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Mr. McKee

1866

Cambridge City April 16/66

Rev A. R. Higgs

Dear Brother

I have long thought
of writing you but have been
let hitherto & now it must be
deferred no longer, I shall never
forget our pleasant fraternal &
professional intercourse at St.
Anthony, Minnesota, are often said
to be the hardest sinners to reach
to of because, I reckon, that they often
unmercifully criticize & meddle)
But I can truly say you were
an exception, I always felt
that in you & your family I
had those on whom I could
rely for sympathy & coopera-
tion in every right thing
& I was never disappointed
My recollections of friends

in St. A are very pleasant, there
again we are getting good friends,
yet I do not think so large a
portion of the church know how
to sympathize with a minister
& his family as at St. A. Indeed
I regard the St. Anthony Church as
an exception in this respect.
It was hard for us to leave it
even notwithstanding ^{the discouragements} of the field
yet it seemed duty on account
of the condition of my throat.
This climate tho perhaps not so
good as further south is very much
better than Missou. The church
here is not large 68 communi-
cants only. In despite of some
drawbacks, a prospect of growth.
But we are not decided to
settle permanently here yet.
I have not ceased to look
toward Fern, altogether
& yet I fear the unsettled con-
dition of things there -

Perhaps you recollect that on
the Sabbath following Mr Lincoln's
death you told the Lord that
he knew we had not much con-
fidence in Andrew Johnson,
And now after just one year
has passed the confidence of
some of us is no stronger—
I consider him in the interest
of the rebels now, And on
this account the Southern reb-
els have grown bold & Union
men south find it hard to
live. While myself not all
partial to the Freedmen's Bureau
Bill for it was complicated
would add great expense & was
not needed for ^{near} a year yet at
least & gave too much power to
the President & General (Government)
yet ^{the} Civil Rights Bill was
not subject to these objections
& it seemed to me it was needed
& am glad that Congress passed it over

the veto. So that ^{what} was deficient
in the old F. Bureau Bill is
supplied in the Civil Rights Bill
But enough of Government politics
Something on Ecclesiastical may
be said. I believe the work of
preparing for a Union of our
two P. Bodies is progressing as
fast as could be expected. I am
clear that a Union will be
effected in a few years at most
It work of this kind where so
many minds of so many views
are concerned requires time
To hasten it too much would not
be best. There would be men
on both sides that would fly
the track, that will come in
cordially if time is given &
efforts are judicious

Regards to Mrs R. & family
Let me hear your plans for
future work
Yours fraternally James A. McKee

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[Akith 1866 papers]
 April

Tumakole mita kinye gto

Ake wovapi ciere kta ya gapi:

Tomasia epi kta wamihari

wovapi onkian ta wapi wari

wadan ke cin he ki kesungu

on no on kina kwan cin onya

kupi kta hehan wovapi kin

Je yuhanya on kta wa cin

ya tohan i e tu kinhan wovapi:

kinche onye kupi kta wa cin

wovapi ni tansa wapi ya han

onye kupi kta wa cin ya

kinhan

wa ya han

Tomasia kta

Tomasia kta

[A. G. O. No. 49.]

Privates.	
Artificers. Far-	
thers. &c.	
Musicians.	
Corporals.	
Sergeants.	

Wakan tunka glanjau

uwapi kinde wan Ranga

wakan tunka hnaya pican
xvi wakan ya tu we hnaya
cas. takurwan jinte rinkan
glon ya

Stempu Koe Saman

Wakan tunka

Washington April 5. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs

My Dear Sir Yours of 31st March is this
hour recd I reply I have seen Judge Godley
He is Commissioner not sole & he has ^{apptd} ~~apptd~~
me the Indians are to be uncondition-
ally pardoned & immediately released &
sent off Tell my friends the same
- takes there is no mistake this time
it is only a little delay. They
are no more to be treated as ene-
-mies but as friends

Yours truly

George E. H. Day

I will see the Commissioner (Judge Godley)
to-morrow & try to get him to send
you a telegram — as you request

J. J. S. WILSON, Sup't.
Eastern Division.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

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J. D. CATON, Pres't, Ottawa, Ill.

April 6.

1866

By Telegraph from Washington D.C.

1866

To Rev. S. R. Rogers

Davenport -

The Sioux Prisoner will be
received by our agent about the
tenth (10) instant

Dr. C. C. Cooley

Comr Indian Affairs

13 / 69 pd

April 8th 1866

Res S. R. Riggs

Roda

ito taku wangi aciviyake kta

Klanikan Makamahotommasi

Burkudan heras dekan Wakan

Kicizugapai kta Keyapai onkan

Nakaha ake togye Kiconzapai den

ecompi kta smi ito Kihnapapai kta

Keyapai bu bu vima epa tuka

ecompi smi hecon Sampar takudan
epa smi do

Gen. Wells

Mekfija coby
nani

Departement Iowa Dec 1866.

April. 8.

Res S. R. Riggs

Mikunhawaji

Ito taku waji' xixiye kte do
Maka akan Mitakuye naurawa
hdakekta heha unkan hecen
Waste wadake tuka Rinurca
Mitawa tokes un. kta hwo
Epsa unkan hecen Vinnaris
Sice Wadake Eya om Wancake
Witaya Waurawahdaka unkar's
Micanite. Waste kta Ika. Epsa
Tuka hecen heges Ekta Wahdinga
hda kta Owakiki' hehe cin heun
Waste Wadake ho hecen he Rinurca
Kin ate toki un. si' hecinhan
He ekta kci wam Ege's epsa
Ecis. Tunkanwirasta hena
om un tuka hecen Tanyan

Wicayuha Sri keya ohdakapi
Eya he taku waste wadaka
Wasji Tunkansidan Cami
Cun kta kaha tuka hecen
Pekanyan Decen waur
Ko mikumkawasji hecen wain
un Nissarin amayakiyekta
Wain Kemana Cps & kte D.

(Matipsiya Cokayamari)

April 1st 1866

R Riggs Mita koda anpetu kin de
wakantun ka wasake he cen on ninarin
irape kta wa cin miniwaskan
mdatke cin he amelnstan kta
wa cin on wowapi manta kta
wa cin he cen mita koda
witaya mayaronpi kta
wa cin tama ko ee mita koda
he cen ya cin on e cen e camon
kta wa cin wigammi hehanyan
wowapi manta kta wa cin
Simon Thomas
Wakun hebiota miy ~~de~~

Miss. House Boston
April 10. 1866

Rev. J. R. Briggs

Beloit. - Dear Bro.

Yours of the 2^d
I have duly rec'd & this P.M. I
have laid it before the Com^{ee}.
The matter of your seeing the peace
commission as an interpreter, they
commit to your wisdom. You know
the circumstances better than we
do or can; & they have no doubt
that you will decide wisely. Go, then -
come, or stay, as you think best.

Mr. William & Isabella made
a very pleasant impression in New
York, as I am happy to know. My 2^d
son hopes to go abroad as a russ^{ian}
physician, (say in 1867) & it is barely
possible that he may join the anti
China mission. If so, he will be happy
to know & labor with Isabella. Kindest
 regards to dear R. & children.

Very faithfully &c. S. S. Thos

April 10 Apr. 1866

Mitatokoda

W owapai wan eicage beta e
 iwaho mayaye eigon he dee wannu
 W ihiyayedon & afe cinhan hehan
 wannu wata en opapai beta do
 anpau yaki yahde cin W ihiyayedon
 11 afe cin hehan W icastayatafor
 Kim hi do ga nakeu Wakoyaki wicagupi
 beta e den ahidipai ho koda wannu
 Wanikiya onkitawapai kin
 Pida onkiyapai tuka eya dee ini
 iyotun matipiya kin ekla onkiyi
 onkanis mination Piondapi beta
 tuka epe cin heon iyotun
 awitukadan moye wakiya
 ho koda inawallini ga can on
 wakaga ohimiyen maka akan
 W aonniyakapsi ini esta nihopi
 kin mabonipai onkanis
 hecin waste beta tuka do
 ho koda Tiyohmaka W itawa
 owas om W afe Ciyuza

Geo. Wells

St Paul, April 10th 1866

Rev. A. Riggs
Beloit, Wis.

My dear Sir,

I received last evening,
an official communication from the Comm^d. Ind affairs
dated 2^d inst. in reply to my application for your
appt. as Interpreter for the Missouri Commission, or
for that of Fort Saramore. He intimates that arrangements
have already been made for Interpreters, but that you
may be required to accompany the prisoners at W.

to the New Reservation at the mouth of the Niobrara,
"remain until they are taken in charge by the Agent of the tribe",
in which case you will be addressed directly
from the Bureau itself.

He states that an
Agent of the Dept. had already been designated
to receive the prisoners and conduct them to their
destination.

I have also rec^d. a letter
from Supt. Taylor dated 29 ult. in which he informs me
he will leave for Crow Creek the following week to take
measures for the removal of the Indians there, to their
new home at the mouth of the Niobrara.

You will rejoice with me, that the poor creatures.

who have suffered so much at Crow Creek are
at length to be placed in a new and much
more favorable position, where they can plant &
at the same time be remote from the unfriendly
and demoralizing influences now surrounding them.
It is a great step gained. Much regret
that I cannot have you with me, in my field
of labor, but it may well be, that this is all for
the best, as you can give efficient aid in placing
the Indians to be removed, in a more favorable position
than without your presence, might be the case. I
have talked and written to Col. Taylor under whose
Superintendence they will be when removed, and he
knows how much I feel interested in them, and
apart from this, I believe he is a true friend of all
these unhappy people, and will do what he can
for their benefit.

I expect to leave here about the last of this
month for Omaha, as Col Taylor states the
arrangements will be made for the departure
of the Commission from that point about 10th May.

With kind regards of Mrs. & myself to Mrs. R. & yourself
believe me Yours sincerely
H. H. Seale

N.B. I do not think I should have consented
to go upon the Mission, if a sense of duty
had not constrained me to do so. If I can be made
in any wise instrumental in bringing about peaceful
relations with the Indians of the Plains, I shall be
content to retire to private life, with a deep feeling of
thankfulness to God.
Yrs. H. H. S.

position in regard to adopting proper
names in Dakota as I did not before
know it. I see so many reasons
which may be offered in favor of
it that I feel no inclination to
make any effort to induce you
to change it. I cannot however
adopt it myself for reasons which
I have not now time to write.
I will inclose with this a portion
of your translation of Psalms with
Ell. J. B. Remond's criticisms. I ex-
pected to have sent all before this
time as I finished looking them over
last month, but Ell. Remond has
not and for nearly a month our
minds have been so impugned I
did not like to risk important
manuscripts in them. We rejoice
to think the Dakota prisoners are
liberated and on their way to join
their friends. A letter from Judge
Lay says he intended to have

Dr. Williams

1866

Saint Peter Minn April 16th

Dear Brother Riggs

On Saturday
I received your favor of 31st Ill.
and this morning that of 3rd dis.
Both are to us very interesting.
We sympathize with you in ref-
erence to Ell. R.'s illness. I sup-
pose it has been brought on by
the mental excitement connec-
ted with the departure of Isabella
and hope it will not be of long
continuance.

I suppose you were entirely right
in ordaining an elder for the
Little Rapids Com. Ward. He
has always been very desirous
of being an elder but has never
asked me a suitable person
for the office.

If you can consistently, with

your duty to your family.
I hope you will accept of the
offer to accompany the Peace
Commission as interpreter. If
it shall be in your power to
choose which branch of the
Commission you will accompany
it is not clear to me with which
you should ^{go} with the one on the
Illissouri you will probably
be of more use as an interpreter
and with more Indians to whom
you can preach and on whom
you can exert some influence.
But I suppose you will be able
to exert much more influence
with ^{or on} the other branch of the
Commission and probably
gain more information which
may be useful in efforts to
extend the Redeemers Kingdom
among the poor wandering

to have the relations of the
Scouts sent directly to them
but the commissioner of L. & C.
told him that it could not be
done that they must be sent
with the others to the Mississippi
and that they could go from
there and if possible he would
endeavour to assist them. That
they are all unconditionally
released and to be treated now
not as enemies but friends.
I hope to write to you again
before many days, and shall
be glad to get letters from you on

Bloomington April 17. 1866

S. R. Riggs

My Brother — I have only time to
say that yours of the 10. inst., is received —

If the matter which I asked for can
reach me by August 12 it will be
acceptable — soon would suit me better
but can use it after the time specified

At our last communion 12 united with
the church by profession — a few others
seem to have entered upon a christian
course. May God bless you & yours

We are well. All unite in love
to your family

Yours &c J. H. Pond

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

Treasurer's Office, Missionary House, 33 Pemberton Square.

Boston, April 21, 1866.

Rev. S. R. Ripps,
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 14th inst. to Mr. Kent, is at hand, & has been read with great interest. I am rejoiced you were with the "church in prison", at the last, & shared the joy of its release. For your expenses at Davenport, I enclose a draft on Dr. Wood, N.Y. for \$85. and remain
Very truly yours,
Langdon S. Ward
Treasurer.

Saint Anthony
April 30-1866

Rev. J. R. Riggs

My Dear Friend

Wowa-

pi uyaye cin. Tani yari ou Kic-
pi. ga mdo ketu kin de alic-
manini yari Nta Kehe cin. he-
nawarou kin warte wadale
ga onye kte cin he igoman kipi
tulla tulle. mita win ya kapi
kte cin nahar rin tani yari sde
waye tui. Tipi nahar rin wi-
yope waye tui. etta wamma ihdaka
uzampi Nta tulla mimi tanga
he cin carth. tui he heon toka
dar mdo tui. he cin mit yari kte
cin. Tohar igonilipi yari kte -
e pea, tulla, mit i mdo kean kin
june toka yawapi. he har carth
owasin, warte Ntana e spee
e cin. waziyata ga mimi roke
e kte carth. kin. wa Npa wari-

ji Kti Kitarina tar Na Nis
hera he har iya megapi warte
^{re}speca Carxayapi he tar -
har mimiroye itkiye dan he -
har gar hda kin gar tar meya
yan Napi Kta Kiyapi o kivi -
wana stor pirra eee tulla
e har tar har wowaapi mar -
gar pi mi ga wajiya ta nalloi
he com pi Kta Kiyapi he com vici
mami warte Kta macee
owasin tarzan onyathom pi

you are very truly

J. D. Newill

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with much love and affection
written for you all, from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
May 1888

Y. J. L. May 8th 1888

My dear sister,

I have felt sorry to
have such a long silence between
us - I have often thought I would
write to you - but for a long time
I did not know where you
lived. Sister Quettie wrote
me last spring, a year ago, that
your health was feeble - but she
did not give any particulars -
I suppose she thought I knew
where you were - I wrote back,
making enquiries - the letter was
never answered. Perhaps, she never
received it. Martha says you
have thought of making us a
visit. I wish you knew how
happy it would make me to
have you do so. If you are unable,
will not Martha write again, and tell

I hope to hear from you again.

me how feeble you are, and how long
you have been ill. I have wanted so
much to know whether Mr. Biggs was
still laboring for the Inclined. I
should have been very glad, if Mr.
Biggs, or Alfred, when at Liverpool -
as they were - had come to Lipton.
They are not very far from L.

Our children are all at home now.
Charles completed the course
in Corn. College - and came home
the last of March. We enjoy his
society very much - ~~He has~~ not
been at home as long before
for four years. He is now looking
for some business - as yet none has
offered, he has thought best to engage
in. You must have found it a
trial to part with Isabella, to
go so far away - but you gave her
^{over} to the Lord, and that she has gone
in the same cause, to which you
gave yourself, will help you to bear it.
My head aches, & I feel very unfit to
write - but I did not like to delay longer.



27. J. S. M.

Saint Peter May 10th 1866

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favor of 1st inst
came yesterday but I did not know
of it till to day. Your former
letters containing the draft and
the account of the Indians came
some time ago and I should
have acknowledged them soon
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to address as I suppose you
would probably be on your
way to the Ellipton before
a letter could reach you from
here after I receive yours.

I have much to thank you
for in regard to the prisoners.
I certainly would not have
asked them for any thing on
account of what I had expended

to procure their liberation
and at first felt like regret-
ting that you had done so but
on thinking of it since I feel
thankful to you for what you
did in the case not only be-
cause of the money which I
did expect the Scots to pay
but now think it very improb-
able that this will or would
even if it remained wholly
unpaid; but because I think the
prisoners themselves will feel
better on account of what
they have done.

I thought your accompanying
the Peace Commissioners might
lead to the exclusion of Christ
Kingdom but God has ordered
it otherwise and his will is
always best.

If the health of my family

will admit of it I will
endeavour to be ready to go
with you on the forthcoming
journey and Mr. Kimball
who is now here thinks he
will also. He is on his way
to Brown Creek with seed
corn and Potatoes to plant
and thinks perhaps he will
get that done and get back
to St Anthony by the time
you get there.

John was with us about
the time of Presbyter's the
week the meeting over
at Winona as soon as
Practish after he gets
home from Saint Louis as
Mr. Allen Pond wish to visit their
parents this summer and may
wish to start early in July and it
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you get there.

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the time of Presbyter's the
week the meeting over
at Woburn as soon as
Practish after he gets
home from Saint Louis as
Mr. Allen Pond wish to visit their
parents this summer and may
wish to start early in July and it
will be desirable to see them there

Eliza Williamson still coughs
very hard but thinks she
is a little better in health than
she was a week or two ago. The
rest of us are as well as usual.
John has at last got him a
wife a daughter of Mr Vanise
who lives near Wrentham City.
They were with us only from
Wednesday evening to Monday
morning and having other com-
pany at the time I had little op-
portunity of getting acquainted
with her but we think he has
made a good choice.

Horns I suppose are as cheap here
as elsewhere but they are scarce
and it may be difficult to find
one suitable for such a trip so
I suppose you had better buy in
Rumney or Humberlin County and
probably a horse can be got better
than there here the rest of us
out fit may be got in this
neighborhood.



Citizen's Insurance Company,

OF CINCINNATI,

Corner of Main & Second Sts.

Cincinnati, May 1st 1866

Dear Brother

Your kind favor was duly received forming to the arrival of Isabella and her husband Mr. Williams and should have been answered before this time.

owing to these arrangements Mr Williams and Isabella did not stay long with us and also from the fact of their not knowing the precise time of their visit to our home Mr Joseph did not get word intended to be present which we regretted much. We have not heard from them since they left our house, but supposed that ere this they are sailing over the "Pacific wave."

Mr Joseph and his daughter Harriet were at our house a week or two since, as Harriet returned from

Alluvio - Eliza Jane and ~~her~~ family
entirely returning to Portsmouth again
not finding farming very profitable for
them

We hear this week from Elizabeth
by a letter from her son George & sister
George herself has been sick again
and seems to be in poor health

Jennys Eakley was in the City
a short time since and stops in his
room here. Peter and Hannah enjoy
their usual health, but both are
failing fast and look old

Your niece letter from Bro
Poage and Jane since then return
here. They both seem to be failing
much more than I have expected
but as we are all now in the
declivity of life we must look
for such things

I have enjoyed good health
for the last two years and most
of the time feel quite young and
can hardly realize that I am

over $\frac{1}{2}$ a century of age
In early life I imagined that
a person over 50 was an old man
but I do not seem to realize the
fact much yet. And in looking
back (for that seems only for the
purpose of an old man) I see but little
that I have accomplished for God
in this world and the world so
far as I have been concerned has been
very little benefited by my sojourn here
And my thoughts often turn upon the
future not of this world but of the
Home beyond for I find it nearing
and its approach will soon be realized
I am now young and full of life yet
May the Lord grant that our pathway
may grow "brighter and brighter" as its end
approaches and that "Home" as it
looms in sight be the one the blessed
inhabitants. When some of our families have
gone before and a few more of us remain
to reach the shore - May we all meet
there to part no more -

Family all well and join in love to
you all

Please let us hear from you as
often as your time will permit
Our warm regards

Yours affectionately Bob

M. B. Rogers

P.S. If you should direct your
letters to Cincinnati Please Make them
Box 920 - but we get them
at Cleveland as soon as the City
Morning & daily Mail, and some
20 passenger trains daily R

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M. B. Rogers

Mrs. H. Pettijohn

July 17. 1866.

My Dear Mrs Riggs

I did not intend to write to you at this time But I notice I have finished Marthas letter without mentioning the picture you sent me I do thank you for it I hope to get it framed Eliza has hers in a beautiful frame I am afraid she is so feeble she will not be able to write and tell you how much she prizes it. I spent 4 weeks at brothers after our house was burnt I was much of the time with Eliza It is so hard for her to give up helping with the work that several times she was better & we hoped she was going to be able to enjoy life She would go

& do some thing that would fatigue
her so much that she would
have to be in bed for days

But she is so gentle & patient
that it is good to be with her

We all enjoyed Mr Riggs com-
pany very much. while he was
waiting till they could go on
he was frequently at brothers
I would like to say something
about Isabella But my heart is
full & I dont know what to say
I hope & pray that the Lord will
bless them & make them very
useful.

If you could write to
me I should be glad I have thought
of a great deal since your health
has been so poor But it seemed I
could not write Please excuse
this poor effort & believe
me as ever your affectionate
friend.

Fanny H. Pettijohn

D. W. Bidson

New York 12 June 1866

Rev'd S. R. Kipp

My dear Friend

I owe
you a great many apologies for my long
neglect of your very kind letter of 20 April;
some how it was mislaid among a lot of old
papers and letters in my drawer, and was
quite forgotten until to-day, when making
a clearing out of useless documents it came
to light.

Your son-in-law Mr Williams took
part with us in a prayer meeting at our
little church in 40th Street, owing to
which circumstance we were enabled to
hear from you, and knowing that you
took some interest in our spiritual wel-
fare, requested Mr W. to mention us
to you, and also to say that my sister-
in-law Virginia, and myself had
united with the church — We did
so after a great deal of hesitation, each

after having excited a long while to become
better - that old device of the adversary
to gain time - But thanks be to God,
we gave up all such feelings, and
came to Jesus just as we were, and
no doubt he will bless us, and remove
all doubts and fears in due time -
We cannot expect to reach the full
statute all at once, but with the help
of God and the Divine Spirit, we
may hope to reach it at last -

Mrs Campbell (the great grandmother)
is we think, approaching the
banks of the river - we have noticed
a very marked change within the
past two weeks; her faculties seem
to be leaving her; memory almost gone;
speech very difficult and almost inar-
tulate; but she seems quite happy
and is rejoiced when any of our church
folks come in and pray with her - Whether
she herself looks forward to a speedy death
we do not know, but we do believe that
she is prepared for the great change -
Grandma has reached a good old age

being now in her 87th year -
Mr Davis quite well, as are all the
family excepting Tom who has been
very ill with dyspepsia and some liver
disease; he went to Havana during the
winter by the advice of a physician who
did not know what was the matter
with him, and came back very much
injured by the trip; but he is now slowly
recovering we hope -

There have no changes taken
place in our family, we all live in
a nice little house ^{East} on 35th Street - No. 155
where we should be very happy to see
you if you come along this way a-
gain - John Dur - who resides in
Chicago - was married last Fall to
a N. Y. lady, an old sweetheart of his
to whom he had been several years
engaged - The other young people are
still single, though I believe both
Quinn & Will have "prospects" -
Tom seems "cut out" for an old
bachelor -

I hope that Mrs. Regis

health has been restored; I remember
how much anxiety it caused you
when you were here —

My wife joins me in sending
you our very best regards, and hoping
that we may some day meet you again.

With many thanks for your very
kind feelings towards us

I remain

Yours

J. W. Gordon

Portsmouth July 12. 1866

Dear Sister

I write this line, directed to you under the impression that my dear Bro. Stephen leaving him away among the Indians, may not yet have returned; and being desirous to know when you expect his return -

I think in a letter I rec'd from Bro. S. some months ago he intimated that if I would care by way of Beloit, that perhaps he and you would go with me to Bro. Pogue in Iowa - I am not quite certain that the proposal was in a letter it may have been that sister Sam wrote, or her daughter Belle, that the suggestion was made when Bro. & sister Pogue were at Beloit last fall -

I do not think it right to make calculations about the future, except with the condition, "if the Lord will" - and as "we know not what shall be on the morrow" - do not now make any definite plans, except as Providence shall indicate or permit - but as I have expected

to spend a few weeks of the warm weather in
~~August~~ & September away from Portsmouth, I had
two plans present to my mind - either to go out
to Wisconsin & thence to Iowa; or to spend a month
or two at Pittsburg & in Western Penn^a - the first
proves to be the more expensive, and I had
the pleasure of meeting my sister with Bro. Poys
less than a year ago at Bro. Merri's in London,
but I was since then in Pittsburg - and as I have
not seen your family (except Bro. S.) since 1863 -
the choice is therefore not quite so easily made,

To day I was urged to go on a pleasure and
health excursion up the lakes to Mackinac,
perhaps to Lake Superior & then return by way
of St. Paul, the party which will consist of some
8 or 10 would be very pleasant, Mr Pratt & wife,
our pastor, being part - but they expect to leave
here next Monday, - too soon for my plans
& will probably be more expensive than I could
well afford -

As I can expect but very few more years in
which to enjoy or to labor, having now passed
my 70th year, perhaps I ought rather to work

while the day lasts - and therefore may think it
best to decline all trips for pleasure - but although
it seems to me that I have accomplished very little
in the world, yet I know and feel that my time
for effective labor is nearly past -

My health has been generally pretty good, but
I receive occasional admonitions "to set my house
in order" - although to day pretty well, yesterday
I was quite unwell, - my family being so much
scattered I can only say that when I last heard,
were all well - I am still making my home
with Stephen - Eliza Sam Robinson & family
returned back from Illinois a few weeks ago,
they had all had Chills of one last fall, and
a return of them this Spring, and ever since their
arrival here have had an intimation that they
may not be able to flee from sickness - at this
time they are all pretty well -

If you ^{can} state, please write me when Brother
will return home, and any other items of news
you may have in relation to your family &c -
With my love to all the members of your family
I am - Your affectionate brother J. Riggs

Mary Cooley
Aug. 1866

At Home So. Deerfield
Mass. July 28th 1866

My dear Auntie,

This is a rainy day but pleasant with all. It is really "dog days."

I wish you could know how much Belle's brief stay comforted me. It was a very very great treat to us all. I spent the first night away from my sick room with her. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed her visit. Truly 'twas like "an angel's visit." I was very sick and her coming though unexpected did much for me. I had occupied mother's room during the night till Belle came. I was anxious to sleep with her and she humored me. Dear Belle! I cannot be too grateful that God let her come, and comfort me. Do you not miss her very much? Have you heard from her since she left for China?

How many times I have thought of you dear auntie, and wished that you could know how much I thank you for the "Schonberg Cotta Family." I never open it without thinking of the giver. It seems sometimes as if I could feel that it is God's gift too. Since my dreadful illness I feel as if the book had been ^{much} like a tried true friend, and I prize it next to my bible. Some of the passages are so sweet, so comforting and true. Again I thank you.

How I do long to hear from Belle across the water. Do you not feel happy in giving a daughter to work for God? What a privilege hers is. Though attended with trial it is for Jesus.

As I write my little mockingbird is hopping about on the floor. He is quite a singer, and is the Lincoln of the family. We often call him Linsey. Uncle Joseph gave ^{me} a family of three birdlings the morning I left Wilmington N. Carolina. Linsey is the only survivor.

I am still on the invalid list, and that shall be my apology for so many errors. I have longed to write you for some time, and hope you will excuse my mind was in a very sensitive state, and for a time my reason was almost dethroned, but thanks to an ever kind Heavenly Father I am not now insane.

Sister Etta was blind or nearly so for about eight months, but now has the use of her eyes again. We have much much for which to be grateful. God has been very merciful to us his erring creature. Etta was very patient.

Uncle Joseph coughed badly when he was here in the spring. He is now in Auburn New York. We were sorry not to be able to give him a home as usual, but we were so sick it was impossible. Dear Uncle I fear he is more poorly than we can or do realize.

Mother was almost worn out by one protracted illness.

How is your health, and that of uncle
Biggs? How are you all? Where is coz
Mattie? What a blessing Belle will be across
the ocean. Is it not a pleasant thought
to you dear auntie that our Father in
heaven will use her as an instrument
in winning souls to Jesus?

How strangely do our lives tell upon the
characters of those about us. Often when we
have no thought of such a thing were
influencing them more than we can realize.

We have had some very warm weather
this season. How is it with you?

Brother George writes from California of
some very hot days.

Ned is now in Youngstown Ohio.

Hoping you will excuse this over-
letter, and will accept love from us
all without bound.

I am your affectionate niece

Mary A. Cooly

74 a dread of insurrection. We permitted her to write him as soon as she wanted,
 & as no reply came, she thought her letter intercepted, for she would not be
 five lines changed.
 My dear sister, I venture
 to make the sug-
 gestions that it
 might be a possi-
 bility. She of course
 is so shy, but for
 she had learned
 to reciprocate
 his proffered love.
 Her strength is in
 God here. Further.
 Pray for her,
 for us all.
 Your sister
 to J. C.
 Sister
 Loretta
 Cady
 Aug. 8th 1865.

I will write a few lines
 to my only sister. We have passed through
 deep waters, during the past eight
 months or more, but now have great
 cause for gratitude, as Mary has written.
 The anguish we endured on her ac-
 count cannot be described. For weeks she
 slept on an average, less than two hours
 in twenty-four. She had overdone
 in caring for Hetta, & her nervous
 system was so deranged, we feared
 her mind was permanently affec-
 ed. To our great joy her mental facul-
 ties only sympathized with the body's
 prostration, & she is again our
 dear sweet Mary. She hopes if her
 eyes gain sufficient strength,
 to be able some time to pursue her

It should proper none but yourself & husband & Mother should know of
this matter. There is your health & that of your family. Where is brother Whigg?
Would have
to see you
all our
more,
that may
you meet
in a better
Land" is the
earnest
proper
a living
sister

studies for a year if possible.
He was receiving the attentions
of a fine Christian young man as
we thought; who came & spent sev-
eral days with her in her severe ill-
ness, seemed truly devoted to her & desir-
ous of her recovery. You would suppose
nothing could turn him from her.
Strange as it may seem, in one
month from his last visit here,
he wrote me, requesting to be regard-
ed as a particular friend no more.
We dared not tell her, & could only
leave the matter to God. He has helped
us to tell her in due time, & her to
leave the tidings like a woman & a
Christian. We think he feared her
mind was permanently diseased,
but he should have waited a few
months at least, & our only excuse for
him is, that his own mother has
been insane twelve years, & he had

J. S. W.

Siobana August 21, 1864

Rio S. A. Ripp.

Dear Bro.

Maj. Stone handed me the enclosed letter with another envelope & Stamp. He was quite chagrined at having opened in a hurry without looking at the backing.

I have got six schools started now. Viz

Pijutagi — Hepar Teacher

Remnica — Chakkingi "

Tinlatowee phaff — Tapahtonna "

Wahpetonwan — Heksidan "

Wahpukute — Tachotanka

Puyatowee — The two Elders without any pay.

Piapoje & Kiyaaksa talk of doing the same, but have only a few children in our congregation.

Margaretine have gone in with their lands & subscribe something. Altogether there

has been over 50 dollars
subscribed since you left.
I only had about 5 a b c
books for each teacher, & they
generally have 10 to 20 a b c
scholars. But they will have
to get along till the others come.
Each teacher has also from
ten to 30 more advanced
scholars.

I start my class tomorrow.
I have heard nothing from
Maj. Conger yet!

My wife felt more
lonesome after you & father
left. But the neighbors have
called in a good deal & sent
plenty of potatoes & other
vegetables, which has brought
her a good appetite.

I hope to hear from
you soon.
Give my best respects to
your wife & all your children.
John Williams

Sister Lavinia
Sep. 1866

while duty requires his stay there. Because my long talk of G. perhaps it may interest your children to know just how he is employed.

Thanks to Mrs. Smith for kind remembrance. Have read Mrs. S's memoir with much interest, & have often queried in my own mind, whether Mrs. S. might not be a sister. What a blessing such a brother. Has Mrs. Smith any children? Is she now in Beloit? If so, tell her she has still a place in my heart. She called on me on her Bristol tour, & I have never seen her since that time.

Your note to Mary was very comforting. She will write when able to. Her eyes are not strong yet, & she uses them carefully; can see a little, & read coarse print; writing is more trying. Hetta can not read write or sew, only a mere trifle. The optic nerve is weak,

she is obliged to use the greatest care, or she may be crossed. Mary is very grateful that she can see at all. I let her the favor of her friends. It gives no great pleasure to hear from you & yours often, can not there as write to others? What a world you are in! Mary is so short she is able to pursue her studies? Oh world, love to go west as much as some from New York. But her nervous system will not soon acquire sufficient strength unless she and her assistants, in some respect,

Gowen was duly received, & in reply I would say, we shall be very happy to receive a visit from Alfred. Will not his wife accompany him? I should write to him, if sure he would be at home.

Brother J. is laboring for the National Freedman's Relief Ass. I suppose in the vicinity of Auburn N. Y. His address box 326 Auburn N. Y. About what time in Sept. shall we look for Alfred? We should desire to have our family all at home, who are now with us, & some of them intend to be gone for a few days on to the hills, to inhale the pure mountain air.

care & responsibility. How Joseph found out the photographs of
 yourself? How did your husband like them? Have had so many
 intermix-
 Ed. is not married, & there is no pros-
 pect of such an event taking place
 at present. George will probably
 return to Mass. in a few years if his
 life is spared. He would probably have
 married before he left, had he sup-
 posed Cal. would be his future
 home. He went especially to accom-
 pany an invalid friend, & hoped
 also to find employment, ⁱⁿ which
 he was successful. You are aware
 what is his business I believe, engineer
 of the city water works, which is not
 hard work, but requires from 16 to
 20 hours time. Of course he is confin-
 ed during the dry season, & is obliged
 to employ an assistant when 20 hours
 are necessary. In answer to my inquiry
 he describes the works as consisting
 of a well 80 feet in depth, an engine
 of 25 horse power, & pumps that
 will throw an eight inch stream

& sometimes feel that my years may be few in number. This is a world
 of trial & trial, & were it not for the support of an English, having seen
 every arm & part at times ^{which} I have seen. I do not
 enjoy my
 good look
 to your
 family.
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 good look
 of water into tanks containing 15,000
 gall. from which it is conveyed over
 the city. when he wrote, in July, they were
 using fr. six to eight hundred
 thousand galls. daily. His business is
 to run the engine & keep the pumps
 in repair. The labor is light, & over-
 pays only four hrs. per day, four
 days in the week, ^{a part of the year.} but is used for
 irrigating, ^{the garden now.} in dry weather. Dust out
 of the city is from one to two feet in
 depth, making travellers in color
 resemble Hottentots.
 The place abounds in choice
 flowers of every variety & various
 fruits, but flowers are less fragrant
 & fruits less delicious than in the
 eastern part of the country. The sub-
 soil is not observed, except by few,
 & most shops &c. are open. He sighs
 for New England privileges, but means
 to make the best of his present position.

L. D. C.

Town of Stencel ^{P.O.} Polk Co Minn
August 29, 1866

Rev. J. J. Humphrey

Dear Brother!

Your Letter of
May 23rd I received yesterday (as my
P.O. is the above named) it was again
sent to me - but the packages
I received just at when the Con-
ference was convened at Leeds P.O. & C.
But I am sorry to say, that I sent them
back with the "Express" with your Ad-
dress to Chicago. Perhaps W. Snell
had misunderstood you or you had
him. Our Church desired to aid
the mission of the American
Indians and therefore wished all
the information in regard ^{to} the
latest operations among them in
that respect. The Documents you
sent seemed, as I understood them,
not to inform any or but little in
regard to that. Therefore I thought

the Document, would not be of any use to our people - and though the might be of more use to your people - therefore I thought it not right to keep so many valuable Books. No final Conclusion in regard to the missionary cause was done at the Conference - as we the committee was not able to give a thorough information respecting the operations in the heathen world. I asked a minister of the Congregational Church in La Crosse - He believed that after the outbreak of the Indian in Minn &c. the Indians became so scattered and dispersed, that your mission among them was about to be dissolved.

And now dear Brother! as we are going to have a quarterly meeting in Crawford Co. Wis. when all our ministers will again meet I would hereby respectfully desire and ask if you will

do us that service and give us all the information you are able, especially in regard to the affairs and operations and Labor, progress and ^{prospects} and state of the American Indian mission since their outbreak in Minnesota &c. especially for this year: 1) ^{Station} Do you now have the mission among them? 2) How many missionaries have you among them, and how many grown persons - how many scholars of Indians are members now of those Indian in your mission or church? 3) How many, about, showed treachery in the outbreak and how appeared that mission after the outbreak in comparison to what it appeared before it? 4) Is there especially need of pecuniary aid or money for that mission? 5) What hopes appear to be for the continuance - for the progress of the named mission?

Q Will you mention the tribes you
are laboring among an. tell us whether
it was the same tribes that committed
the havoc - whether Sioux Indians
and the Decotas & is not the same?
In short a true account of all
pertaining this subject - You need
not send any other Documents ^{except these}
these, that exclusively treat of
the mentioned crime. Our
Quarterly meeting will begin the 1st
October next. If your information
shall come in to any service, you have
to send it within next (September)
month - to Rising Sun P. O.
Crawford Co. Wisconsin.

Dear Brother! we would be very much
obliged to you, if you could do
this - and just mention the expenses
you have for this, and I may pay
it either to W. Snell in Rockford or in
letter to you. Respectfully & fraternally
Yours B. Tobias Olson.

Mrs. Drake

Sep. 1866

East Walnut Hills Sep. 18 th/66

My Dear Mrs. Riggs

Without excuse or palliation I must acknowledge my shameful neglect. My heart was so full & I had so much to write you, about the time of Isabella sailing that I then could not have thought that it was even in my power to neglect you so long. When Martha comes I will explain all to her.

My arrangements were all made to visit you in June but were suddenly thwarted. The cholera made its appearance in July. of course I could not think of leaving home then. Alice left us & went to live with her mother the 1st of August. I need not tell you this was a trial. for it was one we could

not father... at the time. Nor do
we yet see why it was for the
best, although we are becoming
reconciled to it. She has lived
with us almost nine years. Since
last winter she has far exceeded
our expectations. There were influences
beyond our control which we could
in no way counteract, consequently
she chooses to go home.

I have been without any assistance
whatsoever since she left me. Lewis
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attack of hemorrhage of the lungs.
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very severe attack which we feared
for a time would prove fatal.
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has a bad cough & we fear he
is a "hopeless consumptive". The
family are deeply solicitous & at
the first were almost distracted. It
came so sudden, although he has

been out of health for two years.
You cannot imagine how sur-
prised Thomas when Mr & Mrs Miller
called to see ~~him~~ first. I had
not heard that they were anywhere
abouts, but was none the less glad
to see them. We see each other
quite frequently & find it very
pleasant. to ^{see} of our St Anthony's priest
now in Beloit.

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jealous of Mrs Miller I believe she
has supplanted me entirely. Thanks
to her I am posted with Martha's
proceedings & shall hope to have a
visit from her for "old acquaintances"
sake if nothing more.

I have just been reading your
last letter to me of March date & feel
more than ever how seemingly unkind I
have been. You & yours have had
my warmest sympathies & most earnest
prayers & I trust ere this you have come

So much obliged for your picture I think it pretty good

Ms. Duke
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so much obliged for your picture & kind & pretty good

for rejoicing. Esabella & Mr. Williams are
often the subject of my thoughts. I suppose
we can think of them as being near
their journey's end. Their visit with us
was very gratifying indeed. Esabella
assured me (the morning I bade her
good bye,) that she was more than
satisfied with her husband's ability &
capacity for making her a truly happy
& appreciated wife. We all liked him
much. Mrs. McKim & I have been trying
to plan a visit for you, but have not
matured it yet.

My husband has not connected himself
with the church yet but his faith is
growing stronger & he is growing in grace
we take much comfort in walking
together. My health is good. I wish
I could hear the same report from
you. Any tidings from Angelina?

Remember me lovingly to Martha, Anne, all the
family. I hope Mr. Biggs is with you.

Ever Yours affectionately

Lucy J. Drake

[With 1866 papers]



Amst Peter Sept 12th

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favor of 31st
Ilt came the latter part of last
week I thank you for it and
the Lords Prayer in Omaha Hope
you have written to Dr Linn
to find a man then to learn
the language but have not
much hope they will do it an
yet without a man to preach
to that people in their own
tongue it seems to me a vast
amount of labor & money is
being thrown away I feel much
for that people the Pawkas & Win-
nabagoes I tried preaching
to the latter through an inter-
preter Ellaganan was sick and
Bradford Porter confessed he
could not understand the most
simple facts and principles

of the plan of salvation
as the confessor of common heath
not declare them with a num-
ber sumer dispond to hear but
how can they hear without a
preacher?

I arrived at home in two or
three hours more than a week
after I left you and found my
family in health.

Wet weather set in here about the
time we got to the Whymian and
it rained so much as to injure
crops of all kinds. Wheat both
in quality and quantity but more
in the former than the latter.

Since I arrived at home it has
not rained a great amount but
some almost every day so that
people are not done stacking their
grain and what hay has been cut
is mired. All the cattle still I suppose

for more what and oats have
been harvested about here than
in either of the last 3 years
and with a few weeks of warm
weather we may have good crops
of corn and potatoes but if it
continues cool and especially if
we have early frost then will
be very little ripe corn about here.
With your letter I received one from
John. He has got schools started at
among the Peigatagizi Hesper

Hahpetomwan Hokeridon

Antotomwe Tapa holomwe

Rumica Ehoke majin

Hahpetakule Ah holomwe

Heputatomwe The two elders

He was about starting his Tholo-
sical class.

On my return I found Mr.
Huggins had been for some time
entirely confined to bed with an

irregular in intermittent fever

By the use of Quinine I succeeded
in stopping the chills and fever
but his vital powers were exhausted
his stomach would digest no food.
He was still expecting to recover
when the day before his departure I
told him his time on earth would be
short. He replied to depart and
be with Jesus is far better. He ceased
to breathe about noon of Wednesday
last week the 5th Inst in an instant
any notice which I wrote for the
Times and Recorder I have immen-
sely written on the 6th. One hour
before he ceased to breathe I asked him
if he suffered much pain with a
clear distinct voice he said the pain
only a little uneasiness.

Mr. Edwin Pott and wife arrived
here in time to attend his funeral
and left us on Monday
beside Port with them.

 I have chortled from two to six
hours a day swiving your
translation of Paulus most
days since I arrived at home
trying to get through them
before Nyro but now hardly
think I shall be able to do so.
The people here like much
pleased with Mr Marshall
who left soon after I returned.
They are to meet every Sabbath
morning to consult about giv-
ing him a call. Hope to raise
500 dollars and that the As-
semblys committee will give as
much more.

Mr Samuel W Livingston
of Minneapolis was lying very
low the last we heard from them
and is not probably living
all this time.

I suppose you will be in
Chicago when this reaches you
or soon after. As you will be
about the Book Store please
inquire for what price they
will put up so that they
can be sent safely.

Scott's Commentary 6 Vols Port &
and Webster's large Dictionary
last edition together
also the price of Burns' Gospel
I wish to get a volume also
I know not whether there is any
better than Woods' Chap book
of Botany. Perhaps you can
ascertain and inform me at Lyons
if not from Elly Kim reports
to Mr. Rogers and your children

Affectionately

Thos. S. Williams

Andrew Ford is a uncle
a little more than a week
lately. He is now in good health
has gone to Chihuahua to try
to get into business there
since about the first of this
month we have had dry pleas-
ant weather and farmers are
getting on well with their spring
work. Presbyterians adjourn to
meet on the call of the mothers
to at Cuicabrara. John would
like to have the meeting the
latter part of June but after
first visit the Indians about
the head of the Colman I think
we cannot get there earlier than
the 4th of July and if we visit
the camps generally as I hear
they are much scattering perhaps
not before the 10th or 15. We
might go there first but I

with to take John's wagon
with me and have it there
and if I should come by the
line of the Colon with prob-
ably need it till after I
get there

From what you write about
storking I shall not expect you
here unless I get another letter
before the 1st nor expect to
start from here before the 4th or
5th of next month.

Our kind regards to you
and all your family
Affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

(Copy)

Department of the Interior.
Office Indian Affairs.
Washington, D. C. Sept. 13. 1866.

Sir

It is the desire of this Department to establish a school for the benefit of the Yankton Indians in Dakota Territory, and I propose to enter into an agreement with your society for its care and management upon terms similar to those made with other societies in regard to schools for other tribes; which are, that the Society will agree to give the scholars received, a good English education—teach the boys the use of agricultural implements, and tools—the girls sewing, knitting, housewifery; and to furnish board, clothing, medicine, medical attendance, books, stationery, and to do whatever may tend to advance them in knowledge and promote their well being. In consideration of which the Department will provide a suitable school house, with 160 acres of land adjoining it for the use of the Society, and will pay for every scholar received, the sum of \$75 per annum.

In this connection I would state that you have a Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Williamson, among the Santee Sioux, and near the Yanktons, whom it is very desirable should have charge of the school proposed to be established for the Yanktons; and should an agreement be entered into with your Board, it is suggested that he be assigned to the superintendence of the school.

If this proposition be satisfactory to your Board, I shall be pleased to hear from you as early as practicable, & should it be desirable to make any suggestions in regard to the matter on the part of your Society you are invited to present them.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
D. H. Cooley,
Commissioner."

S. B. Treat, Esq.
Cor. Sec. A. B. C. F. Mission
Boston, Mass.

Bears Creek Sept 15, 1866

Rev. S. Riggs

Dear Friend

At Mr. Remille's request I reply, keep the \$75, due us and the \$25.00 will be for \$ coming as soon as possible, we hope the money will be at Minneapolis next week. Mr. R. will send the hymns soon, I wish to keep them to read, Mr. Remille is busy all the time or would take pleasure in writing his own letters.

Mary A. Remille
For Miss Martha: I am glad to hear you are doing so well please to tell your Mother to give you some more to do up for me (that it is) I had not heard all the news only a part from St. Anthony, I am going there next week. Providence

permitted Sophia is with me
now the feathers I will leave at
D^r. 7th, Me are at D^r now
their are all well. I had written
quite a letter at home to send
you but will not send it now
on the account of being hurried
and will close in haste.

May A Renville

To Mr. Riggs.

Mr Renville has
you know bought the 120 acres
of scrip land ^{of the day} ^{S. Price} ~~land~~ by you
and as their has never been
any patent issued will be
very glad to have you write
for one (is the Patent) as soon
as you can consistently do so.

M. A. B.

Yellow Medicine Sept 16th 1866

Mr S R Riggs

Tama ho ee Mi ta ho da Wawa pi ci ege ksta

kepe cin maha ha sin waji ci ege do ga heen tokien waon ki
he o ci e ya ke kte ftan sin ta he ci waon tatra na tra ha

Antoine Renville kici fe janta zi en an hdi fi ya he han
waon spe ki ya fi he leon ma ya si pi gon heen en waon kte sin
na kaay Ece tu ki ya he owa sin wa ya ya tan yan eon waji tan
yan awan ya ke kte na ce ga Wawa pi ya wa pi kin he e ya qey
ni na i go ftan pi mi na wi co ta ya mi si tokien owa ki hi la kin wa
kan oie kin he owa ca wa tri ya ~~ka~~ ece e ya Ape tu wa kan
muni on ki ci ya fi kin he to himi mi ca wan ji dan
wan mda ke sin mi yan ece dan wan mi ca mda ka ece
tu ka de han an hdi ya ku fi kin he han tokien on pi kte cin
sdon on yan pi sin tatra e ya heen ahimi yan leon mi em
si si pi ya o himi tan yan on pi kta heen emi en ki ya fi
iho ki na he ce tu on o ci e ya ke he han i to la kin waji
ici wange kte Dakota ga Dakota cin ca ho wan ji ke i
Maza ka wo ka ja ju mi ca ya fi kta ke ya fi he na ga ron
na ce ha na Shun kan si dan o ki ya fi kin heon heen fi ke ya fi
he han on ki si mi ca ya ta tan ftan sin ta i de ya ta wa kin
yan owa e ci ya fi kin heon on ki fi he i mi ya na nge echan
o ci e ya ke he wu ke he na ga ron na ce i koda he na na
phi kte Wahan tan ka on yion da fi ya ma tra atian i ye ta
can ku tan yan sdon ye on yan pi kte Ape ci ya
ye Nitawin xi cin ca on xi koda wan ji

Daniel Renville he mi ye

Sept. 21th 1866



Rev. J. R. Riggs

Mi-hon-Ka-wan-ji

Na-ka-ha-ake wo-wa-pi ci-e-ge na-ka
ha-o-ka-wa-hi tu-ka-wa-ma-wa-hde
man-ga-ska e-ha-ke to-ma ci-en-
ga-ha de-ha-
~~wa-hi~~ e-pa tu-ka-na-ha-ri-
man-ga-ska kin a-hi-pi x-mi
to-ma a-hi-pi ga-o-ta a-hi-pi x-mi
he-
tan-in. Ktē x-mi mi-a-ko
wa-pe

a-ka-ti-da-
wa-wa-pi e-on-ni-en-
ga-pi ga-o-do-wa-wa-ji K-xi
ow-a-ka-ga-lu-wa-ge ci-ga-ta-
ga-ri-za en-na-
e-e-o-do-wa-
kin he-na to-ken o-ka-ga-pi Ktē en-
on-ki-x-de-ci man-ga-ska on-ge-to-
ken he-na on-ga-pi Ktē i-ge e-e-en-
he-en ha-ga-to-ha-e-on-pi-e-he-
en ha-he-na o-man-ga-ki-da-ku-wa-
en he-en to-ma-wi-en-da-pi kin-
ha-on mi-a-wa-ge Ktē, In-do-ke-ha-

wa mra gaza pi gon he on nina ma
gize kicizapi Kizapi tuka mra
ehan tan han eka wairui he ean tan
yan sdon wazetui

He han Antoine Renville conwinther
Mary he mar koca wowapi eye ei
hna ke ei gon na han rui to himi
wowapi gupi ui he ean he de han
gupi nina on eipi tuka nize he
eye ei hna ke he ean ake de han e la ge
ei con nina on eipi makaha ~~can~~
can mda ska awa he la tuka nina man
ga jin ga can kora ee he ean te han awa
ki kti ui nina ee ga tipsi te han
wa heder xan kti ui

ya very truly
John B. Renville

1863

J. B. Renville

J. Riggs



Portsmouth Sept. 25. 1866

Dear Brother

After an absence of between 5 and 6 weeks, I am now at home in Portsmouth on the 15th of Aug. I left on a visit to Pittsburg and whilst away, spent a few days in Mercer County at our Cousin Rev Cyrus B. Riggs' - he is a preacher in Clarksville a village of some 500 inhabitants, near the Pitts & Erie Rail Road, about 75 miles from Pittsburg - I do not recollect whether I wrote to you after my visit there or not, or indeed whether I wrote at all whilst absent, as I did not suppose you would return from your Western tour before the 15th of Sept. -

Having learned indirectly that Martha (your daughter) expects to visit this part of Ohio in a few weeks, and perhaps you or some others of your family may come with her my object in writing now is, partly to request that she will come directly to our home

that is to Stephen, with whom I live, — and also any other that may accompany her —

She will, at Cincinnati take passage in the Portsmouth & Leg. Packet, on which Stephen is 1st Clerk, and which leaves the Wharf at the foot of Broadway, at 12 O'clock, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday of each week — She will probably pay a visit to Bro. Moses' family at Loveland before coming up, and as he knows the Boat & place of landing will go with her, should she be alone in her journey —

I found & left, Harriet & family all well, on my visit to Allegheny; Martha Robinson with her daughter Genevieve, came down with me, intending to spend some 6 or 8 weeks here —

Eliza Jane Robinson & family having returned back from Illinois, in the beginning of summer, did not succeed in getting a house until the 1st of Aug. And then only obtained a small one, much less than they had been accustomed to live in for many years —

We have no local news — except that for which we ought to be grateful to the kind

Providence of Our Heavenly Father, which has kept the Cholera away from us — being so near and having daily intercourse with Cincinnati we had many fears that it would come, and several, who had it, or had died on the Boats were put off here, but I do not know that one case, originating here, proved fatal, —

In St Louis & Nashville, where it has prevailed more than in any other Western Cities, the former theory that it is worst on low situated localities seems to be established, or at least very much strengthened —

Brown, who had, as he supposed located in Nashville last fall, left there last week and has returned to Pittsburg, — I did not see him on his way, but in a letter recd some weeks ago, he said he believed a northern man could not live safely in it — as the rebel spirit was becoming very intolerant & rampant, since the President had turned, to the support of traitors — thus he did not think of leaving on account of Cholera, but I presume he may have expedited his departure on that account —

The Election Campaign is progressing ^{very} favorably it is believed in Ohio — and in Penn^a, at least the opinion prevails in Pittsb^g — the Rad. Union party expect a decided Majority.

I think Johnston's Electioneering tour through the Country to Chicago & St Louis, has done more for the Republican Cause than all the speakers on that side could have done in the same time. "The Lord Rides, and can cause not only the worthy, but the foolishness of man to praise him; and can turn the Councils of those in repute for wisdom, to foolishness —

To me, however the future of our Nation is still dark, and I am sometimes inclined to think the Rock may still be needed, before the Nation will learn Righteousness —

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

L. Briggs

Mankato Oct 3^d 1866

Rev Mr Tiggs

Dear Sir:

I have for a long time intended to address you, and as you are doubtless aware of the position in which I stand towards your daughter Martha you will not be surprised at receiving a letter from me. I should have written months ago but circumstances connected with my business made me feel it best to wait until I could have something more certain to offer her before I conferred with her parents on the subject of our marriage. My business although homely in character and not altogether to my taste, brings me in a good living, and is the

best I could go into for the present, and I feel it is best to continue in it, hoping that as my means increase to find something equally remunerative and more to my liking, as it is now I think that I shall be able to give Mattie a comfortable and respectable home, and with that prospect and your approbation I will go for her early in the winter. My family are all prepared to love and respect Mattie very much, and as my father is a clergyman and has had many of the trials privations &c that ministers living in the country are subject to we have much more sympathy of feeling than had our situation been different. My parents have labored hard and

faithfully to educate their children in such a manner as would make them useful and respectable citizens. I flatter myself that I have the respect of the best part of the community here, and I hope by industry and perseverance and with the blessing of God to maintain the position I now occupy in society and in the church, thus making a happy home for your daughter who I so dearly love and respect. If convenient I should like to have a letter from you.

Yours respectfully &c
Wyllis H. Morris,

Andrew Willing



Central College Ohio.
Oct 6. 1886.

Dear friend,

Being unable to call on your family on my way to this State, as I did not know I would come, till it became necessary for me to use all possible expedition, I have feared you may think I had ceased to cherish old feelings of friendship. There are too many ties to bind our families together, the many years in which they were associated in the Dakota Mission, to be easily broken; the recollection of my Hazelwood friends will ever be green in my memory; and I would much regret, if any suspicion to the contrary should crop your minds. If I have failed to write as soon as I should have done, it is, because I felt unwilling to tax your time by seeking a correspond

ence.

In most respects my situation here is a very pleasant one. I think I have about as nice a set of young gentlemen and ladies to instruct as ever were gathered in a school. I have not one really trouble some pupil, scarcely any very dull ones, and nearly all are diligent in their studies. I teach a little over six hours a day and employ an assistant three fifths of the time. Miss Whithead (one of your Martha's Oxford friends) is assistant and a very efficient one. I have classes in Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Rhetoric, Latin and Higher Arithmetic, three classes (21 pupils) in Algebra.

The Text books here are new to me, and as I am not yet able to study as I used to, it is perhaps just as well that I have but forty six pupils to manage. Out of these twenty three of the gentlemen, and six of the ladies, room in the buildings owned by the

Institution. I have what I can make from Tuition and room rent, and I will make about enough to live on comfortably this Term. I think I will have a fuller school hereafter.

There is very little society here except old people and girls sixteen or eighteen who ^(the latter) consider Professors a dangerous class of beings, and take care to approach them with due caution. In this respect I feel considerably disappointed, as after four years of rough grinding I had hoped for an opportunity to polish a little. The church is very small and weak, but the minister Rev Victor W. King formerly from Sardinia is a most excellent man, and I find a very pleasant home in his family. There are several other very pleasant families.

Remember me to Alfred. Tell him I hoped I may be able to ~~prop~~ call at Lockport next time I go to Min

ness to. Should any of you come to this
part of the Country at any time it
will give me much pleasure to see
you. Much love to all the members
of your family also to Miss La Fram
boise if she is still near you.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Williamson.

Rev S. R. Riggs,
Beloit Wis.

Yellow Medicine
Antonia Minvella October 7. 1866

Tamakoce Mitakoda

Natasha

Reipa eija taha wahdi
ya deici eiyado heiya wam
tuka wana pte wanica aya
he on wanigita kin de yaigi
twikehta spea he on wotika
ya mdokutu ihonigam Tiwa
ka Taoyate kin onfuta wotika
iyohi wahokan wica wotika
tuka im ayoft xni se cece
tohimi wica waji dan
en upni wigan se ce ce
ake wicota shi ga oke tomara
ni hipi cwo tuka Tiwoka
he ia kayapi he on heisa na
ce spee do tuwe wahokan
micyapi kin hena wotikama
ce dan, ciji he on hipi ce
he heette xni wadaka ce
iya kayapi he on omwiciya

in are kti in he sa wa
anapite se eeee do.

ga Simon Lapitotaku
hri is aka xampi he is
toketu tanga sdon wayexni
wa cada mazaxa tipiki
macya wa i tuka zina wa
ka woka fi heu iya ma
kifi xni ya manta xni wa
hdi yaku do. ga wingan
is eya shini aka sdon
pitu wanjiki wowapi yau
uwa kiza eee sho hema hem
sdon waya e acicya kido
mazakutemani ix wicowa
gitama he is mazasan ki
hen wita ya onfi hecedan
kitama tanga onfi do
he om wa on kta tika
akes wakdi yakudo. skini
wanigstu kido. pte woin
ce cinhan yutapi terike
kta nace pta ma on.

hehen Capa wakpa da
hin dan makoca wowapi
was akan yabna ke cinhe
ihake on wa gu e sdungaye
wowapi wa tanka ga xo
ka Tankonsida. tiki i
yato ha uyapi ce yon
he wangi maya gu wa in
do. hema nige tanga onnipe
he on hofedo.

makaba woku wa mde kti
makogi yayapi hecya ga
nakon hecya pte yuke do.
wawaka wakte yau api hea
sni xni hen waji wakti
wa cin ga sni kinhan
pojikutagi hen wakdi kti
he cen on wowapi kin he
iyakibi kta nina wacina
toketa tokon wake in
overan tanga sdon
yaye. sho hema hecstus

Laka waka unxi antidapi
ya wasim tanga unyako
pido. ga okodakiciya deya
capi is nakon wasim
tanga unpidi. tura da
wa on yaza kapi xido
he on shimi toku waka
wopida wa kye ya mis he
ciza ya api shimi nuna
ciksuypido

Liyahwaka nitawa o es
wasim conte an mape
cizuz apido henana ofido
nitakoda waji.
Antoine Ruvillu

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 11. 1866.

Rev. I. B. Riggs,
Dakotas. - Dear Brother

I send herewith a copy of a letter recd. from the Committee of Indian Affairs, which will explain itself. Supposing that an early reply was desired, I wrote in answer that we must decline the proposal, saying at the same time that I would have written to our missionaries for their advice, if I could have done so without too much delay. And I added, "I see difficulties in the way of our taking charge of such a school which appear at present insurmountable." I have recd a 2^d letter from Mr. Cooley, in which he says, "If you desire time in order to communicate with your missionaries," "the Department will defer action in the premises and await a further reply."

In these circumstances, I propose to ask the opinion of the three ordained brethren in your mission. (Mr. J. P. W. will, of course, confer with Mr. Pond.) On receiving an answer I will write again to

the ~~Committee~~ of Indian Affairs.

I will suggest, however, certain difficulties which seem to me very serious.

1. The Indian Bureau is (& must be on the present plan) badly managed. It is largely at the mercy of spoil-lovers & spoil seekers. The Com^r is a rewarded politician; & he is to give place in due time to another like him. The successor is bound by no traditions; & he may not be careful to abide by contracts. We had a plain and simple agreement for the creation and management of an Ojibwa boarding school. We expended thousands of dollars on the buildings; & after it was fairly started, the new Com^r annulled the contract. Strictly he had a right to do this; but morally he had not. I came very near resolving to enter into no bargains with the Indian Department in coming years. Besides the instability at Washington, there is the interference, misrepresentation, &c. of the agents, who have given us more trouble than their chiefs. I know not but it is the law of these agencies that they

are to be meddlesome. When the Ojibwa contract was made, I refused to have any thing to do with the agents, & so the instrument was worded. But the influence & insinuations of the agent I could not countermine; and so the bargain was annulled. The Agent then made a new arrangement with Mr. Wheeler, less favorable to us: but he had the handling of the money. It was not long, however, that he had it; for we closed the school, though the agent & the Department professed to be very sorry.

2. What is to be the value of this English education to the Yanktons? In some cases (of decided advancement in civilization) such an acquisition may be valuable; but what are these English-speaking Indians to do with their knowledge? Judging from other experiments, they will be but little benefitted; & yet they will have an increased capacity for mischief, and I fear that they will use it.

3. How is this school to be manned? It will be difficult to secure eastern helpers; can you find them at the west?

And is it worth while to set a Dakota-speaking missionary to do such work?

4. The expence will be considerable. Though the Govt does what it promises, we shall have a large bill to pay. This is inevitable, if we may judge from the past.

There are arguments on the other side, which will readily occur to you. Bishop Whipple, I presume, will gladly take the school, (though I am not informed) & his influence in this direction will be increased. How much we should regret this, I am not prepared to say. He is in these parts now, denouncing the Govt policy without stint.

But I will not say more. I hope you will give me your best thoughts at an early day. I ought to add, however, that our Com^{ee} will be slow to enter into the plan. A "burnt child dreads the fire." Nothing but the united and decided opinion of your entire mission will induce them to try the experiment.

Very truly & fraternally yrs,

J. B. Treat

Please to give my kindest regards to your wife.

Dr G. S. M.

Saint Peter Min Oct 22 '66

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother

We were glad of
your letter and the information
it contained that Trubbia has
arrived at Hong Kong in safety &
health. We are in our usual health

and now with I send you
a paper received from Lun Keng
icze under date of 1st Inst with a
request that if I think right
I should tell you to translate
it into English and I suppose
he intends to have it published
also. I think it a pity things
should be so but am in doubt
whether any attempt to interfere
on our part will improve them
and yet silence seems like a
violation of the command.

Thou shalt open thy mouth
for the dumb. So as you think
but for I think you are wiser
in such matters than I am.

Amkanmize wrote from the time
of the lecture when he and others
were expecting to winter on the
Fur below Sir G. Wadsworth &
Chescombe, but I expect
he and the others to share
the 5000 dollars allowed by
Gov. for assisting the whites has
been apportioned by Bishop.
Whipple will be here before
long & a fair money.

A letter from John informs
me that Major Storie is moving
his establishment to the Soldiers
farm and will require the right
to winter near him or Basil
Crane thus keeping I hope
them in suspension a while longer.

At the same time with
John's letter I received one from
Dr. Treat enclosing one from
the Com. of Ind. Affairs a copy
of which you have doubtless
received before this time, & as
the Yankee Agent has declined
giving John a permit to
go, then am I rejoiced that one
be obtained from Washington.
I have written to Fort Adams
as it will take several years to
prepare the house for the Board
ing School and Indians will as
the I think be an excellent
house to host with thus chil-
dren to furnish ask the Com.
to furnish a house for John
to live in at the Agency, that
he may more than make
improving the mind of the
Yankee to profit by, the

school
While the town is building
and when it is near complete
to propose that the society
pay the entire cost of Boarding
and clothing the scholars and
the Broom furnish and support
the teachers but to leave this
matter undisturbed for the present;
I am not in favor of accepting the
terms offered but think it very
desirable that we have an op-
portunity of purchasing to them
think too and if a similar offer
should be made in reference to
the winter, think the Broom ought
to accept it and hope you will
say the same.

Yours affectionately
Thos. S. Williamson

I am proceeding very slowly with
your Poems at the 24th

OFFICE OF

DEAN & OTTAWAY,
STEAM PRINTERS,

148 LAKE STREET.

J. W. DEAN,
T. P. OTTAWAY. }

Chicago, Oct. 25 1866.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Beloit, Wis-

Dear Sir- I confess
to no little mortification over the execu-
tion of your order- But will explain as
follows- 1st we were obliged to order some
new type at the Foundry, which the Foundry-
men did not furnish for many days
2^d- Just when we had secured the type
I was taken sick, and no one in the
office felt competent to put the mat-
ter thro'. At last, the sheets were sent
to the Binder- who did his work and
packed them to ship, without reporting
the number of books- Then, there being
no written directions left in the office
as to the place of delivery, our men
shipped them to you- Thus, misfor-
tune seems to have attended them to the end.

J. W. Dean

Now, there is no way except to fill the order complete or refund a portion of the money. If you must have 600 books we must reset the type, and complete the order, according to contract. If $5\frac{1}{4}$ will answer, we will refund a portion of the money. (We ~~shall be obliged~~ presume of course your count is correct.)

Also, you may re-ship the goods at our expense, and we will deliver them to Rev. Mr. Humphrey. Thus we will try to do our work aright. Regretting that our misfortunes should cause you trouble, I remain, still,

Yours, Respectfully
J. W. Dean


Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK, }
Rev. O. EASTMAN, } SECRETARIES.
Rev. J. M. STEVENSON, }
O. R. KINGSBURY, ASS'T SEC'Y AND TREAS.
S. W. STEBBINS, DEPOSITARY.
No. 150 Nassau-st.

American Tract Society,

New York, Oct 31, 1866.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dear Sir

Your favor of
the 5th ult. was duly rec'd.

We ordered at once 600 copies
of Dakota hymns. They are
now ready for shipment. Please
say what disposition shall
be made of them.

Yours truly
S. W. Stebbins, Depy

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

REV. S. J. HUMPHREY, District Secretary,
51 La Salle Street, (Up Stairs.)

Chicago, Ill., Nov 5- 1866

Rev. L. R. Riggs

Beloit Wis

Dear Brother

Inclosed please find
nine dolls. (\$9.) handed me by Dean
Hottelway for the deficit of books sent
you. Had I not been ill
I would have looked after the whole
matter carefully. Mr. Dean has
explained to you. I believe the reasons
of the deficit. If you desire
money at any time I will send
it upon your order. Perhaps you
will like ^{now} the amt. you paid for the books.

Fraternally Yours

S. J. Humphrey

Rev. S. R. Riggs

New York, Nov. 10th 1866.

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John D. Hook for 1866

Nov 10 1866

J. P. Williams



Niobrara N. T.

November 12, 1866

Rev S. L. Riggs.

Dear Brother;

I was very happy to receive by last mail your favor of Oct 22. I have also received from Choteau Creek P.O. 75 A.B.C. Howari; and from Niobrara P.O. 163 and to the Indians I think there have been received 9 packages of each making 18, which altogether comes a little short of what you proposed sending here, though the missing ones may come in next mail.

You need not feel sorry that they did not come sooner for the last month the schools have not been going on nearly that long.

About six weeks ago we found out we would winter at Bazil Creek near Mr. Dodsons.

The Indians received their

goods about the same time and many of them soon after scattered off in different directions. About half of those left soon after moved down to the Bazil, all which so unsettled matters that one teacher after another threw up till none were left.

Six weeks ago today we came down to Bazil and looked out location for our winter quarters - about a quarter of a mile above Dodsons on the same side of the Creek. Week before last we so far finished one house that we all moved down into it. We have got the logs hauled and nearly all laid up for another one. We are building them nearly 30 feet apart and the intermediate space we expect to fill up for a school-house &c.

We are making dirt roofs after Dakota fashion and put into the side of a hill so that the back of the house may be banked up to

the roof, so we think they will be warm. The Agent says he has no idea of staying here longer than till Spring, so we do not want to go to any more trouble or expense than we can help. But it is a good deal of work to build any kind of habitation that we can live with our families over winter.

We have to draw the most of our logs six miles over the hills from the Missouri Bottom. And we made two trips to St Helena 50 miles or a little less for boards for floor &c.

You and father both have written to me about the Proposition in regard to the Gu-beton School, but I have not had any letter from the Comtee about it or heard anything else about it but what you and father wrote. If I do not receive any letter by next mail I will

write to Mr Frost about it.

I think it would be well for the Board to have some care of it, as the appointment of the Teachers and perhaps their support, but I would not like to have the Board expend very much of its means in the support of the children. But I do not know what the Proposition is.

I will write to you again when we get our schools all going here. I think the Indian Teachers will have to teach in their own lodges as there is no wood here to build houses and they are not willing to go into the Stone, and the Agent dont want them to cut the small trees here even for roofs. He has given orders for them not to cut any green timber except up in the hollows where it is Government land.

Give my best regards to all your family, and also those of my wife — I am
John S. Williamson

Saint Peter March 14th 1866

Rev. J. R. Briggs

Dear Brother

Your favor of
3 x 5th just came by the same
mail and are before me. I thank
you for your careful revision of a
part of my translation of Exodus.
I have looked over only a part of
your criticisms but enough to
satisfy me that I will profit
by them and the translation will
be the better of them. To get as good
a translation as possible of the
Sacred Scriptures for the Lakotas
is my most ardent wish, and
I doubt not yours also. It is
not to be expected that we will
be alike in all things and
where we cannot each in what
the translator must follow his

judgment after careful
 considering the views of the other.
 The two things in which we differ
 most and cannot become of one
 mind are the spelling of proper
 names and the order of the words
 in a verse or sentence. You write
 "It seems to me that the living
 word should be kept in its position
 as well as meaning." I admit that
 this is proper where it can be done
 without obscuring the meaning.
 But the idioms of the two languages
 is so different that in many
 places it cannot be done. To
 me it seems wrong when there
 is no obscurity in the Hebrew
 and the sense can be clearly
 expressed in our translations not
 to do it though by so doing
 we should transposition every word
 in the verse. We misrepresent

God's word when ~~when~~ we
 make it obscure when he has
 made plain. In many places in
 the Psalms you seem to me to
 have done this some of which I
 have marked but as you know
 edge of Dakota is better than
 mine I hope I may be mistaken
 and that may be clear to others
 which is obscure to me.
 In regard to proper names the
 Messrs. Pond and I before you
 came to the country agreed that
 in writing the language we would
 use no silent letters but have
 a character for every sound in
 the Dakota language and that
 each character should have
 one uniform sound. I subse-
 quently consented to vary from
 these principles in several instan-
 ces but I now doubt whether any
 of these variations are improve-
 ments

I after careful consideration
endeavour to follow these principles
in writing proper names
with the additional one of pre-
serving as far as practicable
all the distinctions which exist
in the original and abiding
such consonants or combina-
tions of consonants as do not
exist in the Lakota language,
and cannot be spoken by
them. In a very few names I
have varied from these principles.
Mr. Remond's objection to letters
as we speak it that to Lakotas
it would always suggest an
obscene idea and on that account
I told him I would write it as the
French speak it. I think critics
generally agree that while our
translation is one of the best in ex-
pressing the sense it is one of
the worst in expressing proper names.

I send her with another
portion of your Balm with my
criticisms. Various hindrance in
preparation for winter has prevented
to me from progressing in them
as fast as I hope.

My views in regard to Finken
Säilge's letter are similar to what
you express.

I have written for one third of
the Hymn books as you suggest.
I doubt whether there will be any
opportunity of selling them this
winter after they arrive.

I have a recent letter from Mr
J. B. Remick. He is in trouble,
With great toil and expense he
got up lumber to build him a
house but so late his brothers in
law could not at least have not
built him the house and he was
thinking of trying to build

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a log cabin to winter in
and was out a money and
Mr. Hall who is then some
two weeks ago says his brother
in law living near him
was offended at him and his
wife because he went on that
trip with us last summer.
Mr. Ellershall has come to
practise to us but left his furn-
ish in Ill. and some from he
will leave us because of the
difficults of getting a suitable
house Mr. Ellershall says some
the rest of us are in usual health

Yours affectionately

Geo. S. Williamson

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G. H. Bond

Bloomington Nov. 20. 1866

Mr. S. R. Rigg

Dear Bro — I rec'd your favor dated at Crow Creek in due course of mail, but did not acknowledge it at the time because you were journeying. I was going to wait till you should reach home. So I never wrote.

I hoped to see you at Stillwater but circumstances would not admit of my leaving home at the time of the meeting of Synod. in my estimation. I wonder if we shall ever meet again on earth!

I suppose you have learned before now that George died at "Lan" last month of Cholera. It made me feel sorry, but I have no doubt that God has done it in wisdom & in goodness. I have been enabled to take such a view of it, that for the most part, I can feel submissive but once in a while, for a minute my spirit sinks. I did not

know, till he was dead, how much I was expecting from him. I find, though I longed that he should belong to God & serve him, I did not expect Him to take him so soon to another world.

But he is gone, & I am glad to see so much evidence that he has left a good impression behind him. Perhaps by his death God will speak with more effect, than he would by a long life. It is said of Abel, that being dead yet he speaketh.

We are well - Suppose you hear from Isabella. Please remember us to her.

Mr. P. & the children unite with me in love to you all

Yours &c

G. H. Pond

Beaver Creek Nov. 27/66

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Wishonkawau^{ki}

Akumukawauwapi'eicaye
Antoine Neville he wowapivie
& manx. Patent wowapi'tohini
gapi' xui' gun hege ei' cahta' lin
St. Peter's Land office, heh'waca
mougatka gupapi' xui' hega
pi' ga' wowapi' mitegapi' wawa
pi' kin he den v wakhake he cen
nix wandahe tte

Description of
land located by Rev. S. R. Riggs
Jt for Moy Neville, viz,
The E 1/2 of the SE quarter of
Section Eleven in Township
113 West of Range 35 - W.

Contents of tract located
80 Acres. No of Desc. —
401, C

Scip located No 401 B, is
upon N.W. 1/4 of S.W. quarter
of Section 12 in Township
113 N of Range 35 W
No of Acre 40.5

He has Mangahinrahah
rin ongledan onkapisui
Toketsta ongledan onkapisui
has tihut Pejishuitawien
sta tihutsta ge lin has agewa
vikt

He has Koxka was I.R. Riggs
Tawingamwaji. wicigapi haw
wapi wicigaga Odowamwa
wapi wjika wakti lin has
man Gassta Kins he lin lin
waki gassta was waji Kins
hegapi tu Kins was lin man
Gassta wawapi' xui

Wawige Kins de Pejishuitawien
Kintawia wicota wapi Kta
ga waktan Kta Kta apa wapi

sewa ohimie Kta wicota Kta
ga waktan Kta wicota Kta
he tipiwicota was Titaw Kta
he en tipiwicota tu Kta tu Kta
gas he tipiwicota Kta wicota
tu Kta en tipiwicota Kta ohimie
waktan Kta Kta Kta

Wicota ^{waktan} Kta wawaji, Charley Hall
wicigapi he wicigaga Kins
Pejishuitawien wicigaga
tu waktan gas wicigaga
dun was ga ake Kins he Kins
waktan ake wawaji wicota
ge ga ake Kins he Kins
owasin wawagaga wicota
gas wicigaga Kins, tu Kins
ptawige tu Kins de Kins
tawigaga waktan ^{ptaw} wicota

Yours Truly
J. D. Kins

Miss M. L. Dyer

Nov. 1866

Inst. for the Blind,
Columbus, Ohio,
Nov. 27th

1866

Dear Mrs. Biggs.

Your note is recd.
I am so glad that our dear Isabella (for
she and I are such friends that I can
say our) is at last in her chosen home.
How far away she seems, farther to you
and to her father than to any others.
Accept my warmest thanks for the
reading of her journal. I have enjoyed
it so much, & I read parts of it in
Chapel to the blind pupils, who were
greatly interested. I want to keep up
correspondence and will if I get some
sheets ready to send before I hear
directly from her, send them to Beloit
to be sent with yours, if not too much
trouble. I of course pay part of the
postage. Can you tell me how to
direct to her? She will probably

write to me however + tell me all
about it. How much I would like
to have her watch, but am not
able now to buy it. My summer
trip cost me so much that I am
not yet out of debt. If I felt sure
of good health until next June, I
would borrow the money and send
for the watch, but I don't dare.

If it is still in your possession in
six months from now, + you ^{still} wish to
sell it, I hope I can then take it,
but hope for Thomas' sake, that you
can dispose of it before that time.

My lady friends here all have watches,
I will write my sister in regard to it,
but feel quite sure she is not able to buy
it. I had such a short talk with Martha,
was sorry not to see her longer.

How much you will miss her, but if
mothers have daughters they must
give them up. Remember me to all.
Bell + I have talked so much of you
all that I feel very well acquainted.

Your friend Mary C. Le Due

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Bro.

Your favour of Sept. 16th was received in

due season, and it would have been acknowledged long ago but for several reasons. I was hoping that we should know, somewhat definitely, what the Indian Department will do as to the Winnebago School. (They had agreed to place it in the hands of the Episcopal Bishop, but afterwards suspended further proceedings in that direction.) If the Winnebagos are to be added to the Omaha under our Board, our plans must receive some modification. I was also a little under the impression that a good brother might perhaps be available, who has some knowledge of the native language - of this I cannot say more, except that I have now no hope of it. And I must own that another reason of delay was my hardly knowing what to write!

In general I sympathize strongly with your views about labours for the Indians (and for all other races) in their native tongue. It is the best way - I am almost ready to believe, it is the only way - though certainly examples can be cited of great usefulness by means

I will send you a copy
of the Record for Oct. & the
Remarks for the Indian Affairs
page 230 of our printed paper
you latterly received.

Nov. 28. 1866

of interpreters. In the long run, however, and for the highest measure of usefulness, the native language must be employed. And so it was on the day of Pentecost. So it has been, ever since. Whether we can carry something of this sort into effect among the Omahas remains to be seen.

As to learning their language to writing - the tribe being so small, their youth is likely to learn ^{some knowledge of} English, the expense of printing books is great - I do not feel quite ready to adopt your suggestion. Especially if the Nebraska remnants of tribes are before long to be removed to the Indian Territory, where they will eventually become a good deal mixed.

And I am compelled to write in so much haste that I fear my letter will be unsatisfactory. ^{And I} write, in fact, to show my interest in what you have written - and to say further that it will give me great pleasure to hear from you at any time. Your views will always receive the best consideration we can give them.

I have felt grateful for the good and remarkable work you were permitted to engage in among the poor Dakota at Davenport. - With kindest regards,
Yours very truly
Wm. L. Bowie

Messidota miss Dec 1. ^{ht} 1866.

Tamakoe Mitakoda Nakaha nomapi lilage
takurumaji Epakte Odoran nomapi Kagapi Kin
Nakaha Chukeran nomapi magu ankani
omakizake mazaska mrazanpi kinlin he
imanga ankani Tamakale gyzukizakta le isye ga
hean nomapi lilage Odoran nomapi Wiste
aparinge 100. Kagapi Kin Kestanchan nuziji
macinga mazaska nuziji cicudo

Samuel R. Riggs Tansinjan nuziji huzijede
hutan nakan Wicasta nom Odoran nomapi
Wiste linpi Kuzapi Wuzistkin nuziji mazaska
nuziji nicudo Mahipizarnakunge. mazaska nuziji
nicudo hean mazaska yamini uelido nomapi
dean Messidota Kin le amantkanmapi ee
hean den uzaya ankani pidassuzakizakta tka
Samuel R. Riggs Tansinjan nuziji

Wuzistkin nuziji mahipizarnakunge
hutan nomapi nakan wiste nuziji nuziji
tuka hean nuziji mazaga ankani pidassuzakizakta
tuka midokohan tonmaza yuzkanpi
en nuziji ghan ohirisi Wakantanka oi omila

ni mukisillake ga Chapissiduta nina amakiza
do ga etke den titoni tipi turka obinni
Wakuntanka vi amicanukisillake amakiza
amasin cikonyedo nio mizyeksuyekta nuncinelo
Shenunuepke mihonkananji nupicinyedo
mihonkananji

Samuel R. Riggs Taninyanmanjin
henniyedo

Mitakolla nomapi mukun muste munji nuncin
turka do ~~not~~ tekesta ilukam nakajijirakte do

Samuel Riggs
1866

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"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10.

We have sent books & Express.

My dear Mr. [unclear]
Our kind regards to all
your family

Yours faithfully

J. S. [unclear]

Dear Mr. [unclear]

([unclear] [unclear] [unclear])

I have just come
back from a visit to some of the
places where I have been
examining the remains of the
ancient people of the
west probably for some time
back in most places where I have
succeeded in obtaining a number of
interesting and valuable things
I hope some of them will be
of use to you and will
be especially fine in collection
It is I think rather more than
a week since I received your last
letter and I am sorry that
I have not been able to
reply to it more quickly
I am very truly
Yours
J. S. [unclear]

Potatoes as well as corn in the
valley were much injured by the
early frost. There were some that
were killed, for 15 or 20 and
buried in the snow. The corn was
also killed in some places. The
potatoes were all killed. The loss was
of 100 bushels in the valley.

[illegible]

Ministry House, Bristol

Dec. 17. 1866

Rev. L. R. Pugs,
Belmont, Wis.

Dear Brother,

Yours of Dec. 6th

and the express package duly rec^d - Thanks
for your prompt attention. The books came
in time and have been sent off. Charge
any expenses to the Board in account -

Yours sincerely
N. G. Clark.

P.S. I am glad to hear of the pleasant
and speedy passage of Mr. & Mrs. Williams
to China. What a world is springing up
there for Ministry efforts! - C.

Suribauitt Dec 26 1860

Samukole noihon kamunapi
manufi ciage minurina
manji main turka & bus kedan
minurina man mankan
yus mukisjater ke inarmanfi kin
kan turmatun yon naito
ke idur kanga iponilipi kin
kan Suribauitt in manin
makamitancean kin manufi
yager main minurina
ken opido makam madoze
kta mainido ok kelan
ciyapi ~~ok~~ Ester Walker
gi tkadimuluta nira manna
mesinlote kta mainlodekte
manufi man yuga kin kan
man nadoke kta kaguna
makam turka turka sica
anias iken man anizan
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Saint Peter Dec 27 1866

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother

Though the
last letter I have received from
you came before my last was
sent to the post office there are
several things in your letters
which are before me to which
I have as yet made no reply.
1st I do not feel the embarrass-
ment you speak of in refer-
ence to the Lib. avowed pictures
that there are many such I
doubt not but as the Lib. has al-
so an in the habit of using them
future as an etext I would sen-
der all such in the Lib. fu-
ture without hesitation Owing
to the 1 concern I have some-
times doubts whether the Lib.

is to be taken as future or
have and in such cases follows
some translation.

I feel truly thankful to you for
so carefully reviewing my transla-
tion so far and am persuaded that
your criticisms will enable me
to make it much better than I
otherwise would have done though
I do not yet see my way clear
to adopt them all.

I have supposed that it is much
more common with Lakotas to
say *aga* at the end than *haya*
at the beginning. I am confi-
dent this was the case with Mr
Remond Sen and I have done so
to be idiomatic though it was
not so convenient. As you
say the one is as good as the
other and I have more confidence
in your memory and observation
I will in copying alter many

of them how many depends
on inquiries which I purport
to make.

In regard to *gon* and *cigon* I
have long been confident that
following a verb they ex-
press a pluperfect tense not
simply past time. The the | trans-
lation but one form for imperfect
perfect & pluperfect tense are
perhaps experienced in inconven-
ience from it. But our English
version is greatly obscured and
sometimes seems contradictory
as in Exodus Chapter 11: & 12. by
neglecting to use the pluperfect
tense I am unwilling to imitate
them in this feeling it a duty
wherever anything is clearly
expressed in the original to express
the same equally clearly if possi-
ble in Lakota without regard to
the order or number of the words

and in most cases it may be
easily known whether the verb
is used in the imperfect perfect
or pluperfect tense by consulting
the context and I do not purpose to
use the pluperfect except where
it seems to me clear that it
ought to be used.

In reference to the manner of ex-
pressing my God your God his
God that I have always felt
at a loss The Misses Pond told
me not far from the time of
your coming to the country
that the possessors *mita mita*
ta & *ta wa* did express proper-
ty, not relationship and I have
never to my knowledge heard a
Sakto use them otherwise and
it has always appeared to me a
olicism when they are joined to
Wakantanka for I suppose *mita*
and *ta* possessive and

plain to God express relationship not property, for I cannot conceive how finite creatures can have property in the Infinite Creator. Over the lip as I know not how to express the idea I have not felt satisfied that you should so use them and have sometimes done so myself hoping that thus we might in time learn the proper mode of expressing the idea but I do not feel that I have yet attained to it and as though translations of the Scriptures containing these expressions have been published in the Dakota language for nearly 25 years I have more remembrance of ever knowing any one except you and myself use them I am unwilling

to use them longer without
other authority,

As regards substituting paha
for hi I think I shall do it in
several places but not in all
for I suppose Horeb was the name
not of a paha but of a range
including a number of them and
where God tell them that they
should worship God in this mount
I think paha would be impro-
per for they were forbidden to
come near or touch the paha.

I have nearly finished copying
Exodus to the end of the 12th
chapter and thought of sending
it to you with this letter but
I wish to look it over once or
twice more as I find errors
which I can correct myself,
which create my note in
making my own translations

so I think I will copy in
or two chapters more and do
what I can in correcting and
then send to you an answer
the looking over of the last
part of Psalms. If I get
some more of your criticisms
before copying the last half of
Exodus they may enable me
to correct sundry errors while
copying.

We thank you for a sight
of Sabillas letter which I
have with return.

John wrote to me about a
month ago that they had
just moved into their new stone
cove house to feel & hear an
even well pleased with it.
He is in usual health
have cold weather but no
snow.

Much love to your family
etc.

Yours Affectionately,

Thos. S. Williamson

1866

J. S. Williamson