us
as you can find time, and keep us
advised of Mrs Riggs health, and of your
family - the disposition of the Indians &
any other matters

Mrs Moore & the baby are very well
the baby is growing finely and almost
walks alone - I suppose we shall all
have this disease that is in our midst
which will be very hard for the babies
they are all well at present in my brother
family and all join with us in
sending their love to you and yours

Sincerely your Friend
D. Wilson Moore

Davenport. Iowa.

Febr. 14th 1865

S. R. Riggs

Mitakoda Ho Anpetu Kin dehan
Nowapi'eicage Kta Waniyetu Kin
dehan Nowahdake Kta eya Taku on dehan
Kas'ka waonkin Heito Oci'ciyake Kta
wacin Can'sayapi' Kin en Isantankon
wan Wohdag on Kiyapi' Heito Kin Nowa
hdake ein he Oci'ciyake Kta Tokahiyu
Magajirwakpa ga Ft. Ridgely ga
Caparwakpa dan Henayanni' Okia'zi
Kin en Oyapa he eyatuka
Kiya ep. Ake mazopi' y'kin en
Taku iya en eyatuka Kiya Hena
Heen Wicas'kan tuka Hena
Idon waye'sni' Wiyeh'pyato Ison
han Nanase Ai'owapi' Heen
Hena en Owapi'sni'
Hehan Mdowakantonwan
Pej'ihuta'zi'zi' en etipi' Kin hehan
Nanase wahdi' tuka Wahdi' Kin

Hehan Hutata ai' Owape
ga sonktanka wanj'i Iwacu
Otpaza Hehan Hece iwacu epe
Hece mis' he iwacu epe Hece
sonktanka kin tokamhweye
cehan Isantanka wicawacu epe
niye es' Mayawakan kin entifi
tuka Mapetankaska Ihdake wicu
si' ga Ihdakapi Seonhan
Aya Kiyakde kin he

Iho sonktanka kin he
Iwacu nakas' een Owahduke
ga tuktedan Was'icor wanj'i
dan Mazakan Awapaza
sni' nakas' tuktedan Was'icor wan
ji' dan wakute ce epe sni'

Sonktanka wanj'i dan Iwacu kin
Hece dan on dehan deen Kas'ko
Naon nace epe Hece Waniye
Kindehan Ito Omayokige
Kiy Klor wacu Henanace Kta
Matakoda micante on napechidze

Eliao. Ruban,
Oran waya Kapi
Mize

Mrs Drake

Bound with 1865 papers

Walnut Hills Feb 14th

My Dear Friend

I sit down to talk with you this evening really feeling as though I were about to make an effort to accomplish some great task for you have been so much in my mind & I have tried so hard to get time to write you when I would not be tired. but I despair of that time coming & will supersede this evening as we are alone it being the second time this winter. I will not spend my time in excuses, but only say this winter so far has been one of constant trial to me my health continues good for me but I am very chary of my sleeping hours & try hard to keep

them inviolate.

I was glad for your sake that your husband did not prolong his journey homeward. Yet was disappointed for had hoped to enjoy a little visit from him which would have been very pleasant. I had quite a number of little things gathered together which I thought would be of use & no very great burthen.

While I think of it my apology for not sending a letter of introduction to Mrs. Seaville. Ella was sick so long & remained in such a "doubtful" & most of the time distressing state of health, then when she was able to attend to it Mrs. Seaville's daughter-in-law presented them twin babies a son & daughter. the mother's life was despaired of for weeks. the Seaville took the entire care of the children

not wishing to trust them to the care of a nurse. All are doing well now. You doubtless remember of my telling you that Mrs. Seaville's only son married a lady some fifteen years his senior.

I hoped to have had the Higgin's opinion on the watch. I have been looking about & trying to see what could be done whenever an opportunity offered all winter & am convinced that this eight dollar watch is the best that can be done. I made the trade last week & left it to be registered. I will await your orders to express it. I will send some few things by Auntie to Rockford to Annie perhaps you would rather have the watch go in that way. She will leave here in April but will visit in Oberlin but expects to be home by the last.

I have never heard of Anne's account that five dollars I saved you of May. I hope you may decide to come to Beloit. It certainly is desirable on account of your boys & pleasant to be so near Alfred. You remember of me telling you of Leonard's sister, whose husband was killed by the rebels two years ago & she had been robbed of almost all she had. She has lately married Dr Hitchenek whose former wife was her sister & died 9 years ago. He is now surgeon in ~~the~~ hospital at Fort Smith. Mrs Worcester & Mary are almost overjoyed at the news for they have felt so distressed about her lonely condition.

Mother & father is living & part of the time is quite comfortable. They are keeping house on Walnut Hill the children are all here. Mary their eldest daughter has recently indulged a hope in Christ & seems to have come out very decided.

I do hope you are really benefitted by Dr Trall's treatment but do not think it the best treatment for such as me for I very believe we need palatable food, tea & coffee too if we like it.

Much love to all, Yours lovingly Lucy Drake
remains true.

M. Hall
1865-

Lakeland Feb 16. 1865

Rev. F. R. Riggs
St. Anthony.

Dear Brother.

We are having more than usual interest in attention to Religion, particularly in attendance at Meetings & with several an impression of concern & purpose to lead a new life. I have spent most of the two past weeks visiting families & shall wish to do so for days to come; consequently do not feel prepared to preach evenings or even on the Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Dudley of Saint Paul preached Monday and Tuesday evening this week & I hope to provide for a Meeting Friday evening. Can you come & spend the following Sabbath with us. The Stage will leave the Merchants Hotel at 7 A.M. or soon after. They will call at any place you direct if you call at the Merchants in the evening & see the driver. Or if

you cannot come this week & can
come Tuesday next week. Preach
Tuesday evening & stay as long
as you can we would be grate-
fied to have you do so. Yet I
would much prefer that you
come this week. Perhaps you
would remain over two Sabbath's
We can give you a guest room
through the day when you can
rest, read or write at your pleas-
ure. Please write me so as to have
a letter go to St Paul Friday
Don't preach us Saturday. in case
you cannot come this week
can next week

Your daughter is well

Our kind regards, Bills Pegg &
family

Yours C. Hall

Devonport Iowa Feb 17th 63

Dear Brother Briggs

My last letter to you was quite as long as I thought a letter ought to be and yet there were many things I wished to say to you which were not said in it I suppose the same will be the case now though I do not intend at this time to inflict on you so much badly written paper.

The Indians here got information somehow that Gen. Sibley has requested the release of 20. Persons before long to send me the names of those for whose release he has asked be they, men or women. I wish it not to speak of to the Indians but because before leaving here I intend asking for some through Judge Day and do not wish to ask for the persons he has

It is by no means clear to me
that you cannot do fully a man's
work for the Dakotas although
circumstances do not and per-
haps may never again admit
of your taking your family to
live among them. If a consider-
able portion of these men are to
remain here another year as now
seems to me very probable I do
not think you can be more use-
fully employed in any other way
than in teaching ^{them} for at least half
your time. It seems doubtful
whether the Dakotas will ever have
any more missionaries who will
speak and write their language and
so we who remain ought to do what
we can so to plant the Gospel among
them that through the influence of
God's spirit ^{it} may take root and
grow and spread through the whole
nation. That this may be the
case two things are especially

required 1st that we train some
men who may be able to teach
others also, and send them out
as evangelists or missionaries a-
mong their own people. If 30
of these men under 30 years of
age are to remain here another
year and you can spend one half
of your time instructing them
such things as it is most impor-
tant for them to know. I think
in those 6 months you may ac-
complish more toward the above ob-
ject than you probably could in
six years if you were living any-
where in the Indian country, and
far more than has been accom-
plished by all the Boarding
schools we have ever had among
them. This view of things goes
far to reconcile my mind to
your moving your family to
Beloit, and to a number of the

Indians remaining here another
year. If they are to remain I shall
think it an indication of Providence
that you should be here
at least a part of the time to
teach them.

2 The other requisite is that they
have the Bible a considerable
part of the Old Testament as well
as the new in their own language
and if they are to have it a large
part of the work of translation is
likely to devolve on you. Though
you may have become somewhat
rusty in the Hebrew if you set about
studying it with reference to transla-
ting you will probably under-
stand it better than you ever
did. Since receiving your letter I have
thought considerably about transla-
ting the Psalms but my sight
and memory are failing so fast that
I doubt whether if I should begin I
would ever get through with it
and am sure I could not as soon as
I think the Society ought to have it.

I shall

It appears to me that you
may yet spend years perhaps
as many as you have to live
very profitably, translating
the Scriptures into the Dakota
language. And though we
see it not now the way may
yet be open for your living
among and preaching to them.

God works wonderfully as
we have seen in the last few
years. As for me I know
that our Lord and Savior is a
good master and I wish to serve
him with whatever strength and
time and talents he may be
pleased to give me, but I feel that
I am nearly worn out and though
I should remain in this body
for years to come, I cannot expect
to do much more missionary
work. Perhaps I may visit

the Bibles on the other if
any considerable part of them
I could remain then during the
summer, and preach to them
there for a few Sabbaths; and
I hope to be able to translate
some of the remaining books
of the Pentateuch and it seems
to me probable that after I
have been in the early part
of April that will be about
all the missionary work I will
ever be able to do. From what
I have written you will probably
be able to understand why I
feel very unwilling that you
should think of engaging in
any other work than that in
which you have been engaged for
many years.

Not having received the wire-cable
grape I have just written to Rev J P Ken-
yon about it.

From careful inquiry I find the
number of readers here to be about
160 Upwards of 30 others have given
some attention to learning 20 of
whom may become readers.

3 men have died this month and
one last one woman and 3 or 4
children also have died since I
came here. I send you some Chin-
nese money which has been
sent to the prisoners for which
they can buy nothing here I
suppose it is good yet with you
Phan inform me what it is worth
that I may pay the amount to
them to whom it belongs.

Andrew writes to me that he is
now A. A. Quartermaster & C. S. for
Prisoners in the Military district
of Watchung. John writes in-
couragingly about the progress
of the Gospel near Fort Thompson.

I hope Mrs Riggs health may
continue to improve and that
you may be strengthened for future
labours by your rest at home
after your arduous labours at
New York

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

1865-

To J. S. Williamson

Mr James Kece

Wanna

Inuwanbrundana

1866

Parupont

Sona

Mi ta ma ke ce

Camp Kearney
Feb 17th 65

mi ta koda

Naka ha rin

Womapi Cicage tta Womapi
Kinde on ta her weanji
Icimange tta Wacim ya
Heon Womapi kinde
Cicage tta Wacim He
Wicaista tona Pen
Waska onpi kin He
Onwasin baje pi kin
Wicayada ke ya pi
Onkan mis Onwapa turka
Mica ja kin He ce tur sin
Turka Cingya Caskedon
Hece onw ke ya pi
Wicaja kin He Pe
Can onwapi yado
Tinnam le kida mami Hece on
Onwapi ke ya pi kin he ce tur

Ohama

Camp. Kearney Id.

Feb 23rd 1863

Reo S. R. Riggs

Mitakodoo Ake nakaha

Wowapi Cistinna cicage Kte de
Eya wanna Wowapi wanji

Cicage Tukor Echantan
Amayadu pisin Nanna taku token
si'ca sea mu kin he Oci'ingya ke
Taku si'ca sea mu kin on Etanhan
Taku wakan Iyopi mak'ingya He on
dehan taku si'ca sea mu kin he na
on nina na Cante mas'icace
Hena taku heea sea mu si'ni
Kin han Dehan deen waonkte
si'ni tukor epe tukor Hee cae sto
Makao'Kapi Kin on etan han
Taku wanji'ko'i on maspe kin he
wusto wadake makao'Kapi si'ni
Kin han taku heea owak'hi kte
si'ni tukor epe tukor Hee en

Mitakoda Wetu Kin dehan
Omayakiye Kto waci
Tuko do niye he taku hee
cin he Omayakiye Kto no
ci epea waon do Heen
Token yaon Kin he ekto
eton wan waon se e e e
Hehan

Nowapi' Kin de Wicasta tono
wayazan Kotapi' Kin boro
Owasin Caje pi Kin he he
Owasin Ci'en do

Mayasapo en tapi Kaya
Henano epe kte do

Elias Ruben

Owanwayakapi
Henize

Orange N.J.
Feb. 22nd 1865.

Mrs. Mary A. T. Riggs,
St. Anthony, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Riggs,
Your very kind
letter of Sept. 12th 1864, I received
towards the close of that month,
when I met your husband
at South Deerfield. I then
intended to write to you soon,
but a thousand things have
conspired to prevent me
from so doing. Sometimes
I was not well. When
well I had many calls to
speak in public, many invi-
tations to visit & converse,
till I was too weary to think
of writing letters.
I remember well

Dec. 30th 1864
M. A. T. Riggs
St. Anthony, Minn.

your father & mother, and shall
ever entertain an affectionate
regard for all the members
of their family. Your Sister,
Mrs. Cooley I saw at her
house in South Deerfield,
& it would give me great
pleasure to see you & your
brothers. Though I hardly
expect to have that pleasure
in this world. I expect to
remain in this country only
a few months longer, say,
till June or July, & then
leave for my missionary
station at Athens, in Greece.

And as I am now nearly
seventy three years old, I
cannot expect to remain
many years more in this
world.

May we be enabled

by the grace of God to be
faithful in the work, to which
God in his Providence, has
called us, & finally meet
in that world where there
is no death & no sin, and
where all tears shall be
wiped from our eyes.

I enclose, according
to your request, a Photograph
likeness of myself & wife,
recently taken at Baltimore,

With kind regards to
your husband, & best wishes
for the happiness of you both,
and of all connected with
you, I remain,

Yours truly,
Jonas King.

in their present unsettled state
but it must be hard for him and for
them to be from home when you are
so unwell and I know that he is
more capable of judging what his
duty is than others can be for him
The Apraxton station too is discontin-
ued. — A recent letter from F.P.W.
says the religious interest at Ft. Man-
gion is greater than usual they
hold prayer meetings ^{among themselves} every day the
school averages over a hundred scholars
are very regular and desirous
to learn Edward had the principal
care of the school through his wife
taught one class and John four the
Indians were beginning to come in
from the hunt saying the buffalo
had gone far away and they were driv-
ing a starving time but he added
the Lord can provide. John's throat
had for sometime been so sore as
to prevent him from singing but
he said he had been able to speak in
all their meetings Yours with much love
Saml S. Williams

Dear Saint Peter Minn Feb. 22/65
Aunt Jane W.

Dear Sister Riggs

Your kind letter was
duly recd and would have been an-
swered ere this had I not have
been pressed with some other mat-
ters We feel thankful for the mil-
literation of pain you have experi-
enced and sorry that your health
is not more improved to us it
seems very desirable but our Heav-
enly Father knows best and loves
you better too than we poor erring
mortals can —

Sister will be much
pleased to get the shirt for brother
and pay what you think it is worth
to Mrs J. Pettigrew in your name
Sometime since the neighbors made
a little donation party for her she
recd \$18.50 and a number of other
articles but she is still needy it is
hard times for the families of sold
men

Mannie had the gratification of re-
ceiving a letter from Martha last
evening. We had previously heard of
her engagement at Mankato and
hoped she would make us a visit
on her way. How soon will she come.
You will miss her very much for
few I think can accomplish so
much as Martha but this efficien-
cy may fit her the better for the
responsible duties that may de-
volve on her in the Seminary.
Among other letters to bro^{east} was one
from Mr Treat saying that Mr Riggs
resignation had been accepted.
Oh Sister I was not prepared to receive
this news, and lay thinking of
it the greater part of the night and
trying to commit the whole matter
to a merciful God. So many of the
Dakotas now seem anxious to
hear and receive the word of God
that it seems important that the
mass should be incultured while it
is soft. Surely there are few labourers to

gather in the harvest that appears
to be ripening and I am too short
supplied to see where others are to
come from but He ^{who} could raise up
children to Abraham from stones
can find and qualify teachers for
the poor Dakotas perhaps it may
be for this purpose that the Epis-
copal brethren have been brought
into the field. Well if the Dakotas
are only saved it does not matter
who are the instruments. It is com-
forting to know that our God can
work by the feeble or the ^{strong} by many
or by few. And I know that where
ever you and Mr Riggs may be
you will not cease to pray for the
Dakotas while you live. Neither
do I at all blame Mr Riggs for
withdrawing in the circumstances
to be released from his connec-
tion with the Board though it
seems to me that he might
have accomplished much by
intimating among them in their

What is the best way to keep the people from getting into the hands of the devil? The best way is to keep them from getting into the hands of the devil.

It is a great blessing to have you with you. I am sure you will do much good. I am sure you will do much good.

New York, Feb. 23, 1855.

Dear Bro. Niggs,

The cost of printing

1000 Dakota Catechism in stereotyping $\times 30.09$
Paper & print ————— 24.30
Binding in paper covers ————— 2.40

$\times 56.79$

It is a great pleasure to you
mission of the A. B. C. F. M.

In accordance with your request
we sent you at St. Anthony 5 copies,
and afterwards ⁴⁵ in
also sent to Dr. T. S. Williamson,
Lions Prison, Denmark, Iowa, 250. —

Remain to be ordered by you say 700 —

The 800 Dakota Primer, to be ^{1,000}
printed for & paid for by the A. B. C. F. M.
will be done in about two weeks — the
cost being \$90.20; printing 5000; bind-
ing $\times 30.24$ ————— $\times 183.44$ *

I am, Bro. in Christ,

Wm. A. Hallcock

* P.S. The estimate of paper & print ^{fig.}
of Dakota Primer, as it has cuts, will
be more than here given. H.

Joseph Rowan

1867

Ama Hurvitaetanhan

Feb 25. 1865

Tama Koc

Mitaku ye to
Wowapi eica ge kte maka
Hawica sta sakpe wicaki
Guoka pi'ya cin ke ya pi
Ito hena tu we pi'he cin
Haw oma ki yaka ge oran
nerga nina iyo pte hena
yos opapi'he cin haw nina
iman skin kte ga uma opa
pi'oni kin haw peji kuta
Wica sta makun ouge wica
Ki guoka pi'kowa sdon ya
ya he cin haw wowapi ki
baze ca en ope wicaye kte
Econ si'ye he on nina wa
Bin ci'ya wa on kte do
Mawakan ton wan kin
Iye to ka he ya ta ku si'ca
Kaga pi'ni'eya sdon ya ye
Gu ka wana ota to ka he ya

Wica ki yu ōka pi he cen
He ni yoo wica ki yu ōka
Pi' on ka ō e cin wa on ga on
ni na ta ku wa ka ni na
Se wa ki ye he han na ku
mni so te ma ke ce kin den
Ma ko ce on ka pi kta iye
Se ca he cin han han tu ge
We tu kin de wo on ju pi kta
On cin pi' do ga we tu kin de
A ke tu we ze wica hu ka
pi' kta he cin han owa pe kta
O ma ki ya wo we han he
wo pe tu han ska iye on
A ma ō tan ō ni di ha rmi
O ran wan ji' kōi' iyo ma ki
pi' ō ni' ga on a ma ō tan
He na he ce tu tu ka ta ku
Wan ji' iyo tan ni na wa cin
Du ka na han rin iyo kpa ni
Wa on ni ci da to kin ta ku
Wu kan to rta ni kin he ma
spe ce e ca mo ge ō e pa wa
ga on ni na ce ki ya wa on
Ma pe ci yu ga pi do ^{He ni yoo} ^{mi' do} ^{He ni yoo}

Deerport Jan 10

Feb 25. 1864.

J. R. Riggs.

Hitakuye

Nakaha kin wowapi cicage
yedo taku ociciya kekta
ize ece ece tuka hecen anpe
tu kin den cikouye ca heon
wowapi chage chape cizuge
kta epe ga heon wowapi
cistinna wakage yedo hehan
wicasta den onpi kin he
eya apa Wakan tanka awacin
pi ga apa isin wicohan
yu hapi kin nakan kin
ayu stanpi kta okihi pi ece
tuka he tonana hececapi
yedo hehan Sejihutuwicasta
kici onyakan pi ga anpetu
ize hi wahokan onkiyapi
tuka hececapize ece
wapiyapi ga in pi taku hecece
nina ecepi ga hehan on

Mr. Minnie
1865

Feb 25
Piji hu ta zi zi an

Tamakoec

Mihun ka wan ji

Wowapi

cicage taku wanji eci eige kta
taku wanji an wacincige
makoe wowapi wigo poyage ci
hena kesta tona iyapeyage
cin omigecidaka wacin ye
wanigetu kin de teriya onga
konji ye, taku gutapi an teri
ya onga konji ye. mawna du
dustan hecin han tona keco hecin
han is umigeci eige kta ga to
ku scanan kta hecin han kenana
heca eedan wacin yan waw
tuwedan taku ima kihri sui
hecin wayute an teriya wacige
he nige scanan nakas token
yacin kin wigo poyaji kin
iyacu de han taku epe gri
waw taku dan an nagigeci eige

ohimiyari mi's iyomakipi
Iniyedo hehen eya hecca
esta ohimiyari mnihemmi
ciyeelo taku ka sta on
wacin ibasan mniyeckta
iye eeee yni epe cante
mduze ga hecen ake piya
awacan mni eeyelo hehen
wana ate Inyojanjan
wana kaja mni se kin
ekta kin holapi: nakaha
eciya tanhan wawapi hi
onkan wana wakpa
ipa ksan kin he tanhan
wawapi hi hecen cante
mawaste ate on si ke eigor
wan na makoe toki e
ekto on hecen cante
mawaste ate on si yado pi
ga oyakiya pi ga wana
tokan iya ye ya pi hecen
mna pi wadayeelo hehen
mi's tokan wana kta

sdowakiye Inni heon
ai eciya taku wakan
cewakiyelo wana
hece ekan taku owasin
oki hi ga toki tu kte
cin owasin sdoye epee
ga heon cante ocowa
sin on cewakiya kepea
tukayeelo hehen
Wakan tan ka ceonkiya
pi kin ohimiyari
onni ksuyapiyeelo
henana epe kte yeelo
c'apeciye yeelo
Ite wakan bida ta

wana ista kin
tan yan wawayeelo

sui naku tukto ekan miyape
yapi kin wangi mayagu kta
tamin sui ondiya wam kin
ke sdon yage tukto ninar oma
yakiye sui wicasta ton e de
ei on pi kin awasin wayute ke edan maka akan ~~ni~~ wam
mana pi tukto ke iyeeen wam kin
sui micin ee take tawapi miye
ota clupe ee iyatan onni'siko
onkanis awasin iyacu nancee
micin ee icar miye ei ci ye ke wa
sto wadake ga heon take dan
ee ci ci ye sui wam ein wimo
rin ee si ce kin hea mayadano
heon dehan take dan ee ci ci ye sui
tukto hee ee sto ahiniyan anici
ci ya wam Yaku Wakan eedan
haye kiya wam wicaran kin
ke si ce e sdon waya tukto hee
caman madi e cin ke sdon wa
kiye heon Wakan tun ka leu kin
tku eedan wacingan wam oma
ka kin dehan heon ahiniyan
wace kiye miye ei ye kta ke ke kin

wote wadake ga ahini miye
tsunge kta miham kawayi
hemana ee ci ci ye kta ahini
Wakan tun ka nicipi on gha
siis onki cipi kta ein hee
edan maka akan ~~ni~~ wam
kin ke eedan wacingan wa
"un tipi wan naka Yaku W
kan ci kiya pi en oimacage
tukto hee dehan waktani
eedan iyafemni wam ke
si ce wadake hee miham ke
wangi ahini miye tsunge kta
wacin ga take wangi ee ci
ye cin he ee en ee a miye e on
kta ga take to kin han kohan
na wawapi wangi mayagu
kta wacin ye hemani spe
kta

Payu ka micin nakahi wawa
pi cistena ci ege kta tohini
micin miye tsunge sui naka
tohini wawapi mayagu sui
onkiye e cin leri ya onyakanki

naka

tobini' wawapi' ci'ca ge' sri
niye tanyan yaurpi' he on
ahini'yan aungakiyapi' keto
ye ce ce take iponici'pi' sri'eca
man he on tobini' wawapi'
mago ge' sri' nance' ci' wan
tuko mioran si'ca ma'ce
cin he on tobini' wawapi' ci'cin
sri' tuko ahini' wace'ci'ye
ma'ce'cin he on ahini' wace'
kige' emi'ye ci'ye keto wace'
ye cin wace'kige' emi'ye ci'gapi'
keto iye ce ca micin'ca u'ca dube
ga tanyan u'cadube he wasto
wada ka tuko uma wana' wa
kanta ka ti kin' keto on toki
mis' a keto wai' e'cin wam ga
hehan uma ni' on tuko toke on
kin' idon waki'ye sri' te'cin wa
na naka man wam dake
sri' he on ahini' ipon'aki' si'ce
wam mis' nis' he'ca' yage' nis' he
ni'ce'ca mape' cin wam' hana' e'pi
keto on hana' ni'cin'ca aungapi' eyo
ye Oran Romani'win miye

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Davenport Iowa March

Mr. S. R. Riggs

Mitakunze Wakantanka to
Kdape Jedus Tonwate omni
Eizewakan hena yamm
Ecizatan han Wonapi
Wanji on Gapi Wanji Eicu
Kta Mitakunze Taku Wanji
o cici yakke kta Mlesta
Wanji Taku Wakte Eimkin he
Wanji mize do ga hokidan
Wan e Najinla Gyaze cin
Ecizatan han Kidantha
I Ma cundo ga Mincinla kin
kici Taku yuntapi Wakte
Pyakide cin Watapi hecin mi
he tawe hecin Ecin kin
he Wonwate Ecin Keyapi epla
ga hehan ya p ga Wadincin
handa ka kici ti Lokaya I na
ya jimpi ga han Eicunpi onkan

he len emayakijapi stazetur
kin taku Watto Wanji
sdonayekktakehapi onkan
dekan kokijapa kin Wamma
Wan Wica Wadakepi Wamma
maki sotapi do Mitakoda
dekan ely to kenas
Wicasta kin elina kin Wacici
yapi do dekan ely elaka
kin kokijapa kin Wanji
eli cimi kin Wan Wadaka
Wacim do ely Ito Wopeton
kanaka kici elinaminoma
yakiyapi Wacim Icin maya
Lapa kin hen Wamma
Wicasta tonaked Wicayuka
pi kin hen onwapa tha he len
token piya Wicoran elaca elad
Wolekijek kin elina kin elamu
Wamma Wamdupike he len
ely pti kin Wammayaka
he len Wonaholake kin hen
he letu Mitakoda hekan

he ate Mayakute mani
Wicape Icijatanhan Kici
takoda yelije he len elina
kin Wacici yapi tha do dekan
ate mayukta elinhe kin han
he elina kin oyakiya Wacim do
Mitakoda Icin ate he kici
on Wanji dan make ga en
ya i he len dekan ate taku
Iye elinhan Mitakoda
elina kin oyakiya Wacim do
- - -
tuka dekan Wicoran Wanji
do Icurpi Wicaca Icedan
Witaya onwacwapi onkan en
onwape de komaka tha he len elu
pi hen akpaga elma onpi
he elapi he len he Wimalarla
kta Iye el elini tha he len pi
taku Wakan kin elina kin eliyapi
Mipana elinamin elamu kta
he len pi kin he he elupri elca
tha Mitakoda tha ely he

L. Lawrence

1865-

[March];

Fort Leavenworth

Istawi et^h 1565

Mihonka waji

anpetukin de wonapi miyecage
cin he wa mdaka ga mdawa
e conka mitawin wogaga ka
matan wan ka tuka igotang
hiyage ca mazastka okitawapi

kin outkiye ci hui pi kin he na
honga on wopi dae mi'ciye do.
mitawin mina waga. he do Cagu
wogankin he he e e do. asni tte
Sni' he on mina cate mas'icedo

Iho he han mitakoda wonapi
kin de andutan kta gawage kta
tuka taku waji woni ka na
wakon. Macinko he maz^{ak}ak^{ak} mita
waicukta ke he cin he mita kor
da e ca ca wicake Sni do

he Dakota ihduh' capi ga iye

Magafi'ye Tawa ihang yapi'gore
he owapa ke cinga he maki ya
imdukeando. Tuba he mitakoda
Is'anta ka tawar pa ya kipi'ki
mix he owape Sni kin he tanyan
Sanyage do kipa Etudauwa
ji'dan extra iwa cu Sni

Heie wicaka epe do, minape kin
heen Ska do. Zakehan is' he to
hin ni moie dan eciyatan han
& Beji hutazi en ahi ton wa on
ga pi cha tanka Tobin ni Maga
ska opawinge iwakago Sni kin
he tanyan Sanyage do

Wacin ko tubete kten ewee
zakeb' Tobin ni Maga ska opa
winge iwe cago Sni do. ga he
on taku Sni on toa maki
kita oki hi xni do e ca ca heitu
Kage do Mitakoda ninaoma
ki yawo. ga Maga ska ya ha
yanke cin he tanyan nader
yanwo Wacin ko he iwe

cago Kin han Taku epe tte
xni do. Tuka e ca ca he wica
ke xni do oki cize xni he to Kan
he han iyoh' a hin Sma he ma
gaskas & wike muna muna
The iwe cago he hin nadin we cu
Sni tu ka he iye ka ex Taku
emakiye Sni do. Wahan
Kin han pi is' Tte ji'ca dan
wan iwe cago tu ka he mdo
ke han muni'poye ekta he
we ci ca ju ju do.

Tho he na obna na i cago wa
on tu ka on toa maki wa ka
ju ju Tuka he iyoh' a hin
Sma Taku eye tte Sni ka
ju ju maki tte xni do.

Mitakoda he ituya wa maki
pi kin han mawar pa ni e cen
ban pa kin ce ye magaya
pi kte do he cen on woki ti
ya tanyan wo

Mittatlo da Mitawin
he ito Caupa ~~himi~~ hma
yutkanka ahna ope tonni
xido Kulkkan Kawiye wan
ji wanigeter tonana he waxte
ope ye caton Kta cin Reye do
Mittatlo da he e con kete rinca
wo detan han Takie wanji wo
peton han gka naron yan wo ga
toker eye cin han he kohan na
naron manyan wo Weter Kin de
Dakota cin cam Deji hutagi
Makce on Kicupikta hen opeya
wowaji Kta he iwan gan wo
mixya Citezen he ma cado ga
wowapiwan Maunkato etan
han magapi gon he han hawa
ondo

Ihu mittatlo da henana
epe kete M micion ktae ohimni
mik'sugawo epi takie ye
wan
J. Lawrence

[Found with papers of March, 1865]

Mihon kawaji

Tama koe wowa pieistina
cica gedo ihan kton wannatipi
en wa on spe kiyawa hituka
wanna he ga wani eaga he enowa
sinon hda ka eyaya he en turwe
dan enyan ke snido he enake
con ki' eakse ektawa hde ktanaccea
an petuwa kan topa & he wa on do
an petuwa kan eaceon ki ya pieea
winu zineaga wica stawanji k'si en
hi pieee edo tu kawana turwe dan en
on snido ga he han Koda Tama koe
Takuwanji eei eize ktatohan wica
staya tasi sinna ongu pi kte cinhan
on kis' ygg onge ongu pi ktawa cin
he oma ya ki ya wa cin do wiwa zica
ga wamdenica he na on si kapi he on
he na tan yanigo hi pi ktawa cin do
he han wana eyasina wicagu pi tuka
maza sa owo tannaccon pi sin do he on
oma ya ki ya wa cin do

ga he han tohan oya ki hi kin han niis
Wo wa pi ma ya gu wa ein do den wa
on tu ka wa na eon kica kse he ci wa
hde kta Takunaya eon he ein han
Koda oma yakida ka wa ein do
he nana epe kta Wakan tan ka toua
Sakeohinni nicipionu we
na he ei yer za pi do
Peter. Tape ta tan ka hemiyedo

ama hce



Portsmouth March 2 1865

Dear Brother & Sister

I was reading the
Missionary Herald for March (last evening, &
in the letter of Doct Williamson and John P.
in relation to the Condition and prospects of the
Dakotas, and the work of the Spirit of God
among them since the outbreak in 1862, The
expression ^{came to my mind} in reference to Sampson's Conflict
with the Philistines, and the final Catastrophe
where he lost his life, that "the number slain
at his Death, was more than then slain in his
life" — So it seems, as if the destruction of the
tribal existence of the Dakotas was to be over-
ruled for the Salvation of great numbers of
the individuals of which the tribe was composed,
more as the Doct. remarks, having been hopefully
Converted, within the two & a half years past,
than during the Missionary labors of a quarter
of a Century preceding — How easy it is
for God to work, and by what strange means,
as they seem to us short sighted mortals —

So it may be in reference to the removal of Slavery, the South commenced this Rebellion to fix it more firmly; and the North, at least the Government did not intend or expect to destroy the Monster, which was grasping the throat of the Nation in the beginning of the Conflict, nor did you or I expect to live to see the day when "Liberty would be proclaimed and enjoyed throughout the land" — yet those who shall live to see the Centenary Celebration of the Declaration of Independence may, & probably will ^{see} the shackles off of all, except those charged with Crime — I may not see the day, but the advantage of 15 years which you have in respect to age, if the Lord please, ^{may} permit you to witness the glory of that time —

The present position of Sherman's army causes some apprehension in the minds of many Legal people, while the Sympathizers with rebellion are hoping that he will be crushed, — I feel hopeful, although not entirely without fears — but a few days or weeks at furthest will decide whether he can get through South & North Carolina as he did through Georgia; and if he does, the

Rebellion will begin to come to an end I think — but should he fail — "The Lord reigns", and will still accomplish his pleasure —

I have enjoyed good health since my return from Pittsburg — The Scarlet fever has passed through Stephen's family 4 of his children having had it within four weeks past — one only was considered dangerously ill with it, and she is now recovering,

The winter is past, and the 1st month of Spring has begun, but the season, when men think they have the most leisure to attend to the subject of Religion, has past with us — and not much interest has been manifested, at least in our Church. The Baptists & Methodists have been holding protracted meetings & have gathered in a few, but there has been no general revival — a few have applied for admission at our Communion next Sabbath, & we hope that others will decide the question "What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul" —

I feel solicitous to hear that Mary Ann has regained her health; and may therefore write you more frequently, so as to get down frequent

Letter from you — Eliza Jane who had
an attack of Hemorrhage of the Lungs soon after
my return from Pittsburg — has nearly recovered
her former health, but says she thinks it prudent
to be more careful than before, of exposure or of
over exertion —

With love to all your family
I am as ever — Your affectionate brother

A. Briggs

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Ms. A. 1. 1. 1.

Fort Ridgely Min. March 3. 1865
Mr. Riggs Dear Sir,

I received your
kind letter in answer to my inquiry
concerning a Sioux Grammar &
Dictionary several days ago.

and to-night I enclose the price
which you will please acknowledge
as soon as possible by letter, and
also if you please by Expressing to
me a copy of said work.

After a second thought
I have concluded to send ten dollars
to you, out of which retain sufficient
to pay you for your trouble in the
business, should there be more you
may return it to me by mail

Please to wrap the book or books
carefully so that they shall not get
injured will you please to send
them or it with as little delay as

Possible as I am anxious to be
studying the language.

Very Respectfully
Joseph F. Bean

P.S. Direct Co. F. 3^d Reg. Cav. Minn.
Vols. Fort Ridgely Minn.

1885

John B. Bean

Londonport Alaska. th 6 5
Mr. Williams

Dear Brother

J. R. Riggs

Your letter
came on Monday and I suppose
you had started that day for the
Scouts camp and so there was
no time of haste in answering
it. You however do not say you
intended to start but only that
you were wishing to and as
we have had worse weather this
week than any since January
I think perhaps you may
defer your visit to Pejinagan
till near the first of April
I suppose from what you
write that the Wounsi nation
will certainly not come here be-
fore the time I have one month
from now. I hope to have the
pleasure of distributing it tho-

I know from experience that
for me to distribute books
to them as I think it ought
to be done is toil as well as
pleasure. If they do not come
before I leave I do not think
I can come back for several months
and so I think it will chancel
on you to come and distribute
them if they are distributed at
this place. On this account you
will please keep the money which
I sent in a letter which I suppose
you had not received when you
wrote the last I have received.
I think the amount was \$7.00
I received 2 ~~16~~ - ~~67~~ copies of your
catechism on Tuesday and am much
pleased with it. I have distributed
nearly 180 copies. If I under-
stand your letters you wish me
to give a copy to every adult
Indian here and to every child

that is learning to read, &
I expect to do so. Otherwise
I should have given only to
such as can or probably may
ever long read it.

There are about 160 bible read-
ers here and I suppose about
30 others who have made some
progress in learning half or
two thirds of whom may perhaps
become readers. But I expect
that before I have been perhaps in
2 weeks most of the women and
children will be taken away, in-
cluding half a dozen or more readers
and most of the learners who are
likely to learn.

The Indians have written a peti-
tion to the President asking to be
released and were about signing
it today. That is such of them
as can write, I intend sending it
to Judge Day with a translation

and a request that he pre-
sent it to the president I will
send with it some forty names
chiefly of the old and sick
and if all are not whom of
which I have little hope ask
for the release of these.

I send you back the list of names
you sent. If you are like me
it will be strange if you do not
find several of them when you thought
they were not. I send also the names
of the men who have died here, I
never had a record of those who die
at Waukegan nor have I the name
of the men sent away with David
Fairbanks I have inquired for it several
times but if I ever wrote it I have
not the paper by me.

I have received a letter from John
dated 11th Ult. God seems to be pouring
out his spirit on the people there

My arithmetic class progresses very slowly
and I am not accomplishing as much in teach-
ing as a younger man might but I labour
at it as much as I feel able

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Cincinnati March 7/65

Dear Brother

It has been a long time since I rec'd a letter from any of you I would often have written of late but did not know when to write. I learned your man in New York and was setting down to write to Bro. Joseph to learn to whose care to direct in N.Y. so you might receive it but learned that he was at Pittsburgh and did not know whether his address was Pitts or Allegheny City - so I missed getting a letter to you or insisting on your stopping at our house on your return. As I supposed you would like to stop and see P. Eckly and family and by stopping with us I would have gone up with you to see them - but we were all disappointed in this matter -

Peta and Hannah paid us a visit last fall the time P. was getting his cancer declared in the City Hannah spent some 5 or 6 days with us Elizabeth and her son George spent some 10 days with me same time - Joseph also was with us at same time - I have heard nothing from P. lately for last 3 or 4 weeks but was all in usual health at that time - Eliza and her family will some fine weeks since - I saw Stephen B. Joseph's son a few days since all well - I have not learned what R. Rutherford is doing since the death of our dear sister Margaret he had interview long with R. B. his son who is now living at Mattoon

I stopped writing and have just returned from a visit to the Flag Boat of the Navy on our winter water - She is quite a formidable vessel I did not count the guns above, but should think about 20 Brass pieces and 2 Parrots on her bow - and many small guns

Our navy yard sent off from her 6 of the largest sized "Monitors" (they were things) last week designed for Ocean or Gulf service - But I trust that there will be but little need of any of them any more, for from present appearances Rebelia seems to be on its last legs. And trust the time is not far distant when it will only be known as a thing of the past and that the "sword may be beat into a Plowshare."

I am enjoying good health this winter - from my attack last winter I almost decided the affair of winter again - but so far by taking good care of myself have escaped from any attack until this time our family are all well at present Ruth Ann health has been very good since we moved to Loveland Ohio is about place where we have lived for some 2 years it is at the junction of Marietta & Hillsboro RR with the Little Miami RR.

Sotter has not been going to school
for near a year owing to her health
but intends trying it again the
1st April at Hillsboro. C. and
if her health permits continues until
she graduates -

Well now I would like
to hear from you often and will
endeavor to answer promptly

I am secy. of City of San Leo
and have much time to write should
when in a Wholesome House

Yours affectionately Bro

M. B. Riggs

1865

M. B. Riggs

St Paul, March 6.th 1865

Rev.^d S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony,

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed,
my check on 1st Nat. Bk in this City payable to your
order, for \$144. balance due Antoine Renville on sale
of 280 acres scrip, which you will please endorse
and turn over to him, on his signing with his wife
the papers required to complete the transfer, ^{before two witnesses} & the
acknowledgement before a proper Civil Officer, ^{& delivering to you for H. F. Welles,}

Please also to procure the deed from Michel
Renville & wife to Mr Welles properly executed

Wishing you a pleasant trip & safe return,
believe me,

Very truly yours
H. F. Welles

Saint Paul Min.

March 6th 1865-

Rev. L. R. Ryss.

Dear Brother.

The Dakota Pres-
-bytery will hold its next Semi-Annual
Meeting at Mankato May 2nd 1865-
at 7 o'clock P.M.

Hoping that you may be able
to attend and that the Presence & Benedic-
tion of Christ the Head of the Church-
may be with us on that occasion
that in all things his name may be
glorified & his Kingdom Advanced
I am.

Yours fraternally

M. W. Adams. S. C. W.
Dakota Presbytery.

Geniye

Davenport Iowa

March 6. 1865.

Tamakoee Mitakuye Ho
wakaha wowapi waji

Cicage Kta ga taken waji
epe Kta Mitakuye wowapi waji

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cin ociciyake Kta

wayawapi onpe Mieiye
Kta epea tuka hecen
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wayawapi Re Ktopawige
moyawa tanka hena Kesa
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Sri onwe
john Scarape
Mize de

Pejutanzi Mar 18 1865

Thos J. R. Nigge

Mita Nigge

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wa te mize ta Re e e li a Re ta ma ni e e e in ta Ri
dan un Ri pi pi he uwa ta Re s dan ye a ni uwa Re pi
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VICTORY

Tawenport Iowa indian
 Camp march, se. th 1861
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 etakapa Morwapi eicaye do
 tuka he mitakuye he
 token Wacn kin he ocicijake
 kte do eya nina
 Warwicajayanka tuka
 hecen tuku Wakain onxi mada ga
 hecen tokidan mayagan xii
 Wacn do hecen nix mitakuye
 iyecen Yamiyan, nake kta de
 Morwapi en mi kta Wakantan
 ka ice Wakiye do hehan mitakuye
 tuku Wanji ecarwye en kta
 Wacn ya Morwapi de eicaye do
 ete Fort ebererombie he yatan
 han mazaska. 3. yamni mayu
 tuka hecen makoe kin den
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kin he Wakte keyapi hecen
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pida mayaje kte do takomni
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pica xni makax iapi henana
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do. Woniya Wakan
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do Augustin Fresnier
he niye do

August. Fresnier

Dr. W.

[1865]

(Davenport Ia. March 13.

* Sister Riggs

etc I think it prob.

able & Mr Riggs will be absent from
Saint Anthony when this reaches
there I address it to you. I have
today received his favor of 3rd & 8th Inst,
I do not understand Mr. Treats letter
as Sister does. After mentioning what
Mr R. has written he says "Since the
committee feel that they must relinquish
their hold on him. If he is to
devote himself to the ordinary work
of the ministry he had better do it
before he is older." My understanding
of this is that if Mr R. insists on a
release it will be granted because
if he leaves the mission it is better
for him to do it now than some
years hence. In regard to the

things of this world was our chief
business this argument should have
much weight. But we are serving
a master who is in heaven and who
has told us to regard not the things
which are seen and temporal but
at the things which are spiritual
and eternal. Hence I hope the argument
will in this case have little or no
weight with Mr. R. or yourself and
that he will not ask to be released
from service among the Dakotas till
he sees nothing more which he can
do for them. We are at best very
short sighted and for the last three
years God has been teaching us to do
what our hands find to do without
looking far ahead or trying to do
so. It seems to me very clear that
God sent you and Mr. R. to labor
for the Dakotas and I do not think
he has yet given Mr. R. a discharge
though your health may have so

failed that you cannot do
much more. God is able to
renew it and whether he does
or not is quite as likely to pro-
vide for your family if Mr. R.
continues at the work he has
given him to do as if he quits
it and goes at something else.
I am glad to hear from Mr. R.
letter that your health is improving.
I think probably it was a kind
Providence Mr. R. did not get started
to the Scouts camp at the time he
proposed for thus far March has been
bad for the worst month for travelling
this winter frequent rains and light
snows and much wind and very cold
weather. (This was shoe month club
last evening it froze hard last night
and and it has snowed more in the
last four hours than in any four
consecutive days since I came here

The 30 odowan sent me have
all been disposed of chiefly by
sale and I want 10 or 12 more sent
me by mail as soon as convenient
after the receipt of this provided
they can be started by the 25th if
they cannot be started by that time
they need not be sent for it is doubt
ful whether they would get here in time
for me to dispose of. They had best
be put up in 2 bundles and the
hostage paid out of the five dollars
which I sent Mr. R. I would like to
have 2 or 3 in extra binding as they
sell most readily. The remainder
of the five dollars Mr. R. will please
keep till I see him.

The catechisms came about 2 weeks
ago and most of them have been dis-
tributed. I expect to have him on the
3 of next month and go over land to
Saint Peter this time says much to your
favor,

Respectfully,

Thos. S. Williamson

J. C. BURBANK & CO.
PROPRIETORS.

Minnesota Stage Company.

Saint Paul Office, March. 15th 1865.

Mrs. S. B. Wigg

Saint Anthony.

Dear Sir,
Enclosed. Please find. Half fare Pass
over our lines for. Current Year.
as per request in your favor. of the
7th to our Mrs J.C.B.

Very Yours.
J.C. Burbank & Co

Beloit March 13.th 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

Dear Sir,

If ever you are impatient to know how we prosper in looking for houses. The fact is that it is much easier to buy than to hire, and we do not find just what you want. I have taken some time to write to a gentleman at a distance.

(1) I send you a rough plan I wish I had time to make it better of a house, which is now to be ~~the~~ ^{rented} at \$1.50 per week, or sold at \$800. - with a cistern, but no well, - two lots of land, each 4 rods by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. perhaps $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile from college; but as far as it is too small for you.

(2) I may be able to get, at 3.00 ^{or \$150. per year,} per week, a larger house, - with parlor, bedroom, dining room, kitchen & pantry below, & four chambers above, two lots under good cultivation, ^{good} cistern, ^{but no well,} & barn, this

and accommodate you will, & if the price is higher, perhaps you might rent a room to students. It is a little nearer college than the other, and now in good order.

(3) We find another house on the river, a mile off, & ~~not~~ in a different neighborhood, but larger range, with two lots; but your son thinks you would not like the place: perhaps "the bare lot & faded white house did not appear to fair advantage on the bitter day when I took him over to see it." ^{It is a two story house.} There are "glodging rooms with four large rooms on the first floor, a well & large cistern," & all for \$2.00 per week. Perhaps you would prefer it if you were here, but I do not feel quite at liberty to send you off there, if we can find accommodations in this vicinity.

I shall probably know by the time I can hear from you, whether no(2) is to be had, & if so ~~that~~ shall I engage it? ~~It will be vacated~~ The present lease expires about April 9th. Perhaps the tenant will like to occupy it

longer if not then needed.

In favor of No (3) it should be said that though far from College it is near to the new ^{about good public school,} ~~only~~ ^{one} ~~ok~~ ^{connected} by plank walk with the business part of the place. & in a respectable neighborhood of mechanics &c. The premises are bare & neglected, but alterations would make a great difference with them.

No (2) ^{again,} if painted, would be a very neat house. The pump coming up in what should be a bedroom is an objection - which could be removed if you were to occupy it long, & if you should purchase, you could, by raising the wing, make room enough - & still have a very cheap house.

No. (2) is two story upright with story & a half wing. No (3) is two story. & No (1) is story & a half upright & one story wing.

We may lose (1) ~~2~~ & (3) by waiting for a decision as to (2) & for a line from you. If I see any need, or if any thing else presents itself which seems more to the purpose, I will engage a place before I hear again.
truly yours, Emerson.

No-1- is rather small. but near - at \$1.50 has been
 " 2. large enough - & near - in good order " 3.00 " "
 " 3. " a mile off - not uninteresting, 2.00 " " small -
 Each has two lots

J. E. Zinner
 March 1865



American Bible Society
Bible House Astor Place
New York. Mch 18 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony, Minn
Dear Sir,

Your note
of the 7th instant, containing an
order on Mr. Merwin for \$30.⁰⁰
and directions about the bind-
ing of the Dakota Testament,
was duly received. The draft on
Mr. Merwin I handed to Mr.
Fisher, and the directions about
the binding to Mr. Rowe. The
proof sheets, two parcels, also
arrived which I handed with
the copy of the Family Record
to Mr. Martin. I hope it will all
be done right and to your satis-
faction. I hope the good D-

Dr. Riggs

notas will like their books and profit
by them. Whenever you have
anything to communicate that
will serve to show the good
effects of the Book upon the
people we shall be very happy
to hear from you. Let us know
also if we can do anything
further for you. -

Believe me always
Yours in Christian bonds
Joseph Haldich

Beloit March 22nd 1865.

Rev. M. R. Riggs.

Dear Sir:

An arrangement seems to open for you today, which your son ~~seems~~ ^{thinks} may be more to your purpose than we had found before. I think that he is writing you of it.

I wrote some time since to Maj. Edward Burrall, - one of our substantial citizens, who ^{lives} in his house - but got no encouragement. He has now ^{to Beloit} returned, and thinks that it would be satisfactory to him and to his daughter, ^{Mrs. Crane,} now at the east, for you to take his house & board them, - Maj. B. & Mrs. Crane & her child. They would reserve a part of the house for their own accommodation, & rent parlor, dining room, kitchen & summer kitchen, & four or five lodging rooms. The house is equipped with, good well, ^{under the roof} & a stone, lawn, garden well stocked with flowers & fruit trees, - all close under the college - indeed in a corner of the college grounds. He will want \$150.00 rent for the year & will expect to pay a fair price for board.

Maj. B. wishes to consult his daughter, but thinks that the plan can be carried out, and your son thinks so favorably of it that we now think of giving up our claim to the places of which I wrote you before, unless we should hear

something from you or find some other reason for holding them. The smaller house of which I wrote you, I shall probably search for another ministerial friend, who will very likely be willing to take the place in Mr Burrall's house, if you should prefer to take the smaller house.

If the plan should not please you, probably it would be best to let us know it by telegraph, that we may look for other accommodations. If you incline to take it, your answer will probably reach us by mail at soon as Mr. Burrall can hear from Mrs. Coram.

Very truly, yours,
J. Emerson.

Mrs. B. & Mrs. C. may be away for the summer & be here next winter. — You could take other boarders if you choose in the part of the house which you rent. The wishes need paid quarterly.

Prof. Emerson
March 1862

March 27, 1865

Dyrene, Le Sueur, Co. Minn

My Dear Friend. S R. Riggs,

Yours of 22nd or 23rd was duly received. The money you enquire about is all on hands, and has been for several months; and I ^{am} truly glad of an opportunity to send it to the lawful owners. I should have forwarded it long ago if I had ~~known~~ know how to do it safely, and get receipts safely also. The remaining 80 only brought \$ 80. and that with several dollars cost. I wanted very much to have the business all off my hands before leaving the county, but not knowing where the heirs were, nor how to get money to them prevented me from so doing. You will find me about 4 miles nearly east of Le Sueur, lower town. By inquiring at the post office you will probably find the way here

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Riggs con-
tinued illness, but hope she may spare
to you yet many days. We are shopping
to make some sugar; but have done
nothing at it yet. Perhaps you may
reach our camp in time to get
some. Tonight it rains beautifully.
Give my respects to your family,
Yours &c Jonas Pettibone

March 27th 1865

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Miss. Hemer Boston

March 27, 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs

St. Anthony. - Dear Bro.

Yours of March

14 I have just recd. You will have recd. mine of March 20, which will clear up some points presented by you.

We never release a missionary, except upon his application. I & Mr. R. are in connection with us, therefore, just as you have been.

In my last, March 20, I intended to leave you free to consider your future course, just as if you had not said any thing about a change of plan.

I shall be glad to hear from your conference. May the Lord give you wisdom, so that you may discern, fully & joyfully, the way in which you should go.

Kindest regards to Mr. R. & family
Very fraternally
Yrs

S. B. Foss

St Paul, March 30th 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St Anthony,

Dear Sir,

H. Belland Jr. has just returned from the Yellow Medicine, and brings an order on me for bal. due A. Renville for his ship. From what I can draw from Belland, he claims that A. R. owes him about \$120. He brought down the papers from Antoine & Michel Renville for Mr. Wells, but the stamps are wanting on the two powers of attorney. They can, I suppose, be affixed by Mr. Wells, but he will probably assume that they should be paid for by A.

I send the papers herewith by H. Belland, whom I have advised to go and see you as you have the check for balance due A. Renville (\$174.) and you will oblige me by seeing Mr. Wells and arranging the papers to his satisfaction, and then pay to H. Belland what you think is proper, after examining his order &c. &c. The order is for the full balance due as I have stated above. Yours sincerely,
H. H. Seely

Bloomington March 31/65

Mr. S. R. Riggs

Dear Bro, I have not been able to find a place for Henry, such as I suppose you would be pleased with.

Most of our good men think they cannot afford to hire at present.

We have commenced operations on our little church edifice. We hope to have it enlarged so as to be able to use it in a week or two. We shall have a good large room when completed. Some will think its proportions objectionable but I think it will be nearly right. That's a mere matter of taste. The people are better disposed

in relation to it than I hoped
for. & contribute liberally towards
it both in money & labor.

We are well & expect colds.
Mrs. P. unites with me
in kind regards to yourself
& Mrs. R. & all the family
Yours &c
S. H. Pond

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