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J. D. Phillips

Nebraska J. D. April 5, 1864

Rev. S. P. Rice

My Dear Friend,

I send you an

inc. attachment of my corrections on

I have so much else to do that I do not get along looking over them as fast as I would like. I now send you up to the middle of the 18. Ps.

Your letter of March 15 I received last Saturday. It is decidedly good news, and the Indians are all rejoicing. Your letter is the only information that has been received of it but except that the Chicago papers noticed that they were to be removed there to Titankahie.

Because the agent has not written there appears he is coming home so soon he thought it was not worth while.

I do hope the Government will use a little dispatch about moving them. But the Mississippi has not broken up yet. Leaves crossed yesterday. The prairie is pretty generally covered with snow yet though the last 4 days the ~~stra~~ creek has been swollen with the melting snow and it is over slopping about our houses. I do not think they can get ready to leave here before a month.

J. D. Phillips and I wish to know what your expenses were to Washington, as this we are sure they are paid. We are very glad you went

the 2nd and I have not settled on our place
for summer campaign. Perhaps we shall leave
our families here and go up with the Indians &
pick out location & build a shanty, and then
come back for the rest. At all events we
shall try to get everything moved up as
soon as practicable.

We do not know how much building we ought
to do this year because we don't know how much
we ought to ask the Board to do for us at this
late season of the year. I should be glad of
your opinion in this matter as soon as you
can answer.

As we have something looking towards per-
manency, I begin to think about having
another session starting at T'ombake next
summer. I want your thoughts on that also.
There are many questions for us to discuss.

You will understand one reason for the in-
creased pressure on my time when I inform
you that my family was increased by the
addition of a little girl on the morning of
the 3rd inst. a little before one o'clock. The
little corner weighed 8 lbs and with her mother
is doing well for all which we are very thankful.
With my kindest regards to your wife & all the rest
Yours Tr S
John P. Williams

Mr. Hunt

Miss. Housa, Boston,
April 8. 1867.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Beloit. - Dear Bro.

Bro. J. P. Williamson
has sent me the paper which I
herewith transmit to you. It
seems to be carefully prepared, I
have no question as to its accuracy
But it may be best for you & Dr. W.
to read it, perhaps you will wish
to add some things, (tho I do not
request this) in which case it
would be the statement not of J. P. W.
but of the mission. Please to forward it
to Dr. W. I will write to him.
In the present state of things,
(I have recd news of March 12. & 18)
what is best to be done? Shall I
send the statement, - changed or un-
changed, - to Bro. Whipple with a remon-
strance from the Com^{tee}? or is something
else better? ~~Please to forward the~~
~~statement to Dr. W. & to Bro. Whipple~~
~~with a remonstrance from the Com^{tee}.~~
Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treadwell

Dr. W. thinks it better to send Bro. Whipple the paper on missionary interference, adopted at Pittsfield, with a letter setting forth certain things, & yet so as to avoid a quarrel.

The Dr. is also anxious to go into the teaching of English, as a means of leading off the Whicopers. It may be best; but I hope it will not be necessary. Indeed, I have a great dislike to running a race with such men. It seems to me a most unseemly sight.

I spent 5 days in Chicago next week. — Monday to Thursday. I attend the ordination of the five missionaries. If you wish to see on mission matters, come, on arrival of Mr. Humphrey, (51 La Salle st. where I am).

Very fraternally yrs

Central College Ohio

April 20th 1867.

Mrs Mary A. L. Riggs,

Dear friend,

Thank

you for your kind letter, and
kind invitation to visit you which
I would take much pleasure in doing
but think I will not go to Minnesota
this summer. I often speak and often
think of you with pleasure; and there
is nothing which more delights me than
that I can do something however little it
may be, to mitigate the cares of the
friends of my childhood in their declining
years, and I will say that I am better
able to appreciate many of these friends, as
my enlarged experience, enables me to
understand points in their character
which long baffled me.

It is vain to spend our time in idle regret

yet it often seems to me I would like to live over the past in the light of the present.

I remember with lively feelings of gratitude a letter you once wrote me, criticising my manners. It is true that in some respects I was perfectly aware of my faults, but could not amend them, and in others I was too obtuse to understand you, but the interest you manifested in me by writing the letter and the respect you showed by taking pains to word it so delicately, were a species of flattery (as I may call it for want of a more appropriate name), which both pleased me, and by giving me more confidence, enabled me to understand you a little better, and aided me in overcoming the faults you spoke of. Besides all this it often set me to thinking.

I know I did not understand you and your girls I think you but half understood me. I know I was not near so cordial and friendly as I ought to have been with you. It was almost impossible for me to appear friendly

on account of my cowardice. I don't think I am a coward in Physical danger. It never made me tremble to face the enemy. I don't think I am afraid to face public sentiment in advocating such views as I believe to be right. It did however cost about all the energy I had to keep from trembling when I attempted to shake hands with you or your daughters, and so great were the blunders I was constantly making, that I presume more from this than any other cause the idea entered my mind that you looked down ^{on} me, an idea I would scarcely acknowledge even to myself, but which constantly irritated me, and thus I can now see exercised an almost pervading influence over my conduct in little things. When you think of these little things, please remember them as the ripples of a troubled surface, for I do not believe there ever was a time when any of your friends would have proved more faithful in a real emergency, had there been such a test.

If there is anything in these explanations which jars on your feelings it is not intended and you must lay it to my lack of propriety not to my heart. The pen expresses the naked thought but it requires the voice and eye to breathe into it the breath of living feeling.

In some respects I am well situated here. I do not enjoy those advantages in society which I need both for pleasure and recreation and perhaps yet more for improvement. The people are such as I do not easily become acquainted with. My income is not such as I ought to receive for the hard work I am doing, and my energy is so fully used up by the labors and cares of the school that I cannot improve myself by study and reading, and much of my time is frittered away in hearing claps of two or three. I should not have come here had I known what I was coming too. Yet I trust

that all things will in the end be for the best. Having a class of young men from the Country who are very impressionable I can exert a very great influence over them. I have but forty pupils this Term but over twenty of them are young men away from home influences, and all appear to confide in me, and thus it is very possible I may exert a much greater influence than in many more prominent positions. We have no minister at present and on that account my hands are to some extent tied for I do not feel that I can exert that religious influence which is required in the school. No one here has ever found a particle of fault with me to my face, perhaps it is just as well I don't know what people say about me behind my back. Though it rather takes me by surprise to find myself so situated here since I never was thus placed before.

Very love to all the family.

Your sincere friend,

A. W. Williamson

Mrs Mary A. L. Riggs,

Beloit,

Wisconsin.

April 1867.

A. W. Williamson

Constitution April 23 1867.

Rev. Stephen R. Riggs.

Dear Friend,

We received your kind letter, - half of which was addressed by your Lady, to Mrs. Burgess. We both feel very much obliged to you. My wife is not much in the habit of writing letters. She wishes me to say, she thanks Mr. Riggs for her kind remembrance of her. We are both sorry to hear of the death of that Good Man Mr. Eckley.

You truly remark, that the shades of Old age are now dense upon me. You did not indeed use the word "dense", but I thought it proper to put it in.

What a dismal period 72 years would bring, were it not for the light of Christ's countenance! But with that, we may cheerfully walk through the dark Valley.

Our health is as good as could be expected. I can read yet, and write a little; though I am not certain that I could read my own autogram, if it were cold, before I saw it. You see, I know the

difference between autograph and
autogram. Autograph is I myself
write; autogram It is written by
myself. You see I have not quite
forgotten my Greek.

I read, at the rate of two chap-
ters a day, in Greek, Latin, and
English. I also, look over the ^{the} Cin-
dady Gazette, and Greeley's History
of the great Rebellion etc. etc.

I require an extra nap each day.
I am somewhat troubled with
Asthma; and I feel a little as
I suppose a horse does, when he
has the Staggers. Yet I can walk
about, and still, criticize other
folks; and I have no doubt the fel-
low criticize me.

I would write to M. M. Longley but
I suppose he has already my thoughts
arising in his own mind; so that
if I wrote to him, there would be noth-
ing new. He and I almost always
agreed. Though he was better tempered
than I. I believe I am not so easily
made angry as formerly. He was
better tempered than I. If you, or
Mr. Riggs should write to him;

please present to him my very
sincere regards. I remember his
admonitions with gratitude. He was
more even tempered than I.

I should like to hear from him.
I am too old to write much,
but if he will write, to me, I will
endeavor to answer him.

Give my respects to Mrs. Riggs, and
request her to remember me to
her Brother.

We all send our kindest re-
gards to Mrs. Riggs, and your fam-
ily.

Your old affectionate Friend

Dyer Burgess

P.S. Issues tautology and error of
and old Logy. D.B.

Mrs. Pettigrew
April 1867

April 26. 1867

My Dear Mrs. Riggs.

I was very glad to receive your letter I have thought of you often the past winter & wished to hear from you, but it is much harder for me to write than it used to be & I have been in debt all the time for letters received. I owe several letters now but will answer yours first.

I thank you for the dollar I was owing half of it. I have the other half yet. We were all glad to read Isabella's letter. We received a paper with a letter from Mr. W. in it I had no doubt some of your family sent it. When I heard Isabella

Was going to China I felt very sad
I wanted to see her. I felt it would
be a relief if I thought she remem-
bered me & would believe how
much I thought about her I was
gladly surprised to get a letter
from her with her own & husband's
likeness in it It did me a great
deal of good. & I love to think I
have a dear friend in China. I hope
& pray that she may be very use-
ful there. A few weeks ago Mr
Pellijohn was at Sister Huggins &
Martha & her husband came there.
How glad I should have been to be
there too. There has been more sick-
ness around here this spring than ever
I knew. I believe none have died but
a great many have been very sick
chill & fever & the worst cough I ever
knew. The worst of it is they don't get
well. Mr P. has had it for about 6
weeks & he coughed last night so
he got little rest. He was the sick-
est I ever saw him at first.

He has been trying to work for
a week or more but I fear he
will have to give up again.
Laura taught a six months school
the past winter she had a hard time
she boarded nearly a mile from the
school & had no one to break
the road for her. & she made the
fare in the morning. She has not
been well since I feel anxious about
her. May 4. Yesterday we received
a letter from Mr Pond. telling us
Jennet is dead she died the 4. of
April. I feel very sad I know they
feel so lonesome without her.
She had no fears of death & re-
joiced to saying she hoped to see
them all in Heaven. It is 4 years
since. Our darling Alice died. &
yet I think of her at every turn.
Oh how glad I am that there

is a place where parting tears
will not be shed. If all our
dear ones were striving to
walk in the way that leads
there I should be very happy.

My health is pretty good. I am
not strong & it keeps me busy
to do my work & keep our
clothes in order but I have done
it all without hiring help. We
have a little girl 9 years old. She
lived here 1 year while her father
was in the army & last fall
they let her come again. I don't
know how long she will stay.
Mr. P. still coughs hard. But he don't
seem so weak as he did.

We are hard put to this spring to
get seed to sow & plant & food for
ourselves & horses. But I feel
sure the Lord will provide.
Mr. P. wishes to be kindly reme-
mbered to you all.
I have written with the family
talking all around & to me & I see
I have made many mistakes.
As ever your sincere friend F. H. P.

Miss Tillie McIntosh
April 1867

St. Anthony Apr, 26th
Mrs. M. L. Biggo

Very dear friend

Your kind note with dear Bell's letter, was duly received and should have been answered long ago. but frequent and violent attacks of neuralgia, and multiplied family cares, have sadly interfered with writing. Mr. & Mrs. Shute have been away from home eleven weeks, and I have had the care of the house and children. I have received word that they will be home tomorrow.

As we do not know Bell's exact address, Julia and I have thought it best to send our letters to you asking you to forward them to Bell.

If not too much trouble, I should like to have you send me Bell's address. I would like to write soon again, and with some other friends make up a half of letter, and send off from here.

Dear Mrs. Riggs we think of you
very often - and your dear family
and wish, most sincerely, that
you were with us again. You
have an abiding place in many
hearts here, and we miss you all,
specially. No one else, has come into
our church who, can, or does, in
any measure, fill your places,
though some additions have been
made to our number.

Mr. Sample is our idol, almost.
His sermons are a constant feast
and his daily life is so beautiful
and lovely. It is manifest to all
that he possesses, in more than an
ordinary degree, the spirit of his
Master.

Bell's letter to Sabbath Schools
was read to our school two weeks ago
after which I sent it to Mother.

It was a great delight to us
to have such a letter.

Can you excuse this miserably
written note. I have been "cleaning
house" today and my arm is so
lame I can scarcely guide my pen.
With love for each of your family
and a kiss for Cornelia. must close.
Lovingly always Willie M. Butsch

Brother J. G. Langley
May 1867

Canandaigua N.Y.
April 27/67

Mr M. A. C. Ruggs

My dear sister

I am now stopping
awhile at Clifton, until I am bet-
ter, from pain & cough.

I am in doubt as to the
future - as my things are all
lost. Do I understand you
cheer Mr Ruggs will leave the
first of June for the "Land of the
Lakotas"? Can he not contrive
some way in which I could
accompany him & pay my
way &c? I do not correspond
with Miss Strong or any other
body - except a very occasional
letter to family relatives,
It has made you ask

that question? Will you im-
agine in that way I heard
from Isabella or did you think
I ought to renew such pleasant
communications with some one?

I am certainly open to
conviction - and to impressions
from the right source.

I believe you spent a-
while at a Water Cure - They
have Water - Compressed Air
and all kinds of "Prother's" &c.,
besides a clever Christian Science
& modern Doctors & proprietors -
What did you think of such
establishments? Were you benefited
so much that you recom-
mend them to others, and
that you would like to try
one again?

I have some books -
though already somewhat

benefitted. But I have got
to stop & rest & recruit
& recover health, or soon say
farewell to all efforts for life.

I need a home with all its
privileges & joys - but must ex-
pect the Providence & Guiding
of the Divine Principle.

Keep me all yours
implicit confidence & trust -
and be found ready at his
command.

I remain ever
affectionately

Yours affly
L. G. Longley

Mrs Newcomb from Putnam
& Charles are here

Mr. Eastman

New York May 1. 1867

My Dear Sir

Your favor to
Mr. Stebbins with re
mitance is safe at home
and here with your honor
a receipt.

I am sorry to say that
I fear Mr. Boile's Amity
Old Stock is worth very
little, I know not whether
it is worth any thing.
He has a shadow of a
hope I believe that it may
yet be worth something.
But I think it doubtful.

to Hubbard says, we can ~~do it~~ ^{admit} it is
for you & your friends; and release the cuts if we
know what is suitable but we don't understand
the Dutch language.
Please allow me to ask
What lands and how much
you have been ~~been~~ paying
taxes upon? and where?
Mr. V. has been very
unfortunate in his
attempts, to increase his
worldly goods by ~~fast~~
purchasing lands re-
forced to be filled
with oil. I cannot
learn that there has
been any development
which indicates that his
money will be returned.
Most truly yours
O. Eastman

P. S. I intend
to send you some
more corrections
on the Indians
but the mail
has come before
I have them
copied. I will
send them some
to J. P.

J. P. Williams
1867

Siobara Nebraska
May 2. 1867

Dear Bro. Wigs,

I have been quite busy
of late or should have written to you
sooner.

Our community here has been in
continued state of excitement for the
last few months about what was to become
of us in the future. Some days after
we received your last letter from Washig-
ton letters were received from Mr. Starn
saying that we would remain here and
to get ready for planting. All that he
said about Titaukahn was that we might
hear rumors that we were to be moved to
the Big Sioux but that they were not true.
At the same time Mr. Krumm wrote to the
Indians here to be of good cheer - he had
succeeded in all he went to Washington for,
that we were to have a good country below
us on the Missouri River. And Mr. Smith

wrote to me Mar. 28 - "It is definitely
decided today that the Santoes are not
to be removed this summer. A treaty
will be made with them at Shiobare
in June or July." That was the
way our news came first up then
down. As old Wamansa said - "There
were two nights I could not sleep, one
for joy when I heard we were going
to Titankahn, one for sorrow when I
heard we were going to stay on the Missouri.
Then last week Mr. Kinman & the
Indians got home - the Maj. & I went
still back purchasing supplies. I
saw Mr. Kinman. He said the new
Commissioner very unexpectedly asked
him to take charge of the Indians & gave
him the money to bring them home be-
cause of Gov. Faulk's incompetency &
mismanagement. He said the Inds
came very near going to Titankahn but
as soon as the Deligation heard of it they
sent in a savage protest and knocked
it in the head. He says it is impossible
now to take them there - that Purlich

and the Dakota men have lost all
their influence by their knavery - that
the Minnesota, Iowa, & Nebraska rep-
resentatives have all allied themselves
together & will fight it, and it is
no use to oppose them. He says there
are only two places for them to choose
& that is Indian Territory & this place
including Breckridge Bottom. He
says the new Commissioner is a fine
man he thinks a Christian man, an
old Methodist Preacher. He invited
him & Wabashaw up to his house the
day before they left there & expressed
much interest in these Inds & desire
to do for them all he could. Supt
Donnan he says is also a good man
& he thinks they will get a liberal treaty
this summer.

Then as for the Indians, when Wabashaw
got home he had a beef killed and made
a long speech to his boys full of native
eloquence no doubt, as his sharp sayings
are on the tongue of all his enemies.
I have not time to repeat them but he

told how when the great yashon asked
him to go to Cross Creek, with the
Yanktons he refused, & then he
said he told me I might go to
Tita Kahu & the young men with
me refused very much but my
boys I did not join with them
for if we went there the Whites
would immediately send us to Devils
Lake, "ga Miniwakan ekta yeciyapi
kta tawaten ciciyapi sin' huan' hok-
sipidan wan' kin' tohinn' Minn'os-
a kasampa cae wabde kte sin' "

That's "Wapala heye do."

But he also said that just before
coming away the great chief called
him alone & told him that he was
going to give him 100 horses & 300
cows this summer & that when the
strawberry moon was big he was going
to send some men out to make
treaties. Then he told me there was
a good country down south where
the civilized Indians were & he
wanted me to go there. And if
not I should stay where I was.
So for me to go home & talk
with my boys before the Corn is
gone. So now boys I am done
& you can talk together in two's
& three's & decide where you want
to go. The Indians have taken
the liberty of thinking for themselves

and all of Wabashaw's big
words have not convinced them
that this is the best place
for them to stay. The young
men who were out say they know
nothing about what Wabashaw says
about Titankah. They were only told to
stay here till the Commissioners come &
then decide where they would go. So
they are making a league to oppose
Wabashaw & ask again of the Comm.
to be taken to Titankah. They
are circulating a paper with two
columns at the head of one Ti-
tankeah & of the other Minisota,
and the excitement was pretty high.

They are also talking of sending some men
to spy out the land & compare it with
Brokenridge bottom.

The Indians who have been scattered
around during the winter are now
gathering in. The most of
the Indians will soon be together.

I wish I could do something to
improve them. Our plans for home
schools last summer have in a
great measure failed. Yellow Medicine
though, nearly all gone, have kept
school the most of the winter, but
as yet their contributions will be a
small pittance for the teacher.

I am at a loss to know how to
work in the future. I feel that I
am not strong to breast the tide
of indolence selfishness & hardness
of heart.

I hope you & father will visit
us again this summer at what
time suits you the best. Perhaps it
would be an advantage to be here when
the Commissioners are here the 1st of July
probably. The Inds would then all be
here. On the other hand there would
be enough else there to think about be-
sides Religion.

My wife & little Minnie Lee are both
well now. We expect to take a trip to
Ill. about middle or last of August.
With kindest regards to your family.

John Williams.

S.W. Pond

Shakopee May 9th. '67

Dear Brother Briggs

I have received

your letter of May 3^d

Perhaps I ought to have written to you when Jennet died but ^{she} was sick nigh unto death and I had no inclination to write Judson had been sick about a week before Jennet died. He had an attack of lung fever I suppose but the chief difficulty was ^{bleeding} hemorrhage at the lungs, which I suppose was greatly aggravated by her death. He got out of bed and went up stairs to see her when she was dying which I think was an injury to him. I never saw a brother & sister so tenderly attached to each other as they have been

In a week or ten days he seemed more likely to die than live but for some time past he has been gaining slowly and is now able to sit up a little. Whether he is likely to be well again as he was before I do not know. Jennet had been feeble but very cheerful through the winter. About the first of April she was attacked by what we supposed to be a cold but which proved to be lung fever. She was confined to the bed four days before she and we did not think of her being in any immediate danger of death until the morning of the ^{day} on which she died indeed not until she was actually dying. Her mind was clear and composed and her voice strong and distinct to the last.

She had no time to say much after she knew she was dying but we knew her feelings for her heart has long been set on things above and her conversation was in heaven. About ten or eleven o'clock in the morning she said Is this dying? I said Do you wish to have the children called? She said yes I told her perhaps Judson was not able to come. She said Will I shall see him? I said you mean in heaven. She said yes. When they came she kissed them but did not say much to Samuel. She said Shall we meet in heaven? We love each other don't we? She asked Judson how he did. He said Better. She smiled & said "I shall be better some time."

she was much distressed for
health and once in a while
could throw up her arms sorrow-
fully and say O Father but would
become composed again im-
mediately I supported her
in my arms much of the
time and though dying she
would frequently ask if I were
not tired To the very last
she would take a tumbler
full of water and drink it
out any difficulty Not long
before she died after drinking
Lemonade she said This is
so good She appeared so
bright and full of life that
I feared she would suffer long
before she died and once when
she asked me if I thought
she was dying I told her

I could not tell I was afraid
that if she lived and suffered
long after I told her she was
dying she might feel disap-
pointed. She then said to
Mrs. Belljohu Lucy do you
think I am dying. If you
do you need not be afraid
to tell me It will not worry
me. She asked me if she
had any pulse I said no.
She looked pleased & said
I suppose that would trouble
some persons.

She said I hope I am — &
stopped with a smile leaving
the sentence unfinished. I
said you hope you are dying
she said Yes if it is may be
so I prefer to die.

Mr. Hilsclant sent her a

very just before ^{he was killed} ~~she died~~
and she wore it on her fin-
ger till she died I spoke to her
of some she would meet in
heaven and I believe I mentioned
her. She looked at the ring
very intently awhile then she
spoke of George.

Occasionally she would tie a few
moments with her eyes partially
closed and rolled up as a
person dying I supposed she
was dozing but as I watched
her while lying so suddenly
she opened her eyes with a
very interested animated look
and I said What are you
thinking of she said Fitz Green
He was her cousin a pious and
promising young man who
was killed in battle before
Petersburg

About two o'clock in the af

ternoon she said I need
not hold her any longer than
she could lie back a little
^{while} on the pillow I laid her
back and stood at the foot
of the bed anxiously watching
her while she lay with her
eyes closed for I feared
that the sharpest agonies
were yet before her I felt
that she was safe but I
dreaded the last agonies
But while I feared to witness
her sufferings as she crossed
the cold dark river she
was almost over the feet
were already touching the
eternal shores I observed a
sudden change in her appearance
and kissed her and said good
by daughter but she took no
notice of me she did not stir
again she gasped feebly a very

few times and was gone
home to be forever with the
Lord and I am glad that
the dear child is with the
Savior whom unseen she loved.
It would have been hard
to part with her if I had
not felt sure that it was
better for her to depart and
be with Christ.

There can be no eternal union
without a temporary
separation. Death seems to
divide us but it will finally
bring together all who love the
Lord. Here I have only cheerful
thoughts and grateful feelings
whenever I think of Jennet.
Please give my love to Mrs. Bixby
and the children.
Yours in Christian love
J W Pond

Dr. P. S. M.

1867?

Dear Sir,
I received your letter of the 10th inst. and
am glad to hear that you are well and
hopeful. I am glad to hear that you are
well and hope for a quick return to
your home.

Our spring here must be more
backward even than with you.
As soon as our ground would
be fit to plant, a month ago I
sowed some pea and corn. I think
or ten days later than some in
early spring in our garden but I
see now coming up in excellent
order. I have been anxious to
sow but common to sow in winter
as it was practicable to sow in winter.
We have now however the most
warm pleasant days and the soil
is breaking forth.

the winter I talk on road & seasons
are near the minutes of our presence
in which I had the satisfaction
of finding our ad, some number
to be taken in the day, but got as far
regarding them went to Saint Peter
and got a letter from an on which he
informs me that the Indians are to
remain there indefinitely. I can find
out nothing more even with the
the white people who are to be removed
to Sault Ste Marie. Some time after the
receipt of our letter, some of the
this information the agent David
Huffman all wrote that the Indian
were to remain when they are taken
later is about April 28, and it seems
neither Agent nor Indians had a
back. Huffman with a grandiloquent
letter to be read in his church stating
the Indians have told me that he has
succeeded in every thing he went there
for that purpose to get 300 cows and

100 cows this summer and that
they would have a good number, was
him and that Commissioner on his
own in person only to complete a treaty
with them. This is an error for
our fellow laborers then as for the
Indians and it makes me sad also.
The Agent has written to Brigham
whom we no longer have former pro-
posed to have all the objects
planted & he has commenced plowing
but the Indians have no heart to
plant where it is strong.
I suppose nevertheless, providing
permission we had better try to start
about the time first speaking of and
go first to the Chief of the Cohoan
and if Mr. Russell can accompa-
ny us have our first meeting
of perhaps some time on the
region as there is a man to speak
in when I suppose and others. It
about an hour previous to Mr. Russell

again I will write to you if
I can possibly do so as well as
in the region of Fort Hall with
But I suppose the object is to
know when the Commissioners arrive
that place and to do not expect
he can go to Fort Hall so the
project even to Polanka the
works he does not expect to come
to Minnesota till Fall and then
main for Seymour. You will write
to him what you think best to be done
I suppose we must get ready to
have Dayton here before the 1st of July
If rooms are as you say I think
perhaps it may be well for you
to purchase one at Detroit I think
they are not lower here than last year
and funds for sale and it will not be
easy to find one suitable for the work
as nearly all are overworked just now
I am in usual health
Yours faithfully Thos. Williams

At Rivelle Beaver Creek

23

May 20/67

Rev. J. R. Riggs

Mitok Kawauji
Aoka tu dar wowapi miye
caga wa maake ga ake
de eiga yapihi Kta na ei
he wa xte tika yapihi
xmi itokass mita xon ke oki
hihi kin has wafizata wa
i Kta wa ei nira a man hi dar
he on okini he ei wowi e ags
pi kin has woxte on ge owa
hihi Kta na e e pea he on ga he
ei wa i xte okini den yapihi
kin iye has wa hdi Kta na e e
Sihardmi den mi hda tika ito
Kas ipi kin e Kta To kin wico
ran tika dar oga ka na wa io
mi ga Da Kta on i kin he na
e den hdi ipi ga wo hda Kapi
tu ka he na he e e na han in
tan gas selon w a g e xmi ga Da Kta

ateyapi Rin he maRaka wati Rin.
dus war Re turka ix eya maRor.
makam rin, taku. tan ya. sdon
ye an: Reye he cen nix ektanga
Rin o Rin: nix ex tan ya sdon
yaga ma ce ce epla man Re
DaRota Rin he Tokan man Role war
jien owan ji oupi: Rte cin. kan
he kan mia eya om waw owaki
hi. Rte maRaka rin he om he to kan
ga star pi Rin RoRan na sdon
waya wa cin. turka
Rlekan mangakin ea je date cin
he eya DaRota tora Riye das om
pi Rin he epi: turka ohim: wofe
tor e kta ipi: ya mangakin mia
ape toupi maRaka rin Teri ka ka
gapi: he cen to kan owaki: Rte
makam rin sdon waye an:
~~ma~~ mia ake wowapi: mige eage ea
man Role tukte e turin. ake man
om Ri eizapi: Rte sdon ye mangakin
ye cin. kan. he e to
wowapi: ka manni: ee he om ei stin
na eila ge) Wakan tan. ka ta o Riye
pi en mi kon ka war ji) John B. Kenville

Indin

May 31 1867

Tamakoce Tinkankwanji
mdokikan makocce kin den yahi
gehan takin waji ocicigake isantanka
wiconan waji teriya ecumakiyapi
ga makocce kin owanca isantanka
wicaista ksapa sdonyapi hecen on
isantanka wicaista ksapa miksyapi
iyecce ga heon he ocicigake unkan
isantanka wicaista ksapa miksyapi
iyecce ca kehe ga heon isantanka wicaista
ksapa ekta miyeciduotanin kta wacin
ga mdokikan wowapi war yakagega
Tunkansidan ti kin ekta iyeyaye hecen
on ohinri ekta ewacanmi ga wowapi
waji magogu kta wacin ohinri warun
unkan nakaha ti tanka he kin heciyatanhan
waheli unkan wowapi nitawa waji
John P. Williamson yagu ga makigoke
ga newaron do Tuka hecen wicaista
itan can tunkansidan ti kin ekta wowapi

yazu kin hecen eya kehe wicaasta
kin he wicoran wanji teriya
ecori ga hecen isantanka ki ksuyapi
iyecca tuka hecen he wiye taku wazu
kta he wiye smi Ahicita tarokajirji
he itanhan taku gupi iyecca hecen
ahicita itancan ahicita mazestayuka
on kin he iwowapi unguupi do.

Hecen eya kehe hecen ahicita itancan
wicoran kin he ecumahiye gehan
hemahiye do. Tukte en ikcewicaasta kin
wicayawitayapi kin han en wai
kin han ciksuypapi kta ce eye do.
hecen dehan mihunkawanji ahicita
itancan kin he tukte en on hecinhan
~~wowapi~~ wanji yecage ga yazu kta
wacin ga wowapi kin de cicage do.

Mihunkawanji sina imiyecihukola
wacin do. Nisnana wacincige hecen
Ahicita itancan token eya nayarori
kin han omayakidohe kte do.

Mihunkawanji mitawacin on nape
cizuze do. Sawahinkpeota
Hemigedo.

Mrs. Sarah Hoge

June 1867

Manchester N.H.

June

My Dear Mrs. Riggs,

I am ashamed when I think of the length of time which has passed since I received your kind letter. I was suffering very much from neuralgia at that time & have been on the invalid list most of the time since.

I think this is rather unfavorable climate for neuralgia and rheumatism as I hear of a great many who are afflicted with it. We have no chills now for which I desire to be grateful. We had been suffering with chills for years as it was out of our power to get quinine to

break them. We sometimes
succeeded in keeping the chill
off for that time, by taking teas
made from different kinds of herbs,
roots, pine tops, knuks &c. but could
not break up the disease. We do
not feel that we are entirely
free from their effects but hope
to be ere long. This is a much
more healthy country than Ark.
but it is much harder to "make
a living" here, especially when
they are old and have to begin anew.
It takes so much heavy clothing
to keep from freezing, & warm
houses are very desirable although
very few have them here. We do
not feel the need of one just
now for the heat is oppressive,
but the summers are so hot
that we scarcely realize they are

here until they are gone.
It has been so long since I have
seen sister S. that I have been
able to leave very little respecting
yours or your fathers family. I
have often thought of them and
should be interested in anything
concerning them. I miss my
dear mother and sister E. so much
since my return to Iowa. When we
were here before they were both living
but I have the comfortable
assurance that they are where
the weary one at rest is Home.
I suppose you have heard of Thomas
sister of our father, because
I trust we shall be able to recognize
the Hand of our merciful Father
in them all. May He be leading us
to live nearer to Him & to bear the
few children (3) whom He has

Five precious ones have been called
to take a shorter road to their glorious
home in Heaven. I feel that they are
all safely housed there, where we shall
soon join them if we are faithful.

Many thanks for your kind token of
remembrance and may it be returned
to you a hundred fold. Please to

accept my love to yourself & family.
I shall always be glad to hear from
you whenever you can find time to
write. I feel that I am a very ~~indefinite~~
poor correspondent, but it gives me
great pleasure to receive letters from
my friends.

Yours truly

J. W. Hoge

9.4.11.

Dear brother Regys.

I have just received
your favor of 30th Ult. That of the 27th
came on Friday or Saturday. But for
reasons not necessary now to mention
has not been in knowledge. We deeply
sympathize with you in your af-
fliction, but it is doubly sent to
a kind Father who will make it
your good. We thank you and all
for the information you give us
of your situation. On the receipt
of your former letter, I was much
afraid you would not be able to
make the tour among the Indians
this summer but now hope you
will. I still have fears as to the effect
of your being out on the prairie.
I am now of opinion it will be
best for us to go and to be very
careful, then you will

know under what time you will be able
to go to Liberia. I had a letter
on yesterday from Mr. C. Renwick and
he says it will suit him better if
we go to Liberia first and he
will meet us at such time and
place on the line of the Colian as
we may appoint. The cold wet weather
has kept us back so much in our
farm work that I think it will
not be easy for me to get ready
to start much if any before the
end of next month. In the mean
time I hope to hear from you frequently.
I would like very much to have
you as a companion on the whole trip but
it has occurred to me that as you
can go to New City in about
the same time that it will take
you to come here perhaps you
may conclude to go there direct-
ly. If you think of doing so
you will of course inform me

Last fall I thought of getting a
one horse wagon made but find
now I would have to pay nearly
100 dollars for one like John's
which I own for three years. I
thought it better to run the
risk of buying when I should
want one and feeling somewhat
about what sort of one to get, have
not even engaged for one. If we
go together I think we should
have a two horse wagon bought
of course the roads are likely
to be worse than they have been
for several years past as a
great amount of rain has fallen.
Frank Stephens wrote to me
some months ago enquiring if
the carts go over with me and
he has since. I have just received
your letter enjoining me that
the Indians were to be moved
from exobara to Felenka he

can write to her accordingly.
I think of informing her by writing
direct to Christ more or less but
she will conclude to go along.
Mr. Barker of the Mahara mission
has been talking of going
with us for his health. But as
Miss White has consented to go with
him to India, it is probable
he will feel so much better
that he will not think a jour-
ney over the prairie neces-
sary for his health.

He is all in our annual health
and our neighbors like him
so far as I know. Mr. Lyman
Ellsworth is at Cambridgeport
with both our daughters
Mr. (Mrs.)

Yours affectionately

J. F. Hall

Dr. T. L. M.

June 2nd 1861

(Dear Brother Wm.)

6th day is before me. I have hoped
you would improve in health & better
than you seem to be doing. From
the account you give of yourself
I fear you will not be able to tra-
vel much on the prairie this sum-
mer but perhaps you may. But I
think it improbable you will be a-
ble to go to Ciceroy even if
you don't go to Wisconsin. I feel ra-
ther sad and homesick at the thought of
going alone that again of the
Indians but of the other I am
difficult of the war. If I learn that
there is any prospect of having your
company I will wait for you till the
middle of next month. I am perhaps
I may do it if I do no much ex-
ce-

some days ago I was in Saint Peter
looking for a wagon for our trip.
The only one found suitable was
sold. It was new made in Saint Peter
about one half heavier than the
others which I saw last year with
me in Chills and two seats no springs
for 90 dollars. Another offer to
rent me one like it made ready in
two weeks with one seat and without
the Chills for \$3. I thought it would
be just right for two horses but I
then heard for one especially when
there is no room. I think I will have
to engage a lighter one for one horse
as it is not probable you will be
able to go to Fort Hadsworth and
if you should one horse may be
out of order and I could not go back.
If you do not go I could use
I suppose we can have no more but
then as the General does not expect

to go there this year I am sure we
cannot afford to go on our present
salary which is so dear as a
present reward to me he wants me
as if in some of the time was
place near Fort Hadsworth with I do
not get so many letters from that
region as I do in the winter when
there I do get are not written to
give me information about what
is there but to ask information
about the trials which as a matter
by the female is so entirely dif-
ferent from what it is represented
to be by Gabriel & others who
were at Washington but I do not
like to write on them at all
it. I have been expecting Paul, Anna
Peter & the others down to get
new money but they do not
come in any amount when they
will

Rec'd mentioned in a news, &
per Mr Ben Thompson. I am
Paul has been up & down again
for the Washington & Boston I sup-
pose he will be mostly a tool of
J. R. B., but can hardly be worse
than many others who have been
active in that capacity.

The weather continues wet and in
some places very low. The bottom of the
river is now very low. Since the first of this
month the weather has been uniformly
warm and vegetation advances rapidly.
The air is much a present and we
all are well and our family are
enjoying the warm weather.

Yours affectionately

John S. Thompson

J. G. W.

1861

Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 21

Rev. J. C. Briggs

Dear Brother

Your favor

of 13th & 22nd. has not yet come to
hand this week. I am much gratified
with the information contained
in the latter. From your previous
letters I was fearful I would not
see you any where among the
Indians this summer but now
I have strong hopes I shall.
Not finding a wagon portable
suitable for our trip I have go-
ten for one to be made for two
horses but apprehending you
might not be able to come I
told the man to make it suit-
able for one. It is to be finished
next week and I think I might
be made to last to the 31st.

of Feb, but I think I shall
not start much if any before
the 15th. Am hope I shall be able
to reach Sioux City on the 20th
but certainly on the 22nd unless
obtain by sickness high water
or some such unsurmountable
difficulty. The Fair began is
the principal public house
here and I will go there to
register my name and inquire
for you. I am told the Congregation-
alist and the Presbyterians
there are not reliable to missionaries
and I have never called on any of
them. Perhaps I may this time.
I have written to John to write to
me there and advise me whether
to drop the Illinois then or
go up on this side and if I do
not find you then hope I shall
see a little sooner.

My dear friend, I am in the mud
all of Feb, not only in
you more time to gain things
but allow more time for the roads
to dry and the waters to fall. I
was were altogether ready to start
now we could not go on account
of high water. This has been
much the wettest season I have
seen in Minnesota. A great a-
mount of rain has fallen and
there has been very little evapo-
ration. Not much sun here
and almost no drying winds
much of the time in this our
neighborhood usually cultivation
has not been dry enough to
stand comfortably at any time
this year. Some that is plowed
and sown has been so much covered
with water that there will be no
crop. Last Sunday at Communion

running men about 3 or 4 on an
runner in a boat full in the
night, probably about 11 o'clock.
Some of our neighbours who have
vessels standing out estimate the
fall of water at 7 to 8 inches and
it has been a number of hours
since consequently the channel
which has been brim full must
all spring or since the snow drift
is very high nearly as much as
as in 1851 and was still rising
last evening. We are in our usual
health. Mrs. Robertson is now here. Her
and most of her family are getting
weary of the Episcopals. Eliza
is married to Lawrence Presb. who
is on the main employment. Love to
your family

Yours affectionately

Wm. J. Williams

Wilton Spring N. H.
June 30 1867

My Dear Sister

I suppose you have
been looking for me for some
days. It was so uncertain
whether Mr. Phips would be able
to go - and brother Sedywick
alluded to Mary's "going off"
into mesmerism sleep when it
came by any new thing, and
knowing of her being so for
months; I wrote him since
her here & I would pay half
her board for 2 months or so -
and wait till her arrival &
I expect to hear soon, or
to greet her arrival.

I am exceedingly dis-
appointed about the Western
trip, but it matters little, &

God directs otherwise.

I have not given it up
fully if Mr. Phips is just
determined. I have no doubt
that a few miles in his
estate or above Lake Su-
perior would do me good.

Then I wanted to have
taken with him about
plans of study and
and future labor.

Perhaps if he does
not go with Dr. William
Storr, he can con-
tribute a short trip else-
where.

I have had much
or severe attacks of
pleurisy upon my
left side. Oh how
weak & frail & decay-
ing we are. A kind

Remembrance for all
from your

aff. Brother
J. G. Longley

If my deers were
come I shall this place
down for - wherever
Providing directs

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

American Tract Society,
New York, July 17 1867.

Dear Sir

You wrote me some
time since respecting Mr.
Foil, making some inqui-
ries, which I believe I
answered as far as
I could.

Mr. Foil has been
sick in this city for
a month or six weeks,
so ill for a time that
it seemed doubtful
whether he would
recover, and he is
now very feeble.

We hope he may soon
recover so far as to
be able to go to Cin-
cinnati where Mr. Poil
is.

Can you tell me any
thing more about the
120 acres of prairie
land in Minnesota be-
longing to Mr. Poil?

Where it is? Or whether
it is likely soon to be
in market?

Perhaps you may have
a description of it? He is
in circumstances to
needs any advice of it,

if it could be made
available.

Any information you
may give me about it
would be gratefully re-
ceived. Do you know
if the taxes have been
paid or how much
they are.

Most truly yours

C. Fortmann

Mrs. Pettigrew

Sep. 1867

Sept. 1867

My Dear Mrs Riggs.

I had no thought that it would be so long before I should write. I have thought of you every day & often thought I would be able to write. But as often failed I have suffered more with pain in my back the past year than I had done since I left Saqui-parle. I have a little girl 10 years old living with us she is a good girl to work & helps me very much or I don't know how I could do without Laura.

We were very gladly surprised last week one evening to see Mr Riggs drive up to our house with Laura in his wagon. She is staying with our ministers

wife Mr Riggs came past
there & brought her with him
I do feel that it was very kind in
Mr Riggs come to see us. I tried
to persuade him to stay till
sunday & preach for us. But
he thought he couldn't stay so
long. I should be very glad in-
deed to hear him preach once
more I have only heard one
sermon since warm weather
& that was a very poor one
I wrote you how sick Mr P.
was last spring I almost gave
up that he was past recovery
Some one told him to chew
spiguit. he did & began to get
better immediately. In a few
weeks he was entirely well of
his cough & is well yet. But
the ankle of his lame leg has
hurt him very much so that for
2 or 3 months he was not able

to do a days work & a good
part of the time he had to walk
on crutches. The Doctor told him
how to make bitters that he
thought would cure him. It was
a good while before we could get
the things necessary to make the
bitters it cost so much but
he has been taking bitters 2
weeks now & is much better
How glad & thankful I am to
see him so well & able to
walk without a cane even
Albert & William are large
& stout. Lauras health has
not been very good. she went
to school 3 months this summer
she taught 6 months school last
winter & did not get her pay
or not half of it & what she did
get she gave her father. She was
needing some money very much
& Mrs Mcqueston wanted her to

stay with her awhile I was
pleased to have her go as I
want her to see how genteel
people live. I feel sad to live
in so poor a place & be so
straitened in every way
more on account of the
children than any thing else.
I know if the children have health
they can rise & get better off
but where people are raised so
poor & the neighbors all rather
outlandish I think they get low
views which stick to them.
Perhaps I should not say so of our
neighbors. but that is the way
I feel & if I could see any way
that we could hope to better
our condition I would be glad
to leave this place.

We were very glad of the papers
you sent & lent them to our neigh-
bors. This is a dark region there
are no religious papers taken
except what we get.
I should be glad to hear from you
Give my love to all your family
& believe me your affectionate
friend
J. G. Pelletier

Beloit Wis. Sept. 18. 1857.



My dear Husband,

Your letter mailed at Saint Peter came last night, & made me glad. Perhaps my gladness has affected my nerves a little too much for convenience in writing.

I think the letters we have written will some of them overtake you at Menkato. The one I directed to Fort Wadsworth will doubtless take a trip to Washington on its way back to Beloit.

I have had two or three thoughts lately in regard to Martha, which I submit for your approval or rejection. One is, that if there is still \$10, due

for Thomas.

Isabella, on the piano, that we take the responsibility of assuming the debt or setting aside the arrangement as you think best, that is if Martha approves. If she teaches school she may not wish you to assume the \$10.

My second thought is, in case that she does not teach this winter, that she come home with you & spend two three or four weeks as may see me best.

She could help us some with our fall sewing & we could pay her travelling expenses back to Markato. Couldnt we? If she goes on to a farm it will be more difficult for ^{her} to leave than it will be now. I shall not mention this in my note to her. I leave it to you.

Robbie passed so good an examination in geography, that he was admitted

into the high school, notwithstanding he failed in grammar.

Henry is still in the Post office. He talks a little as though he wants to go to school if Mr. Ingersoll doesn't employ him. Mr. Ingersoll offered him \$40.00 a week, but Henry thinks he ought to have five. Mr. Barr told him five was not too much.

Mr. Bushnell & family got back safely last Thursday. He has just brought us a cauliflower. His garden looks better than ^{in ones} ~~ones~~. The apple trees absorbed the moisture too much for the growth of the tomatoes.

We haven't heard from Alfred yet since he left Lacon, consequently have not sent him your late "home notes."

May God bless you & other members

of speed & bring you safe home to
us all. Lovingly,

Your wife

Mary A. L. Riggs

Beloit - Sept 20. '67

Dear Father,

I just told Martha that I could not write to you at present but - Things about home look well, tho' not so well as I could wish, or as well as they should be since I have been at home almost two weeks, but I have not been able to do much of any work of any kind. Mother says you are to be at home by the 3^d of Oct.

Just now we are having a few days of very hot weather for this time of the year.

Our strawberry patch looks rather weedy & sudy now, am going at it with the hoe & will cut out the grass, weeds & runners & sometime this fall I want to

run a shovel plough through them & then cover with straw.

My year has commenced rather pleasantly, so far tho I confess I do not feel quite like study yet.

Mother has just come into my room with a note for Mother & I must take the letter to the P.O.

Your son.

G. L. Riggs.

Beloit Wis. Sep. 21, 67

My dear Husband,

I will imitate your example in using a pencil, as I have only a few moments before breakfast to write.

A letter from Julia to Anna tells me that she is at Mr. Cunninghams, but purposes going to Mr. Richard Chutes to stay a few weeks — that she wants very much to see you but is afraid she will not &c. I think if she were here in Beloit & no other opening offered, she might get a position in the Goodmen's work. Julia mentioned incidentally that Mrs. Ruliffson was trying to get assistance from the Board in educating Mrs. Thuggin girls. Perhaps Mrs. R. will be at

Martha & you can know of her success. If she has not obtained means to enable Fattie to go to Rockford, I think she might come with less expense to Beloit. Couldn't we board her a year & have her go to the High School here? She could be of some help to Anna & I think her influence over Henry might be a blessing to him. He is talking a little of going to school this winter. Mr. Ingalls offered him four dollars a week which he didn't accept. He came home last night & the night before, about eight o'clock in the evening. I don't think he has been home so early before since he went into the P.C. I felt like kissing him "good night".

Cornelia is just getting up. The word of a peach yesterday morning if she was dressed in twenty

minutes enabled her to dress in less than fifteen minutes. If Martha comes home with you, I don't know as we could do any thing to help defray Fattie's travelling expenses here, but I know you will be glad to help her all you are able. If we only had what Angeline owes us, I think we could use it to educate some one. Will you get a toy tiller to her land? Poor girl I am sorry she didn't wish to see you.

We send a Press with Isa's letter. There are some ludicrous mistakes in it.

If Fattie H. should come home with you & you should be detained let us know. If neither Martha nor Fattie come perhaps Julia would. Good bye

Your loving wife
Mary S. L. Pease

Mr. Stiles

Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. October 4th. 1867.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

My Dear Sir:

Your kind and very welcome letter of 23^d September came duly to hand. We were all rejoiced to hear from you. I read the letter to Dr. Smith, and he referred to it in the pulpit yesterday (Sabbath) morning, and remembered yourself, your co-laborer and your church, in his prayer. The letter was read before our Juvenile Foreign Missionary Society at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and received with a great deal of pleasure. The room was well filled and all were deeply interested in your account of the Indians and their interest in religion. At our regular Monthly Missionary Concert in the evening the letter was the first thing brought before the meeting. Dr. Smith referred to the past labors of yourself and Mr. Williamson, and vividly pointed out

the result of your labors, by contrasting the
Dakotas, with those Indians, who are now an-
noying our inhabitants in the far Northwest.
I read the letter; during which the large au-
dience were remarkably attentive and
deeply interested. I afterwards referred to your
early pioneer labors, and to your adventure
twenty five years ago, when with your family,
including little Isabel, you had to travel
over one hundred miles, through forests and
down rivers, to get your 'mails; and stated
that the infant, now an educated lady,
has gone as 'missionary to the opposite
side of the globe. Dr. Smith followed in a
 fervent prayer for you and your mis-
sion, as did others after him during the
course of the evening.

I read to Dr. Munson that portion of
your letter, in which you desire to be remembered to
himself & family & stated that you were writing
at the house of his friend. Both he & Dr
Smith desire to be kindly remembered to you.
Your letter was indeed a treat to us all, and
we hope soon to hear again from you.

Our Church is prospering. At the last Communion five young men and a young woman were received. We number over 550 communicants, many of whom are working members, and all are liberal in their contributions. An Agent of the Sailors' Friend Society of New York came along a few Sabbaths ago, and though we had three other contributions that day, he received \$117 as a contribution, to which individuals added some thirty dollars before he left us. Yesterday, Dr Smith presented the Case of Old & disabled Ministers in our branch of Christ Church, and asked for \$200. He rec^d \$242, which to be made up probably to \$250. Considering that we are all poor, - scarcely a wealthy man in the congregation - this is very creditable. But where there is a will there is a way. In the evening we had a contribution for foreign missions, but I am not informed of the amount.

Since you left us, we expended \$4,000 in improving our Session room, which is now the largest & finest probably in the

city. Sabbath School number some 350 pupils & teachers. Our Sabbath School and Missionary Society are well sustained, and the interests of the Church are altogether well sustained. The Doctor is a zealous, hardworking Christian.

There is little in the way of news to give you. The political atmosphere looks stormy. I think the Republican plan of Reconstruction has been a failure so far; and if they cannot do better during next Congress, they will be ousted and some more capable men elected in their places.

Whenever you have anything worthy of note be kind enough to renew your favor to us.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, and to your dear daughter Isabel, of whom I shall always be glad to hear, I am
Dear Sir,

In the Cause of Christ,

Yours obt. Servt

John Stiles

445 12th Street

Washington D.C.

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Suburn N. Y. Oct 10

My Dear Sister

Unexpectedly I find
myself & students at
the Theological Semina-
ry in this place and
never more happy &
contented in all my life.

And I am assured
my in hard study &
close application must
better than I anticipated.

But my object for
hastily addressing you
now is to enquire
whether you could
not give one of Lu-

dictates girls something to do
for the winter and perhaps
have them study some,
or if you cannot com-
trived some way to help
start them along to some
noble mission.

They ought to be made
whole active, useful
women — and can be
if rightly started.

They are naturally quite
capable & Mary has had
some experience in teach-
ing & at the Chⁿ Commission.

Naturally adapted to
either place, ought to
have been educated.

Both have been quite
unwell — but are much
improved at present.

I have helped sus-
tain them there, and

have you a higher school — or a school for
ladies exclusively — and the expense of any longer
maintaining any connection?

thus lost my trip west.
I do hate to send them
back to S. I am sure to the
influences & associations.
And Veljevoit: And money
(as usual) & producers in-
stead of consumers.

Those considering
decide I announce soon.

I cannot help them
much longer. Perhaps
to get East or West one
or both if Providence opens
the way. I suppose you
know the peculiar trouble
that Mary has suffered
from — I trust better than
scruple for eyes for
a year or so — from which
she has entirely recovered.

In haste I am
Affly Yours
J. J. Longley

St. Anthony Minn.

Oct. 16th / 67.

Dear Mrs. Riggs.

Your kind note came last week and I have been considering all this week. I have prayed for guidance and think I am willing to teach among the Indians again when God wills it. But as to spending the winter with you I feel as if I must be earning something this winter, and I have very good opportunity for so doing up here. I refer to the Bloomington schools and here at Mr. Charles. They would like to have me take Lillie's place and they would make me some compensation. There is nothing I would like better than to come back to my old home once more at your house, as far as personal pleasure is concerned. I do so long to

see you all so very much sometimes
that I feel like packing up and
going right down. But we all learn
sooner or later (I think) that we can't
always do things just because we want
to.

I have just received a letter from
Sadie Hopkins mailed at Sioux
City. They were all well, and enjoy-
ing their trip. They carried out
for dinner, but usually staid in
some house nights. Sadie expects to
back soon this winter.

St. Anthony progresses nicely with
the exception of the church. Just
now they are in great trouble because
they can't afford to pay Mr. Sample
\$6500 a year, and he has such a large
family he can't live on any less.
I suppose the conclusion is that
he can't remain. We have our
church sociables every week. Last
week it was at D. Chute's. It was

one of the pleasantest we have
had. Mary from Minneapolis
came over. Next time it is at
Gen. E. Van Cleave's. We are going to have
a singing class this winter, to be con-
ducted by Mr. McLibbey.

L. Belle Jones was married to
Granville Pease (son of preacher Pease)
last Wednesday. Aren't they beautiful
ly coupled. Granville is doing quite
well for him now they say. She edits
or helps edit the Anoka Union.
Ellie McIndoch has not been well.
She is still troubled by her old
neuralgic. She is now in
St. Mary's.

Mr. Van Emans family moved to
Dwotanna last Tuesday. Quite a
loss to St. Anthony.
There are three Unitarian Professors.
Prof. Washburn, Campbell and
Haymer. There are some forty pupils
the most of them are from St. Anthony.

and Minneapolis. Genl Sanborn
had a small gathering at his house
Wednesday evening for the benefit of
the Co. Co.

I think of going to call on
Mrs. Bellefones Pease this afternoon.
20th We have been reading Belle's
letter from Kalgan with a great deal of
interest. Mrs. Chute and Minnie
went down to St. Paul this morning.
Mr. Chute went down afterwards on
the cars and will probably ride up
with them this evening.

Love to all - I ought to have answered
this your note long since, but after
commencing this I was under the
impression I had finished it and
sent it off.

Yours affectionately

Julia A. La France

Recd Oct. 1887
Julia A. La France



Secretary's Office,

YANKTON, D. T.

Oct. 21st 1867

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst., is received and contents noted. In reply to your questions I have to state that I know of no law in Dakota requiring a license to marry either on the part of the minister solemnizing the same or of the parties themselves. There is no law requiring the same to be published. There is no return required to the Clerk of the Court or any other officer. Hoping this may prove satisfactory, I am
Yours very Truly
S. L. Spink

J. S. Millier

Bazille Creek Nov 6, 1867

Rev S. R. Riggs

My Dear Bro.

It will be four weeks next Sat. since we arrived safely at our old home where we had the pleasure of your visit last summer.

Nothing of interest transpired on our way over. We were often regaled by prairie winds and one day the clouds dampened our exposed parts.

We found Mr Pond living pretty much secluded - the Indians & Agency having all moved down to Breckenridge except two families of Natives left to look after the corn field & other Agency property. I have been down to Breckenridge every Sabbath since my return & a good part of the week days. We have completed our Meeting House which I have

not measured but think is about
20 x 34 feet inside of they cut the
logs the length I told them to.

It has no floor nor seats
Last Sabbath we celebrated the
Communion of the Lords Supper.
Ehuarnani preached the Sermon,
& I administered the Ordinance.
Two were received to the Church
One was a young woman, and
the other that lame Gunkton
that you may have noticed
among the tents near us last
summer. It is the third time
he has made application to
be received. I hope the Savior
may be revealed to his Soul.

There was a very slim atten-
dance of Communicants - it being
at a time when very many are
out hunting. But I thought it
was best to commence now
the system of having four reg-
ular Communion Seasons in
a year whether there are few

or many here at the time,
and then it will always be
known when the Communion
Season is to be & those who are
disposed can make arrangements
to be here when they wish.

As to Ministerial Support
we have made arrangements to
have the men pay 50 cts a
quarter and the women 25 cts.
I hope it will work and
am much more confident
of it than the larger sub-
scriptions they made a
year ago. I shall look
with some interest to the first
of February to see how many
pay in the first quarter.

It is a reluctant conviction
of mine that when this Church
becomes a real working Church
it will not have near the
number of members it now

has. There is very much dross
that is a clog in the wheels.
I would gladly have it out
now but don't know how to
separate it. The Lord purifies
as by fire. I look to Him to
purify this Church. He can
add also enough to make
up the loss. May He do
that also.

I have received the rest
of your Salms. Shall not
have time to look them over
for a few weeks. I want
to start my school.

Mr Pond is not going to Brack-
enridge. The Agent thinks they will
move again in the Spring & Mr
Pond did not have much heart
to build so late. He is going to live
in the old Dodson House & help
in my High School. He is gone
to Sioux City now after a store &
supplies. Mrs Pond has had fever
for a couple of days - feels better this
evening. The rest well.

My wife joins me in love to your
family especially Mrs R. Y.
Truly,
J. P. Williamson

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 8 1867

Rev. S. R. Riggs.

Beloit, Wis. — Dear Brother.

I send herewith
the appropriations for your mission; they
need no explanation, as you will see,
because they are the same as the estimates.

I read your letter, written at
Big Stone Lake; I was sorry that it had
not come a little sooner. The report on
your mission was ready for the Anti-Slavery
I had no time to rewrite it. I was
much interested in your statements
as also in Dr. Williamson's that came
two weeks later. Parts of both letters
will appear in the Herald.

Your of Oct. 14 came safely to hand,
with the notice of Jeannette Pond, which I
placed in the Editor's hands at once. Hope
something will grow out of the efforts in
behalf of the Indians. Matters certainly
look more hopeful. Kind regards to Mrs. R.
Very truly your bro. in the Lord. S. B. Treat

Salaries

J. S. W	\$ 700
S R R	800
J O W	900
E R P	900

Native Purchase

J. D. R.	300
Orate Cotton	300
on mine	200
Education young men	400
Reading School	600
Printer	150
Builder	200

3500

M. Hunt
1869

Lot Renville

Beaver Falls Minn
Nov. 9th 1867

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Mikho-ka wa ji
na ka ha a ke wowapi miye ca
ga wa mda ke kaico katan
pi ekta wa ma tuwe dan. o
+ ari heon. ekta wai mi; Kaho
ton ga tipi wai ji dan heira os
ma en on pi ga apa miin do
xeta ahigahde ca apa ix Pejike
Ta^{ta} gi en ai ga ^{apa} ix Canagapi en
ahiti pi he en Pejha^{ta} pi en
a katan dan. To hede ge e con ka
pi: anpetu gaptan he ciw
Scott Campbell he ma ka ha To hede
ge ope ga To mda wa wa ji na ka
ope kta wa ma o xta pi ga han
ma mi. Han mi i a wa ka ton.
Kta he han hangeth. Ki he pa
Ki. olo wa siu po ga he en.
To ka da i hdi. Han + ka + mi.
He han. ma ka. To ka wa ji ga

Miniganim hana gamis
opapi' cinpi' tuku hana
tangan. wileo gata pi' sui
he cin ito e wileo. hana kapi
Mica kin he sdon gage wat
Cov cin e a wan. Hezi tai, ka
e eiga pi gor, he hee. Mica sto
kin he de hane. Haganma he ee
ee kte sui se ee e a on kin
he cin wannu cin ga wani
hana gon he e hane. Tawie cin cin
e a No owasin. Mica a wileo
waka stas ga opapi
he hane wannu de tai hana
pa ean. Kin hane Wazigata
Reipa he cin mde kte wannu
osui kte tuka ije I tai. Can kin
osui man kin da kin. Hane a ke
ekte tai. gan wai. kte he cin
Tro e kige os mize kse. ge kte
e cin wannu kte
wannu de eiga nupa wapi tuka
ega ake stas kin. Na wannu osui

sui wowapi ga wapi gamis
Kin he tain gan ahi pi ga to ke
sta onge tuktis cin pi kte sdu
wage cin. hane o e eiyake kte
ga os man na kaha kagapi
ke he cin he. No hana na zi stas
pi kte cin. hane sdon ge man
gage kte wati kin. den wo
wapi ngage kte e a Beaver
Falls Min. he cin yakage cin
hane No hana na iwa cin ee kte

Your Truly

John B. Newville

Dr. Holdich

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Bible House, Astor Place,

New York, Nov 14 1867

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Sir, Your favor with

Dr. Williamson's Supplement
is before me. I see no diffi-
culty in the way of printing the
books of Exodus and Psalms
in Dakota, but in accord-
ance with established usage
the question must go before the
proper Committee. I judge, as
far as I can see, that your
account of the translation will
be satisfactory to them. In the
meantime it may be well to

receives some definite information as to the probable demand for ^{the books.} ~~the~~ The question will be, if the work is approved, as to electrotyping or letter press. ~~The~~ for ~~mer~~ would be justifiable only on the supposition of a large and continued demand. But if one or two thousand copies would last four or five years it might not be thought best to go to the expense of electrotyping. We made plates for the for ~~mer~~ books in this language, but that is no reason why we should continue to, unless present indications favor it. Will you please to write & tell

your views on the subject.

There will be some difficulty in sending the proofs to you for correction; the chief of which is keeping the type so long set up. We are now printing in the Greek language and have to send the proofs to Port Gibson and it is rather inconvenient & makes much delay. Still I suppose it can be done, if you can put up with the slow proceeding.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient -

Yours in Christian bonds
Joseph Holdich

Saml. Webster Nov 15 1867

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favors of Oct 21st
& 28th came in due time and are before
me. I thank you for both though
owing to company and other causes
I have not acknowledged them so soon
as I should have done. Immediately
after receiving that of 28th I wrote
a few sentences in confirmation of
what you had written to Dr. Holbeck
and sent it on to him and suppose
he has received it before this time.
I thought you had presented the case
to him very fairly.

I agree in what you and your son
Alfred are doing to have the Indians
subjected to & protected by our laws.
Senator Sumner's inability to see
how it can be done is discouraging
as he is one of those from whom

I hope for more.

In a copy of the Chicago Tribune which
some friend has sent us we find an
article on this subject in the editor's
column which from the style &
supposition was written by your son C.
& R. I am well pleased with it.
I have not recently written anything
on the subject. It is unfortunate that
the Regs should have noticed the ac-
tion of our Regs on it as they did.
We are pleased to have news from Dr. J. B. L.
Williams.

I have a letter from our friend B. M.
Smith asking for a more full explana-
tion of our plan for dealing with the
Indians which I wrote him.

The Indian Affairs Commissioners visit
to Nebraska before John's return and
do all they could to persuade the Indians
to go up the Mississippi on the South
side to a reservation to be assigned
them between Fort Randall and Crow Creek
telling them that if they remain where
they are they will have no chiefs &
Gov will do nothing more for them
but if they go they will have chiefs

and Gov will help them. A part
of them went to look at the
country and report the word was
but little grass. A vote was taken
on the subject and 85 of the men
consented to go, 14 abstained and 33
others opposed it. This is the Indian
account of it. John says they won-
dered if they should then must become
citizens of Nebraska and Gov could
do nothing to protect them which
is I suppose what the Com. mission-
ers meant from which it seems
that they have no idea that Indians
can be civilized. John says Turner
opposed their going and was right
about so says.

Four men and two women with several
children of them passed here two days
ago going to spend the winter in
Rice County near Jack Sprague. They
started the morning after John got
home. They are relations of Albert's
and one of them his cousin. They are
indeed willing to settle
this place but I do not know
enough about him to take him

Albert has been attending our district
School for a month past, and his teacher
young Simon is much pleased with him.
He does not like to work but does as well
as I hope he would.
Robert Hopkins with his wife and Patsy
and Wm. and her son John came
here on the 2^d last and remained with
us till the 7th. Besides keeping them
and their horses while they were here
I let him have the wagon and harness
we used last summer and a bushel &
bushels of corn, and a number of
small things. They had several
poor robes which they traded for clothing
and provisions. Sarah suffered for
some weeks from the salivation but
her health is now better. On their
way down they traded a robe for two
sacks of flour at the mill this side of
Fort Bridger and on their return found
the mill burnt and this is flour with it
which made them very sad and heart-
sore to help him, Edwin stays all the
winter and is attending School.
We are in very good health
except here & there. Our children
are all well.
Yours affectionately
Wm. S. Williamson

J. G. Loughy

Auburn N. Y. Nov 18/67

My Dear Sister

I have only time to say that I sent the letter to S. D., & Mary writes me that they are not well enough as yet to undertake, however much they would like. She however is quite comfortable - her Sister's eyes trouble her still.

I wish one of them could be got away from them & made something

of - but I have spent
all I can at present
(over \$100) for anyone.

I am getting along
quite well, the professors
say - but can say never
in a great measure - though
the grace of God can make
me good & useful.

I am quite inclined
to pleurisy in my left
side - chronic or neuro-
tic. What is your prescrip-
tion when suffering ~~from~~ⁱⁿ this
way? I don't think study
is the best for the physical &
comfort & removing of distress;

but were I to live only a
few I should not regret
having spent much of it in
the study of the Bible.

I know too little of
it - theoretically & practical-
ly. Please remem-
ber me in your prayer,
that God will make me a
faithful laborer in some
sphere of service. And
may you be ever ena-
bled to enjoy a happy re-
stigation of his sustaining
presence & grace or ever

earnest of a blessed hope
the with the Redeemer &
God.

Mrs. H. H.

Am.

J. G. Longhy

Robert H. H.

Robert

^m
Robert Rigg

Miss. Anne Foster
Dec. 12 1867

Rev S. R. Riggs

Beloit, Wisc. - Dear Brother

I have rec^d this
morn. a package of clothing from Miss
Mary K. Keith, Campello, Mass. to be
appropriated as seems best. Mr Ward
& myself decide to send it to you, & you
may report it, therefore, by Christmas or
New Year. We shall wait till the Anti-
Report is out, & then send a few copies
in the same box.

I have written to Miss K. saying
why we send it to you, &c. giving her
some idea of you & yours; so that it
is not necessary for you or Miss K.
to acknowledge the gift. Still, if you,
or either of you, feel moved to say a
word to her, I have no doubt that
she will gladly report it to the "Ladies
Relief Assn." Thankful Christian work
cost but little; but they are pleasant
to read, & sometimes profitable. Kind
regards to Mr K & children Very truly
S. V. Truett

Mrs. Williams

Paddy's Run

Dec 12th 1867.

Mr. Riggs

The last mail

brought us two letters from our children which was a great relief to us, as it had been five weeks since we had heard & we were beginning to feel anxious. You will see by the many Post-marks that the first has been detained on the way. Jane, Hannah & Roger are all away at school but will be at home during the Holidays & would like to see the ^{letters}. After you are through reading will you please send Mark's back to us. We will copy Seabella's Journal & send the

original to you as soon as
we can. Very sorry to learn
that you have been afflicted
with rheumatism, as I know
from experience how to sympathize.

I hope you will not experience
a return of the disease this
winter. I am much better
but from present symptoms
very much fear that I shall
have a bad time.

Mrs Williams joins in love
with me to yourself & family.

Respectfully
Mrs E Williams

P.S.

We have kept a sample of the
cloth, tape & Korean papers.

5. Williams

Saint Omer, Dec. 13. 1867

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother

Your favor of 13th ult. came in due time. I had previously received a copy of Tracts letter to our mission and suppose one was sent to Wiesbaden also but have written to J. P. to inform me if he has not received one and I will send some from then, as I now have two.

The information you give about what is being attempted in behalf of the Indians is gratifying and I have not secured it in any other way.

If Congress will declare them amenable to our laws and make provision for their protection as is done for the Freedmen it is perhaps all we should ask especially if they are put in the same category with the Freedmen with Gen Howard at the head of the Bureau.

I have not yet received any answer to our application to the A. B. S. to print our translations but have been for some time expecting one. Exodus is not all ready but I hope it will be as soon as much.

Since my return from our trip last summer I have not been able to find the copy which you received in Chap 18: 28. to 34: 11. I had made in it

most of the corrections you suggested, and left
it in my study, where I left my other papers, and
none of us can guess what became of it. The first
copy I took to Liverpool, and left with John, and
as I missed the last part, ^{before the letter was} requested him to look it
over and write for me such criticisms as should
occur to him; and send them with the part mis-
sing. I have received a part, and suppose the re-
mainder of what is deficient is now on the way.
I still have your criticisms and will again use
them, but as I made considerable alterations in
making the copy you receive, they will not be
always available. As Estlin's name writes a much
plainer hand than I, she has copied for me all of
the part which was not lost.

I have received a long printed letter from our Gen-
eral Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions, and no
doubt a copy of the same has been sent to you.
It seems to me better that one member of our mission
should answer each of these letters, and as I wrote a long
answer last year I hope you will write ^{an} answer to
their letter this year. I am writing some for the
Christianity and Evangelists. Some of us are
suffering from influenza or colds, but none of us are
confined by it. Kind regards to your family.

Yours affectionately, Thos. S. Williamson

"Evangelist" office,
Ms. Dec. 19, 1867.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the
13th instant, came to hand this
morning.

Your letter requesting
the paper stopped, probably never
came to hand, as we have no
record of it. We now credit
your subscription for the year,
to the close of the current year,
and will take it for granted
that now you will continue
on the same terms.

Respectfully
Yours, &c.
Field C. Craighead
J.

Rev. W. K. Riggs }
Belair, Md. }



Packford Term. Sem.

Dec. 26th 1864

Mr. Riggs

Dear friend

We received
your kind invitation to spend
the holidays at your place
and should both be pleased
to do so but that does not
seem possible

Fannie will start to
Beloit on the morning train
Tuesday next

Respectfully
Mary L. Higgins

J. B. Minville
1868

Beane, ^{my} Falls, Dec 26 / 67

Rev. S. R. Riggs.

Dear Sir I send in
English an account of some of my
labors among the Indians this winter.
I spent nearly two months with
the different camps preaching almost
every day. There are eight camps
besides the Indian Soldiers at
^{my} Fort-Wadsworth. had season
for encouragement especially at
the camp of Zuvahardimanga
where I found 6 women 3 children
and one young man, who after
proper examination, I baptised in
this I was assisted by a Deacon
from Missouri then at Fort
Wadsworth. The whole number I
baptised at the different camps
were 16 among these were eight
women three ⁵ children three

young men we could not
have common ions for I went
up on horse back expecting Robert
Hopkins to bring up some provisions
and the wine I had left in his care
but he did not get there till just
one week before I came home.
He was probably stopping on the way up.

The young men and children
were anxious to have schools started
but I suppose the poor men teachers think
they must look out for themselves. I do
hope they will commence teaching
soon. It may interest you to
hear about the meeting held at
one of the largest camps, for one
whole week only three or four
besides a few Christians came to
~~hear~~ On Friday some young men
gathered around one Teepee only one
entering while the others stood out
side. He took a sharp knife and
struck a poor woman across her

N.B. Direct to Beaver Tails as we
have a post office here
for head cutting a great gash.
I lectured to them asking them what
they thought would come of such
conduct. On Saturday I preached
from John Chap. 12th 4th verse.
illustrating a little on the past and
present of the Dakota as a nation
telling them of those who rejected
the gospel. and showed their
rejection by open rebellion against
all christianity and civilization
and committing crimes to equal
to be related. Mocking God's servants,
in their pulpits shooting balls
through Bibles, thinking thus to
destroy the blessed gospel.
asking them did they destroy the
Bible were the missionaries all
killed, ; no no; the Gospel spread
more and more, when as
there were only about 100 Christians
before the outbreak their war

me still keep all the children through
times, one Lord with us I can't let
them go. More than four times that Nov.
On Sabbath morning I was astonished
by the crying aloud throughout the Camp.
Come Come we must not cast
off this Gospel Come and hear come
and hear. (This crying was done by
three or four of the leading men.)
I saw the place of meeting filling
up so I crowded in took my stand
and could scarcely stand was so
crowded 1/2 of the people remained
outside until the cold drove them
to their tents. I never saw people
more anxious than on that Sabbath.
I trust and know you will pray
the good work may go on in that
Camp.

An Indian Soldier wishing
to be married and having only
two day furlough. I was constantly
engaged but one Monday morning
I saddled my horse started just before
day light for the camp 15 miles distant
got there just in time to marry them
as they were ready to start to the
Fort in instead of taking the cars.

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Tamakoce mihonkawanji' wowapi' ci'ukta
epa tukta ptin hantanhon ga dehan yam ecamon yni
ga nakaha de wakage eya waniyetu kin de 7 denakiya wicote
tukta wicankiran ga nesa rin terike rin ca nakaax
wowapi' yawapi' kta oncinpi' tukta onkaki'hipi' yni' eya
tannihan wakankawan najis hiyaye kta onkan. patowan kahan
eyapi' ehas. e kta wai' he mazaax ti' kin he tu onkan
nakaha askatundon ohonke yni' ga wakan ka ka owasin' owicawapi'
akicita' itancan hecan ga hehan aguyapi' kukupe akna-
wicage tukta otayni' nakaax anpitu' tomama temya iyeyapi'
he han onkiy Re. kaksiza en onti' gon han onti' en winon cin ca wam
wowapi' yawa wicakiye wapi' onkan econtukta ka anpitu han ke ece
yawawicakiye. hehan miy' eya tukten wowapi' wakan
mdakta ^{wa} wapi' en wicasta naron cin yni' ga najis pi' ga tankan
iyayapi' yu' kan hehan wapi' wati' kin maza kan on kute
hecan ykanpi' yta' icon han waji' pi' awacipi' edon waya nakaax
imdu ykin' ga hecicakey ake tukte kten cante mapi' ca yomaki' pica
ece hehan tannihan wowapi' Owa tanka yamni' mayagu
he magupi' ake yamni' makahi' pi'

hehan ptin han micin ca on ma makite
he nana ita owawakete mutakuye napiciyuge / mitawin
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Dear Uncle Stephen:

Your letter has been so long neglected I hardly know how to apologize for its delay. In the first place I was for a long time unable to write being confined by sickness several weeks after dear papa's death. Since then we have been so unsettled both in body and mind that I did not feel prepared to answer your kind letter as I should.

Mother and I are well now. We are living at our home in Cleveland. Our minds are not settled as to what we shall do. We think

of selling our property here in the Spring, if we can get a good price and perhaps buy in the interior

Though we have not determined which is best. The advantages of education and good society are not so good in more remote parts of the State as here. God may in due time point out a way, so we will commit all to Him.

Uncle Joseph was here in the early part of Fall. We have heard nothing from them since - although we have been expecting him every day to visit us. He seemed more feeble when here last that he may not be able to travel much this Winter. It has proven to be so unsafe traveling that he may not think it prudent to come at all

I had intended spending the Winter West but reading of so many

accidents I concluded to postpone it until some other time.

Aunt Elizabeth writes her health is very poor, that they think of moving to Iowa in the Spring. George is very anxious they should come. George is to be married to a Miss Kirk New York etc. The young lady formerly lived in Ohio

It is very lonely for Mother and I without dear papa, and seemed strange the Lord should take him and leave us two alone, but we try to say "Thy will, not ours be done. We hope to be a family in Heaven when its the Lords will there to part no more forever.

Oh! glorious meeting!

Give our love to the family and should be happy to hear from any or all of them

Very affectionately Lottie