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Tamakole DT
ny March 1
~~February~~

Paul
1869

Tamakole Koda mi casta
wakkan henila e Idoway a fta
Koda ito mi logan on wa lin
liye la wowa pi wootai wa
Kage lin he i e Ska ya Kage
la i Santanka oyate Tanika
en wootai' wa Kaga tu ka
mi la ke ~~mi~~ mili'da on wootai
wa Kaga tu ka miye pi' iye ota
omaga Kipapi'ga wani Kta
on fletus. oie kin magan
Kipapopi' on ka watti e e
iwa lin ga dehan anpetu
owadin. to ka ota ehna
waaon tu ka iye gesu s mi
li on epla tu ka dako
to oyate mi loga on hapi'
kin he watti mi' on f
han wapa go Kta he les
wootai' i e Ska miye li
Cage ga magan Ska tona on

ya Kage ga li'li' lajiin
Kta wa lin ga ito wi logan
ota duha eta ito wowapi' wotai
Kin de otai Kta wa lin ga
ou omayakige Kta epa id
Koya Kage la i san ta ka
otume ota Kin tu Kte
nampi en motai ma ka
owu la otai Kta he nize
Sotoyaye ituya wi logan
e li'li' kwi' ega iyo tui
ya kige Kta eta nize
Kdnye Kta ga ya Kage
lin ha ~~to~~ Kothana omaya
Kida Ke Kta ga to Ken
nize cage lin ha wa Kaji
ji Kta wana wowapi' li' luga
ga iapi' ota epa he naki i
ta lan om iwo ya ~~heta~~ Kte
Kta e loge tegiya oya
te aye Kta on nihiniliy
a nize ma la Kto da nape
liyufe. Majakutemari
9. 10. 11.

Dr. W. Saint Peter Dec 1 1889

Dear Brother,

I did not
get through looking over the
proofs of the first of Pauline and
one till late on Saturday though
after getting over Exodus I gave as
much time to it as I thought I could
spend profitably in this way.
For I find that coming proper-
ly down more than 100 corrections
at a time making proofs as we
say and are for a fixed atten-
tion fail. I think the number of
typographical errors strictly
speaking unless the in-
struction is very small. I have had
a few mistakes in one or two
places though in a very small
book but different. But I can
not see on under and this much over
than I do. I am sure
of much importance

Dr. W. Saint Peter March 1 1889

Dear Brother Ours,

I did not
get through looking over the
proofs of the first of Pauline and
one till late on Saturday though
after getting over Exodus I gave as
much time to it as I thought I could
spend profitably in this way.
For I find that cannot profit
them more than two or three hours
at a time reading proofs as my
eyes and and power of fixed atten-
tion fail. I think the number of
typographical errors strictly
speaking unless a brain function
tion is very small & I have had
them over twice on one or two
places though I am a reasonable type
I would have suffered but I don't
know on under and how much better
than I do. and I am sure
of much importance

I can hardly have thought it possible
that there are so many places
in Psalms which you and I under-
stand differently; I have called your
attention to a few of them there are
many others I am sure probably I
do not understand you quite right
but in much the greater part it must
be that we understand the Hebrew differ-
ently. I do not say nor im-
sinnate that in all or the greater part
of them you are wrong & I am right but
it shows the necessity of importance
in all places when our two versions ad-
mits of more than one sense of cer-
tainly getting the meaning from the
Hebrew if possible.

I advise you to get Alexander on the
Psalms I am now of opinion you
would have made a much better
translation without it. After we
have got the sense of the Hebrew
from our common and common
marginal it or something like it

from his letter of readings I have
the common English reader could
never get it from his letter read-
ings without some help from a lex-
icon. Sometimes the Hebrew
is a good idea not in the translation
but the words are a correct transla-
tion to give it that order as they
make much obscure which is often
in the Hebrew and other translations
and I think in following him you
have made many places obscure
which otherwise you would not
have done especially in making
futures which the Hebrew does not
have and as it appears to me to be
lost of many as the agreement
of them evidently misleads and de-
struction of the events.
The Hebrew is the original but sometimes
and then very often it is not. Some of the
European nations do. The Hebrew is
of the Hebrew & is a minor & not sufficient
to determine what is conveyed or what
you think to be the case. I am sure

I can not have thought it possible
that there are so many places
in Psalms which you and I under-
stand differently, I have called your
attention to a few of them than are
many others but some probably
do not understand your Hebrew right
but in much the greater part it must
be that we understand the English differ-
ently. I do not say nor in-
sinuate that in all or the greater part
of them you are wrong & I am right but
it shows the necessity or importance
in all places when our two versions ad-
mit of more than one sense of con-
fusing the meaning from the
Hebrew if possible.

I advise you to get Alexander on the
Psalms I am now of opinion you
would have made a much better
translation without it. After we
have got the sense of the passage
from our common and common
margin it is something like that.

from his literary and literary though
the common English reader could
never get it from his own under-
standing without some help from a
version. Some times the Hebrew
is to a purpose not in the translation
but then would be a limited transla-
tion to give it that notes as they
make much obscure which is often
in the Hebrew and other translations
and I think in following him you
have made many places obscure
which otherwise you would not
have done especially in making
familiar to the translators sense
next and as it appears to me to be
but of minor value than an example
of them evidently, variation or de-
termination of the events.
The Hebrew being only a sketch
and then very often with some
European nations do. The knowledge
of Hebrew is common & not sufficient
to determine what is conveyed when
you the Hebrew to be as we were, but

I think it safe to say that the only
version in this collection, except
the one in the Bible, is in consequence
of the fact that I am writing things though I
think it would be well to include
all some of the Khas and Khas but
they may have some influence on
your translation in translating
the Khas and Khas as I shall not
am at a little in writing of each word
so much as at getting a clear meaning
of each word or sentence whenever this
is practicable and then expressing it
clearly. In difficult passages I find
Pottmann's better than any other
and use the in such general cases
as the meaning of the old version. If
you cannot get a copy in Pottmann's I will
advise you to find one on trial and
such other parts of the Bible as I find
as good as a Bible
I am in a great deal of
hurry and so I am
Yours very truly

J. S. S. Johnson

found it safe to do so, the actual
version in this does not express
any of the Prayers in consequence
of which I am writing though I
think it would be well to include
some of the Kha or Khis but
they may have some influence on
your future translations I have stopped
the translation I think as I have not
aimed at a little of each word
so much as at getting a clear meaning
of each sentence & sentence whenever this
is practicable and then expressing it
clearly. In difficult passages I found
Psalms better than any other
and use the in such general cases
as the rendering of the old version. If
you cannot get a copy in Arabic I should
advise you to send for one on trial &
such other parts of the Bible as you
are prepared to translate
be an in our usual health
Yours affectionately
J. S. P. Johnson

J. Longley

Andover N. H.
Mar 2 / 69

Dear Brother Ryze

Doctor says

I must change climate,
for a dryer more health-
ful one, on account
of throat - general de-
bility &c - He says
go on a farm awhile,
but that is the old story.

Have you any sus-
taining on hand, or have
you opportunities for
preaching, missionary
work &c - if I would
come West? Or suppose
I could receive an ap-
pointment under H. M. S.
&c - Where do you spend

Have we not - Cassin near Chicago?

Aug, Jan, July & August.

I think I will come
West if the way opens

I expect to leave
you but over seas
to Sweden Co

I was offered an
appointment also under
Trask Co

How are all -
to Mary? Ask her
for me if she has not
better give that note in
her mother's hands against
the estate to her mother,
as a favor it is for it
be paid at Chittos?

A kind remembrance
to all
Yours
J. H. Longley

M. McKee

Pleasant Ridge March 5/69

Rev S. A. Riggs

Dear Brother

Your last accompanying
Isabella's letter reached us in due
time, She always glad to hear
from you, There is a family in
this congregation the Widow &
children of the Rev Mr Bondyke
that knew something of your
family & well knew Dr William
Sunt Lane &. Mr Bondyke
is feeble in health, We're
glad to see notices of the great
revival interest in Beloit
The Lord has graciously vis-
ited us, Of this Mr Mc has
spoken, Shall not repeat
Shall probably know in
a few weeks whether we
settle permanently here

When I came my engagements
were for one year. Are now
in the 4th quarter just commenced
We are not very well pleased
with the field. There are some
persons of set & peculiar tem-
peraments in it, There is a
good deal of jarring in time
past. There is however room
for improvement & need of
increased labour. If the
Lords will is that we should
remain. I hope we will be
led to do it. Please let us
hear particularly as to your labours
with the Indians both past
winter & prospectively. How
does Bro. Free Remond see
-ced as a preacher. Also the
same of others. Nothing?
Should you be East. This
ensuing summer & we here
surely call on us. Let us
hear when convenient
Yours Fraternally
D. A. Miller

Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK,
Rev. O. EASTMAN,
Rev. J. M. STEVENSON, } SECRETARIES.
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American Tract Society,
New York, Mar. 9, 1849

Rev. S. R. Briggs
My dear Sir

Your favor of
the 3^d inst is rec^d. We order
the books printed at once.

We have
on hand 90 of the last edition
in cloth & 65 in sheep. What
shall we do with them?

Yours most truly
S. W. Stebbins

Is Mrs. Looley in Deerfield? I should like to write
her a line. - your friend S. R. McGee.

Mrs. Drake did
not cripple her-
self by the fall.
She does not sleep
very well.

Mrs. McGee

Sharpsburg March 10, 1869

Dear Mrs. Riggs,

I have been wait-
ing to hear from Mrs. Drake, but
the roads are so bad off from
the Pike, that I may not hear
for some time.

Mrs. Drake has been in the
Asylum about a month.

Her Physician persuaded her,
it would be the best place for
her to recover & she consented to
let the Physician take her.

She wished to keep it, from
her husband, so she made
arrangements to meet the
Physician in the City at her
sister's. The Physician was to
call & ask her to ride out &

no one was to know where she was going.

Of course they did know, but said nothing to her, as they preferred she should go of her own free will.

I suppose she did not receive your letter, as she had been gone two or three days, when mine came to hand.

She was rather worse when she left than for sometime before & the family were in constant anxiety. She would not permit her sisters or any one else to stay with her.

Mr. Drake had to do the work the best he could.

She imagined a voice was all the time speaking to her & saying Mr. Drake was not her husband, & at times, she would not permit him

to sit on chairs, she was accustomed to occupy.

She was very different from her own dear self, yet if you were careful to keep the conversation away from these topics, you might converse an hour or more, without noticing any derangement.

I suppose you knew she had a brother, in the Asylum for years. He is pronounced incurable, but is able to attend to many things about the establishment. He has charge of the baking at present.

But they never expect to remove him from the Asylum.

This makes the case of Mrs. D. more gloomy.

It was a great trial to the friends to see her go, yet they felt, it was their only hope.

I will not return Isabell's letter until I hear from Mrs. D. she may be better & want to see it.

We hope to visit Minnesota & Iowa, the coming Summer, if Providence permit.

Do you know how far Martha lives from the Cedar Valley P.O. My health is better than when I last wrote.

Minnie Chute, was quite ill, in Washington City, the last we heard from them.

I fear they must give her up, before long. It will be a very severe stroke, but I think they expect it.

Much love to all the dear family. My husband joins in kind remembrances, to all.

Let us hear again, when convenient. We are always interested to hear from you, & yours. ++

Santa Fe Agency N.M.
March 11th 1869.

Mr. Riggs

Dear Friend

Yours with
dollar bill came safe last mail.
John got started the next
morning evening after writing
you. Friend was so much better
But he wrote that he was obliged
to wait to the Major two days
One at Yankton the other at
Sioux City. One soon after they
started the Indians commenced
going down below - looking for
employment and many of them
going on to the Big Sioux -
He heard of one manasse free-
ing to death. Some where between
Yankton and the Big Sioux.
I suppose that a good many

more than half of the Indians
are gone. Many of them say they
will go to the Big River as
as to pick out a good piece of
land. Mrs. Hinman had a
letter from her husband Monday
in which she says, he says -

that the appropriation of five
millions of dollars had passed
the house and the Senate had
been fighting it, but there was
no doubt but it would pass
very soon, and consequently
there was nothing for their del-
egation to do but to return the
next morning. He wrote the day
of their arrival, before John and
the Major got there. The Indians
here are all excited and have
all manner of rumors afloat -
Indian style.

Yesterday was school the first
term. It being four months long.

Next Monday the second term
commences. I suppose it will be
about four months long. I offered
prizes for scholarship. There were
seven offered. There has been a
good deal of rivalry in consequence
there. Mr. Hinman's school came
up with their teachers Miss Frost
and all. They have four Indian
teachers whom they pay two and
a half dollars per week. They
have one of my boys. I was sorry
to have him go but he needed
to be learning something for his
wife. They have about as many
scholars as we have. I was very
much surprised to see Miss Frost.
The Agnew folks came over -
and I was very proud of my boys
but ashamed of my girls. They
are so foolishly modest.

Mr. Pines folks are about all
sick this week with bad colds

that does is prevalent.

Mr. Pond has been over the river
to get a box of books from Boston
School books principally -

Mrs. Williamson and children
are pretty well now. I am living
with her during John's absence -
Love to the folks -

Yours

Julia Le Franchin

Julia Le Fr.

— Saint Peter Creek 13th 1869

Dear Brother Riggs

The proofs of the latter half of Genesis came to me Tuesday Evening. My eyes are not sufficient to read proofs at night and as I had made arrangement to start to Limer to attend the Montebello Presbytery, next morning I laid them away to look over on my return. Soon after I returned Thursday evening your letters of 3rd & 6th and were brought in. Regarding to Frost's letters contained in them occurred one misprint of yesterday so that I have only four time to look over two or three of the 9 volumes in which I have found no typographical error and I think it very improbable that there is any which will miss the sense which you have not yourself discovered. As you have already corrected and returned the proofs sent to you I will be in no haste to receive the copy sent to me. A chief reason for asking for it was that my frame is completing the little version book which Eliza Huggins began more than a year ago and wished to put in verses from Psalms and is using it for that purpose. Eliza Huggins selected for six months and sent to write to select for the other six and copies of the selections are chiefly made for some days two years ago by connecting an insert so it will be about the size such books usually are. How much does it

supper will be the cost of a 1000 copies on good paper
and good plain binding will cost thus expect to ask the
Lack Society in New York to print it?

I am surprised and surprised at what Grant wrote of the
views of himself & the "Committee" about Mr. P. as
for thought and still think favourably of him,
but they may know him much better than I do
and perhaps act wisely in declining to appoint him
to our mission like Mr. Potter but he was of no use
to us. As I think the decision of the Com will be a
hard blow on Mr. Barker and believe travelling on
the Pacific the most likely means of reaching his home.

I have suggested to Sec. Trust that they authorize him
to visit our mission this coming summer.

I have written to Trust that I agree with you as to the
propriety of asking Gov. to build School houses for
the Indians and the impropriety of asking them to
make or assist in making dwellings for ourselves or
other missionaries. My views are the avowed of yours
in regard to the other matters of which he inquires of
us. I think it altogether proper for us to ask for one
half of whatever Gov. may allow the Santa Fe and
for education and it is the only government among
which I desire our mission to have the handling of,
and I also desire this as a means of obtaining our influence
over them. I wrote to John P. W. to ask for this action as
he informed me he was going to Washington. I think there
is very little probability of our getting it.

Old Mr. Parvill. Still continues in very fine health
so that the neighbours think he ought not to
go from home even to preach, but she encourages
him to go sometimes on a little excursion this week
he tells me a number of people are here he
explains our work and his family says the people
seem to be hungering for the word of God and out of
his deep poverty gave him thirteen dollars more than
45 dollars which the people of his charge have paid
him this winter for preaching to them.

What would you think of asking the Romans & African
A.S. Society to support & help Julia Leframbois. I have
been thinking of that Society can be induced to support
our female in connection with our mission it would
be a very much interest in Indian Missions. I think
then ought to be one unmarried female at each of the
two stations which we expect to have on the Upper
River. Cousin at Paris informed me that recently formed
a Wesleyan church in the neighbourhood of our
station like the others. Is your son there in college this
winter? Affection love to yourself and all the family
children who are with you.

Yours affectionately

Wm. J. Williamson

I inclose him with a school letter intended for both of us
though it will find its way to me etc I get more work than I can
write answers to I send this to you and if you think best you may
write an answer.

Senator Harlan

1869

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Mar. 16. 1869

J. R. Riggs Esq;
Beloit, Wis. 3

Dear Sir,

Your letter of
Mar. 10th. has been received and read
with attention.

If any endeavor of mine,
to remedy defects in our present sys-
tem of treatment of Indians, shall
meet the approval of a discerning
public, I shall be amply rewarded
for any trouble it may cost me, by such
cordial tokens of recognition as your
letter indicates.

I remain,
Yours truly, Jao Harlan

Beloit, Wisconsin.

March 18. 1869.

My Dear Daughter Martha,

I am sitting at the round table in the parlor. Your mother is lying sick in the parlor bed room. She was taken sick eight days ago. At first she thought it was only a bad cold which she could throw off by fasting. But after two days, when she grew no better but rather worse, I called Dr. Taggart, who at once pronounced her case Pneumonia. In our bed room the noise of passing things and being in our dining room disturbed her. So yesterday morning we concluded to move her into the parlor bed room, where the noises of the house could be shut out better. Perhaps the moving was too much exertion for her. This morning she was a good deal weaker than before. Last night Anna staid with her, making a pallet down on the parlor floor. Your mother told me this morning that she had done a foolish thing in the night - that she had sat up in the bed a while, she did not know how long. She did not want to call Anna.

At times she is a good deal flighty - perhaps the result of the medicine, and perhaps of the disease. When Dr. Toggart came to see her this morning he said her pulse was a good deal higher than yesterday caused by weakness partly - and she must have stimulants. He told her he wanted her to take whiskey. She told him that it was contrary to her conscience, but if he said so she would obey. Mrs. Bucknall, who was in at the time, said she had some which her father had given her last fall, and she would buy it over. In the meantime I went down town for a chicken and Anna has since cooked it and given her some of the soup. A little while ago I gave her a second spoonful of the whiskey. She said she was doing what she did not approve of.

Until today she has talked about getting well. This morning from her conversation I thought she considered it doubtful. When Anna and I were fixing her in the bed she said she had been thinking what this sickness was for. She felt very delicious - the taking down of the tabernacle was so beautiful. I asked Dr. Toggart after

he had gone out what he thought of her case. He said he thought she would get well - that he saw no reason yet why she would not recover. But you know her hold on life for several years has been feeble - a good deal dependent on the power of will.

Some time in the winter she became very much enamored with "Bernard's Celestial County". She borrowed the book from Alfred and read it over and over. I think she had first seen it when she visited Carter last summer. So this morning she spoke about it and wanted me to get the book and read to her. I went over to Alfred's and brought the book and have read twice to her from it. The last verse is -

"Exalt, O! dust and ashes!"

The Lord shall be thy part;
Thine only, Thine forever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!"

Friday, March 19. The change in your mother since yesterday has been apparently for the worse. The Doctor was quite alarmed about her when he came this morning. He changed his treatment - gave quinine and capsicum - continuing the whiskey - and injected into her arm some quinine.

Saturday morning, March 20. The change seems to be only in one direction. Last evening your letter came. I told her some things it contained. She could not of course read it. This morning she enquired if Martha had not come. I told her No. Then she told me that she wanted to give the \$10 that Thomas sent her, which came a week ago to day, to you. If she should recover, of course my telling you this will not be an obligation. Anna sat up the first part of the night and I lay on a lounge and got up and helped her. Alfred came at two o'clock and relieved Anna. Early in the evening your mother's bowels were moved, which was repeated four or five times. In one of the latter ones she said "Wasting away". This morning she ate considerably and is trying to sleep, but I think does not succeed. She talked with Robbie a little. Mr. Warner called in and she desired to see him and had a few words for him. She has enquired several times for Thomas. She was sure he was here for she had seen him. She is occasionally a little flighty yet, but not so much as in the night. She just now called me and asked me if Robbie was not standing by the bed. She wants to know if she was owing him any thing.

Ed shut.

Mar. 18, 1869

I smoothed her hair and kissed her and asked her if she would not sleep - repeating "Thus He giveth his beloved sleep". She said "It will come some time".

Saturday evening. One seems so powerless by the side of a sick loved one. How we would make well if we could! But the fever burns on and we can do little but look on. Then the mind wanders and fancies on all kinds of impracticable and imaginary things. We would set that right, but we can't. — Since I wrote the lines above Dr. Teggart has been in, and speaks quite encouragingly of your mother. He thinks if we can keep her along until the fever runs its course then careful nursing will bring her up again. The neighbors are very kind in offering help and sympathy. By the way I may tell you that your mother had set her heart very much on your coming home on a visit. This afternoon she spoke about it - and thought perhaps we could let you have the money to come. But I said Martha can't get a letter and come in less than a week probably. "Well send a buggy for her" she said. This was of course under the hallucination. Afterwards she said I could do as I thought best.

Sabbath morning. The mother is still here. But the hopes Dr. Teggart encouraged are not

likely to be realized. Alfred and I sat with
her until after one this morning. About mid-
night she seemed to have more difficulty in
breathing. Anna and Mrs. Bushnell watched the
after part of the night. She had more paroxysms
in her bowels. I came out again into the
room before five. They had been trying to get
her to take whiskey. She did not wish to.
I asked her but she said "No, dear". We sent
Henry for the Doctor. He gave her a pill and
thought we want try wine. She took a spoon-
full for me, but when I asked her again to
take it an hour after she said, "You know
it is impossible for me to get well - let me
go quietly". When I told her it was the
Sabbath morning she looked up brightly and
said, "I think He will come for me today".

She said again and again, "He strengthens me".
Sabbath noon - Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Benson came
this morning and made themselves very useful.
First we changed the bed linen. Mrs. D. is now
wiping your mother's neck and feet. The Doctor
has been up again, and says he is still as
hopeful as ever. So we hope. - Alfred
did not, of course, go down to Woodstock
yesterday. And only Henry and Robbie have
gone to church this morning.

Sabbath evening 4 o'clock. Your mother
is about the same as earlier in the day.

Mrs. Plimball and Mrs. Merrill called in.
Dr. T. came again and wished her to resume
the taking whiskey. She promised to do
it and we have just given her a couple
of tea spoons full. Mr. Bushnell came
in and expressed his confidence in the
mini-walkers for those who are ready to
jamb.

Monday morn - half past five. The end
seems to be coming on apace. Anna and
Alfred watched the first part of the night.
And Mrs. Wheeler and I have been watching
since. The difficulty of breathing and the
rattling in her throat have increased during
these last few hours. Your mother called
my attention to it about 3 o'clock this
morning. It seems as if we can't do much
but smooth the way, which we do tenderly-
lovingly.

7 o'clock. The battle is fought - the
conflict is ended - the victory is won.
Your mother's life's drama here is
closed - the curtain is drawn.

She went sooner than we expected
at the last. But quietly, gently she
passed away. And this was the last of
earth. I had waked Robbie to kindle
a fire in the kitchen - but the rest
was not yet awaked. I had sat down

to write a note to Thomas. Mrs. Whelan
was sitting in the bed room watching.
She called me and I went, but she ^{your mother}
was then past recognizing any one.
Anne & Henry & Mary Corby got in
to see her breathe her last breath, but
Alfred & Robbie who went for her
did not come in until all was over.

And now dear little Maetta, there is
nothing more to be said. We feel sad
and yet glad. We shall feel very
lonely without the dear one.

God bless & sustain you my dear.

Your loving father,

J. H. Riggs.

Note at 10 A.M. We have talked over
the possibilities of getting you and Thomas
here before the burial, and have concluded
against it. The dear body will be
buried I think Wednesday forenoon.

And now my dearest daughter again
I say, God strengthen & comfort you

Miss Liasment
1869.

Ada, Mich. Mar. 18th 1869

My dear Mrs. Biggs,

I feel very desirous of some word from dear Mrs. Williams and write, hoping to gain some information.

I cannot expect her to keep up her correspondence with me, as her time must be occupied and her correspondence large.

I read in the last "Herald" that Mr. Williams

needed a lady teacher at P.S. Upon calculating time
that Mission. If I were a little more closely, I find
younger I should feel I have no reason to expect
inclined to offer myself a letter from Mrs. W. yet.
for the situation. On the time seems very long.
account of the difficulty Will send this however, so
of learning ^{the language} ~~the language~~ you may know
age (34) would be an objection where I am.
I had hoped to return
to the Indian Mission
this Spring, but that door
seems closed.

I am here with a brother.
You will excuse my
writing thus freely to you
being dear to "Belle" you
seem near to me.

Yours truly

Harriet Diamond

Dr. Williams

June 28, 1861

Dear Brother Riggs

Dear brother

Our great time is at hand
which informs us that one whom
we greatly love has gone up
higher. We sympathize with you
and feel for you though we cannot
feel as we know you do.

In our mission the declaration
of our Lord is fulfilled. The Last
shall be first. First was to be her
brother then in quick suc-
cession Mr. Haffins Mr. Han-
cock & the two Mrs. Pond, and
now after a longer interval the
desire of their eyes. Yes a work
on her work in earth is done and
will done. Though we are not
of us ready to be chosen in
the all atoning blood of the Lamb

of few I suppose can it can
be more truly said. She hath done
what she could. Her sufferings
too are ended. Though from what
you write and the nature of her
disease I suppose she suffered in
her last illness much less than
I Mr. Sarah Pond. Yet in his
years of previous sickness she
I suppose endured more pain
than has fallen to the lot of any
other member of our mission. Her
countenance and early grey hairs
indicated this. But now her suffer-
ings are all ended. She has gone
to that country whose inhabitants
shall not die. I am sick, where
there is no sickness nor hunger
nor thirst nor pain nor sorrow but
fulness of joy in the presence
of the Prince for ever more.
They will take her to the world

of our son Watch Bee also
died, for none of us knows how soon
the summons may come for us also.
You doubtless feel an ineffable
loneliness & void which no
earthly object can fill. I trust
that the Comforter himself may
enter and fill it, and enlighten
and guide you in the care of
the children who still need your
watchful care. It is a cause of
great gratitude that she was able
to you till most of her children
are grown up and gathered into
the fold of Christ, and even the
younger ones so well advanced
in their education. I trust that
her prayers are yours for them
also will be answered that they
may be the children of God here
and serve him on his footstool
so be filled & enjoying him forever

In the kind providence of our Heavenly
Father we are in our usual & I think
we have nothing definite from
John P. since he left home for Wash-
ington but through an oversight
he sent me a notice of a draft drawn
for B. Wood of New York from which
I learn that he was in Yorkton on
the 13th and had been in Brownville
the day before, his daughter was sick
when he left home which I suppose
made him hurry back. I was enga-
ged on yesterday & day before yest-
erday the materials for and making the
reports. Evening our churches on the
Cotton & at Lac du Park, which I
hope to finish so soon.

We have had a slow but very steady thaw
for several weeks and there is a prospect of
high water. Our family join in sym-
pathy and kind regards to you all.

Your affectionate father I would

Edward W. Brown

J. P. W.

Greenwood G. I.

March 20, 1869

Rev S. R. Riggs,

I am at the
Yankton Agency with my
family. Since I started
to Washington 4 weeks next
Monday night I have not
had an hours leisure for
writing. It took me a week
to go to Washington. I was then
a week lacking one night.
I brought the Inds back alone
was sick two days at Sioux City
(one of them Sabbath), hurried over
the river before the ice would go,
apprehend that I ran more risk
than a missionary ought to, and
now I have set up house keeping here,
& my wife is fixing things for
getting breakfast in the morning,
and I want to write a few

letters, though I have not yet finished reading the letters that came in my absence, among them one from Joe Little about those maps.

You want to know about what I did at Washington - Very little as I did not find the wires.

Supt Denman ordered the Inds on whom he thought the Peace Com. Treaty would not be ratified. It was ratified before we got there.

Still it was found not very satisfactory for the Santees. Still it was thought best for them to come under it - hoping for a liberal construction.

The lower House is also opposed to the Treaty as too expensive, & refused last

Session to pass the Ind. appropriation bill, so it hangs over to this Session.

There was no estimate for Santee Schools in the old appropriation bill. Supt Denman agreed to add estimates in the bill that will come up. They were set down as follows

2 School house	\$1000 each	\$2000.
2 Male Teachers	\$1000. each	\$2000.
4 Female "	500. "	2000.

with the understanding that it should be divided equally between the two Missions.

As to our summer campaign my opinion is just as you said, but I feel a little more undecided about whether it would be best

to divide our forces just as
you said. As I understand
your plan we would not all
come together at all. I think
it quite important that we
provide for meeting of Pres-
bytery once a year when if
practicable we shall all
be present. On the other hand
the territory is such that it
is very hard to divide. it
I have the forces meet at
one point. I should like
very much to see you here
again this summer. Would it
not answer the same end to distribute
the field along the road—say one company
take Bule Agency & the other Crow Creek—
one take Grand River & the other Mouth of
Cheyenne &c, & then when you get up
to where you have the Mifawie let me
come back home & you & father strike
out for the northern posts. I only
suggest this. You & father had
better decide it.

My address is Greenwood D. T.

With love to your wife & children
Yrs Truly

John P. Williamson

Auditor's Office,

NICOLLET CO., MINN.,

St. Peter, March 22^d 1869

Rev S. P. Riggs
Dear Sir

Yours of March just rec'd
In return send you statement for year 1868 - also
return you your receipt - The Tail property has
not been redeemed. We have not got proper certificates
as yet. but if it is not redeemed by June you can
get deed from State as absolute property. The
Tax on the property for this year is \$9.00 & Delinquent
Taxes & charges are \$4.46 making all \$13.46 i.e. it will be in June
yours

P. P. Rogers
Auditor

Dr. Williamson

[March]?

(" " " " " ")

you were at a 15th

Both came out a week ago. I thought
I would defer writing them till the
plate proofs & make out a back no-
edge which did not come till 4 weeks
evening when the 1st half of the
came also. I thank you for the many
corrections you have made in making
many of the errors you have noticed
would doubtless have escaped me and
as they did before unless they neglected
to correct errors which I marked and
you have made the correction better
than I could do. I feel more than ever
at before the obligation I am under to
accept for correction the proofs of my
H. Exeter. Many of the errors doubtless
exist in the copy which was made
I am sure though I had not it as a whole
I for one did not know of them and
it seems to me that the best way
is to let the printer see the proofs
and make the corrections for him.

Dr. Williamson

[March] 7

(Dear Sir)

Your letter of the 15th
last came abroad a week ago. I have
now before me the plates & the
plate proofs & exodus and to acknow-
ledge which did not come until
evening when that of the half of Exodus
came also. I thank you for many
corrections you have made in exodus
many of the errors you have made
would doubtless have existed in
as they did before unless they neglected
to correct errors which I inserted and
you have made the corrections better
than I could do. I am more than ever
in debt for the obligations I am under to
you for corrections in the proofs & exodus
& Exodus. Many of the errors doubtless
exist in the copy which was made
I am sure the printer had not it so that
before sending it to the printer of the
not same to me in a letter but I am
not sure I did not see the proof
sent me did not see it for correction

[illegible]

I had written further the day before your letter came as I could have given you it again I do not think how much more I can write. I do not sign his name as an expression of the last thing about our town which was a day or two ago. I am sure.

to take over a hundred the
whole of them, and then with to go again
and improve your knowledge of the
country, and then to go and do
I have not a photograph of any of the
persons you inquire about except of Mr.
Hopkins and in that he and his wife are
taken together, will send you it. I purpose
going to St. Peterburg, and a number of
of the others then will send you a copy
has a photograph of her father & father-in-law
but it is not a photograph and I think
of some of the same people taken at
St. Peter, but probably it is not a pho-
tograph, I think so, and I will send you a photograph
of them.

I think you have managed so well about
binding books for that I am willing to
have the matter settled as the
able binding is given if it is not too ex-
pensive. I suppose it will have to give a
very good impression on that ac-
count it is bound to be on the whole some-
may be sets and such, I think it is better
to have it as it is now.

Yours affectionately

Wm. J. Williams

to be over a few books the
whole of them, and then with to go again
and inform you of any additions to your
collection. I think they are the
I have not a photograph of any of the
persons you inquire about except John
Hopkins and in that he and his wife are
taken together. I will send you it. I purpose
going to St. Peter this P.M. and will give you any
of the other things will send it to you usually
has a "tremor" in her father's paper to her
but it is not a photograph and I think
it is from a German or Swiss book taken at
St. Peter but probably it was got a pho-
tograph of her as a girl and a photograph of
her as a woman.

I think you have managed so well about
binding books for that I am willing to
leave the matter entirely to you. The flex-
ible binding is good if it is not too ex-
pensive. I suppose we will have to give a
very small price for the first edition on that ac-
count. It is our plan to be entirely sold some
may be sold and such things to be in better
binding. We are well as usual.

Yours affectionately,

Wm. Williams

Beloit, Wisconsin.

March 25. 1869.

Grandmother Martha

I shall copy from Isabelle's letter - that is the letter I have written to Isabelle - the records I have made since I sent yours of on Monday morning - just after the departure of your mother.

Tuesday Morn - March 23. When I wrote this date I remembered that this is my birth day. And a little while ago, when I was making the fire, I thought of the dear spirit gone - twenty-four hours ago - and what would I not give to have the certain knowledge and experience of those twenty-four hours to her!

Yesterday morning after the closing of her life here, Mrs. Bushnell, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Carr & others, took charge of the preparatory rites of burial. I very much admire their taste in dressing her in her black dress. Alfred and Mr. Warner and Henry made arrangements for the coffin - a plain black walnut one. In the afternoon I went up with them and Mr. Wheeler to select a lot in the burying ground.

During the day and evening, several persons called to offer their sympathies. Father Clary came to express his holy joy, in that another soul

some one had gone home. In the evening Mr. Baskinell came and talked over with us, Alfred and Mr. Warner being present, the hymns and other things concerning the time of laying away. Henry and Mr. Warner waited during the night. This morning is bright and beautiful, but our hearts, as well as our bodies, are a little weary.

Wednesday morn - March 24. Yesterday morning the coffin came, and the ladies placed the dear mother in it. She looks very natural. The wrinkles in the forehead are all gone. "Without spot or wrinkle or any such thing".

The ladies are much improved with the propriety of having a more public burial service than could be at our own house. Mrs. Merrill came and presented the matter. I withdrew my objections, because I thought, as she was a member of this church, they should have a voice in her burial. Alfred and Anna also consented, and so the first arrangement was changed. It is to take place from the church at 2 P.M. today. Mrs. Salmon and Mrs. Carr come and sat in charge of the house, and various persons came to take a last look.

4 P.M. We have just returned from consecrating our cave of Mackinac. It is a pleasant day. You can imagine the occupations

of the forenoon. Miss Emma Wheeler made a wreath, which was placed on the coffin. Some of the ladies brought flowers and made a bouquet which was carried to the church and placed on the desk. Other flowers were placed in the coffin, on your mother's breast and on either side of her head. It looked very nicely. We took several looks - at one of which, when Anna and cousin Mary and Abbie and Cornelia stood by the coffin, and looked into the dear face, Anna said, "Papa, pray for us". We did then and there pray for ourselves. Then the hour came that brought the last look, and the coffin was closed. Ministers Wheeler, Alexander, Pettibone and Salmon were the bearers. A goodly number of people were in the church. Mr. Baskinell made a very appropriate and touching service. It was a memorial service. I think he had a true appreciation of your mother's character. In the last prayer, he made a special mention of the absent children, praying that the one in China, following in her mother's footsteps, might fill up what might be lacking in sufferings and joy - and that the other daughters in Minnesota and the son who was laboring for another down-trodden people might be strengthened - comforted.

At the grave I expressed thanks to the gathered friends, and we returned home.

I cannot disguise the feeling of loneliness coming over me. But I feel also a double burden. I must endeavor to make up the lost mother to Robbin and Columbia, in the best way I can.

Anne has done nobly all through these two weeks of care and watching. And I believe this count will not only be the means of her higher sanctification, but of bringing Henry up also into a higher life.

Robbin I think had better go up and spend a year with you if Mr. Morris can take him and give him employment. But I have not yet decided what is best.

I do not wish to break up house while Anne can stay.

As the safest way of transmittal, I will enclose a Draft for the \$10 which your mother devoted to you.

We are all comfortably well.

Love to yourself and Mr. Morris.

Affectionately Your father,
S. R. Nixey.

have fallen therein. G. D. Crocker
Nihumkawanji
Y.D.C. Fort Wadsworth
March 25 1869

My dear Dr Riggs

Your favor was
duly received and the
enclosed translation was
rec'd & read with interest
by Louis & others.

The winter has been very
mild hereabout as well
as with you. This providen-
-tial favor has been very
beneficial to the Dakotas.
Their Supplies have been
quite abundant for them
and there is a much better
state of things among them
than there was a year
ago. I have seen the
Brethren occasionally
during the winter. Bro
Solomon was here about
a week ago. He appears

in better health than last year. He appears well and I have no doubt is doing what he can for the cause among his people.

Bro Louis has passed most of the time ^{except Sabbath} during the winter at his home near his father Simon who has taken a place near Red Irons. He was here last Lords day. He wishes to go to Fort Totten as soon as the ground is settled. He has a cordial invitation to go. The snow is disappearing rapidly for the past week & yet we can hardly expect to have spring this month.

David is exercising his gifts ^{at the Scouts house} quite acceptably & Thomas Robertson expresses surprise at the extent & accuracy of his knowledge of Scripture. The Lord may be raising

up another messenger to the Dakotas, in him.

There is considerable agitation ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ military circles over the reduction of Regiments & Consolidation of troops. Gen Stanleys (Jth July) 22^d & this (10th) are to be united. The changes that may occur in the garrisons at various points are not yet indicated.

I am glad to learn from Dr Williamson that you and he intend to make another missionary tour the coming summer. I suppose you will return, providence permitting, via the Coteau. Doubtless some method of transportation can be found from ^{Totten} ~~there~~ to this place - perhaps you will take a horse & wagon with you up the river

Referring to the explanation
of the matter ~~referred~~ ^{to}
which I called your attention
in my last, I had no
doubt at any time of the
kindness of the allusion
but still cannot see
why either of us should be
supposed to "lay all" our
denominationalism "aside"
in order to mutual coopera-
tion in Christian labor.
It would imply what our
censors of the Romish
establishment assert, that
ours are Churches militant
which I have frequent occa-
sion to contend is not the
case. I had a sample of the
"misnana" modus operandi
on the Bishops visit here
"from all pride, vainglory" and
exclusiveness may we ever be
kept & they recovered who

Kaksigahamska Etanhan

March th 29 1869

Tamakoce mihonkawajo
~~m~~ tanihan wowapi'cica ga he-
tanhan taku q dan nawaron smi' hici-
ca. epta ake wowapi'cica q. kta
hehan eya koda maka kin' owancaya
wicawta magigatow. can. Koyapatai
he wanna kitawna onmaspe siccica
he on etanhan ptinhan taku ema-
yakiye cin. he dehan wa cin
eya wowapi' tanyan onmaspe qm' kin'
he on etanhan tawaten waye qm'
tuka eya sampa eex taku
onmaspe kta cin. he iwahdu kcan onk-
an dehan nina igamaki'pi
he koda mmi' wakan kin' akta
da ije cicciche cigon he dewaka
che cin token emayakiye
akta he cinhan ga token owakihi
akta he cinhan idacin ga kohanra

Mr - Michal - Paul
hermayer

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 1. 1.

Miss. House, Boston
March 30. 1869

Rev. J. R. Briggs.
Beloit, Wis. -

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 26th

I have just read & it gives me the
first intimation which I have had of the
death of your dear wife. (I have heard nothing
from Mr. Beechnell.) Indeed, I
did not know that there was any danger
of her early departure, though I knew
that she was quite feeble.

I sympathize with you most fully
my dear brother. I know in some measure
the worth of Mrs. R. & last year I had
occasion to look just such a bereave-
ment fully in the face. For several
days the recovery of Mrs. T. was regarded
as doubtful; & once, at midnight,
her nurse waked me up & told me
that my dear wife must be taken from
me, though not perhaps immediately.
I remember the thoughts of that dreary
night; & so I can divine your thoughts
at such a hour as this

But there are precious consolations. She is
unspeakably happy now. She has ^{left} a sweet
memory & fine virtues. She has found her true
other Giver & her fellowman by an honored
& beautiful record. It is well with her.
And those who survive have reason to
rejoice that, great as their loss, that benign
& loving presence was continued to them
so long. God has death very kindly with
us all; & she is with the Bridegroom!

I can make an imperfect notice
of Mr. R. But I think you had better
send me fuller materials. If Mr. Threshnell's
address was written, perhaps that will
permit what we need. The Editor will
not feel able to publish a very long notice,
as the Herald is a tri-weekly condensed.

Mr Child, one of our Com^{es} is
very anxious that I should go to Wash-
ington, in view of the drift of the Italian
question. We shall discuss the matter in
Com^{es} at this P.M. I do not wish to go, es-
pecially without you as a helper & adviser,
for many reasons. But I may be urged to go &
consult. Christian love & sympathy to all
our families. Very paternally, Yrs
S. J. Frost

J. Longley

Auburn Theology
Nov 31/69

My Dear Brother Papp
I learn by
the way of Soberfield
that God in his myster-
ious Providence hath
deeply afflicted you &
your family as well as us
all, in the sudden removal
of a dear companion,
mother, & sister. Our
hearts bleed & mourn with
yours; and pray that God's
grace may be "sufficient"
for "this time of need", and
comfort us all by his spe-
cial presence & Spirit. May
his strength be made known
in our weakness & sorrow,

Realize that she is well, when I can see her & believe it. I hope, do we not
not must determine, you will try & see men when you come soon - if you come.

Excuse me for not writing to you
one of letters, or even a word
I may have written to you.

Your mother and her friends
they are suffering from
affliction.

And I hope to us that she
is not lost - but gone be-
fore, & lead us to a more
full consecration & read-
iness of heart & life for what-
ever may be the Divine will.

Please give me the
particulars of our loved
ones last sickness & death.

Morrett
Your Brother
J. D. Longley

April 10th

Will your plans for the Spring & sum-
mer still remain the same? I wish I
could be at Gen^l Assembly & stay with
or near - but that would be possible only
through your or others influence. I have got
my natural plan for vacation, though ad-
vised to go West. Would you like Mary
Ann's original miniature when I get it?
I had a gift for her, and I can hardly

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, *Nov. 31, 1869*

S. R. Riggs Esq:
Beloit Wis.

Dear Sir

Your

Letter of the 26th. inst has been
received and read with interest
and attention.

I thank you very sincerely
for the suggestions you make
and will endeavor to bear your
views steadily in mind as the
matter progresses of modifying our
Indian policy

I remain,

Yours truly,

Las Harlan

Auditor's Office,

NICOLLET CO., MINN.,

St. Peter, April 22 1869

Rev S P Riggs

Dear Sir

Yours of March 25th

Containing Tax statement just recd I return
your statement receipted -

With regard to the property
in West Newton. Lots nos 10, 15 & 16. You can send
the amt \$9.08 for '68 tax by June 1st 1869 and I will
send you a recd

Yours &c

Thos Rogers
Auditor

Portsmouth April 3^d 1869.

My Dear Brother

When your letter of the 20th ulto, came to hand I was quite unwell from the effects of a severe cold taken two days before from which I have not yet entirely recovered - I then felt quite disqualified to express by letter the deep sympathy I felt with you in your bereavement, and still feel unprepared to afford consolation in such a deep sorrow notwithstanding having passed through one similar - It is said that death generally comes unexpectedly, so it did when our dear Bro. Moss was called home and so now when my sisters death was so unexpectedly announced in your letter, Gods providences often seem dark to us, and perhaps it best becomes us to be silent; "Be still and know that I am God", may be proper for us - Yet we may look at the mercies which he has mingled with his chastisements; and in this respect we have both had cause of thankfulness, that the

parturition of our joy and sorrow in life were
shared with each of us so long; mine more
than 40 years, and yours more than 30 years -
and both left this world of trial in the full hope
of entering into that of enjoyment and rest -
I have lately been reading, Beckwith's "Yesterday
To-day and forever" and although a work of
imagination, and Paul, or the Spirit of God,
has told us that eye hath seen, nor ear heard
nor the heart of man conceived the glory of the
future life, of the Heavenly world, yet I don't know
whether it is wrong to imagine something of the
bliss of the Heavenly state, which we hope soon to
reach, and to fit us for, God is dealing with us
by his Providence -

It seems to me that you can have but little
difficulty in determining any new arrangements
of your family affairs in the immediate future,
having Anna Jane, to take charge of the House
and the children, all, old enough to go to school
and to take care of themselves - you may indeed
feel it a duty not to be away from them as you

could while their Mother was with them, -

I know indeed that you will feel lonely, but
God may still have labor for you in his vineyard,
and if there is no insuperable difficulty in the
way I hope you will be at meeting of the Genl
Assembly in New York next month, and hope
too that you will visit Portsmouth on your return.
I said return, at that will be about the 1st of
June; I expect Harriet & Martha will be here then
and I shall feel more at home than in the
early part of May, when Elizabeth's family
expect to leave & Martha will have charge of
the house - However as we do not know what
a day may bring forth our calculations are
all based on the Lord's will; for two weeks
past E. J.'s daughter Camilla (Mrs Beyer) has
been quite ill, and the Doctor does not seem
without apprehension as to the result, nor to
determine the cause of the illness - supposes it is
inflammation of the Stomach & bowels; but she has
become so weak as to be unable to take food
or strong medicine -

Stephen returned from Washington last night
when he had gone a week ago, in reference to
some business for the Boston S.B. Company -
He thinks Genl Grant will not meet the expecta-
tions of people, - There is still a great army
of Office Seekers there, and perhaps when Congress
adjourns and the thing becomes thinned off
he may act wisely - but he made some errors
in starting - especially in attempting to run the
government alone, or without the aid of the
best Statesmen of the Nation - But the Lord
rules and we may trust Him -

With much love to your dear children
at home & the sympathy of your friends here
I remain as ever Your loving brother

A. Regg

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Sister Elisabeth

Lima - Monday
April 5th 1869

My Dear Brother Stephen

Yours of the 31st was recd. I
Saturday Eve - late - And I had to
to Assure you of My sympathy
they - is your late Bereavement
I had seen the notice of it in
the Herald - A few days before

Dear Brother you have
met with A great Loss -
But what is your loss - is
her eternal gain - And as
she said 'A few years makes
no difference - in this living
World' But oh don't think
of her presence in the Presence
of God there to go no more
out - And never again to

feel suffering or Pain.
Oh there there is something
so unspeakably Pleasant
in those words - "Forever
with The Lord"

Your Children
Especially the younger ones
will feel the loss very much
still not as you will feel
it - Still you have much
to be thankful for -

Remember me to all
your family that are there
And with much love &
sympathy - for you And
hoping to see you in
May - I remain as ever
your own loving Sister

Elizabeth Alfred

Lucretia
1869

Sp. Deerfield, Apr. 6th. '69.

Rev. Mr. Briggs,

My dear afflicted Brother,

Our hearts were
made sad, by the unexpected intelligence of
dear sister's illness & death. Yet, we are com-
forted in the thought, that she is happy
& our great loss, is her greater gain.

I do most deeply sympathize with
you in your bereavement. Still, Jesus
our "elder brother" does, I doubt not comfort
& sustain you.

Accept my warmest thanks for
your kindness to Mary, & your interest
for us all.

Joseph suggested the idea of Ellen
having a place till 18 under the S.C.
I will send you a copy of the Will, as soon
as obtained. It is not necessary she should
spend all her time away from me.

It may be better for her, to go into a family where she can attend school a part of the year, & do something to sustain herself, & be thrown ^{more} on her own responsibility, than she is at home. I can not spare her at present. Should she be sick, the fund will be available for her use.

I wish to say more to you in regard to Etta, than it seems best to write to Mary. She is very feeble, & the prospect of her recovery is quite doubtful. I think Mr. Wood would desire to see her, if she knew she would not regain her health. Still, it does not seem practicable for her to come home. The changes would affect her sensibly, & fear, to her injury. How well is she? Is there prospect that she will be able to find employment, that she can sustain herself, after your family arrangements are changed. Dear girl, I feel much solicitude for her, but I try to commit her case to Jesus.

My health is very poor. I had it in my heart, should circumstances favor the plan, to visit my precious sister the coming season, but her heavenly Father "had need of her," & I must not. I will not murmur, but say, "Not my will but thine be done".

Tues. P. M. Etta has just lain down, & I must hasten to finish this while she rests. Her feet swell somewhat, & she is a sufferer, but, is usually cheerful & happy. She says, I do not see why Christians are so anxious to live here, when there is such a home for them in Heaven.

What do you think it is best for Mary to do? She makes the inquiry of me. I feel unable to advise her. May the good God guide her in the very best way.

Much love from us all
To your sister in affliction.

L. L. Cooley.

S. R. Riggs 1869
April 18

^{La.}
Reno, Wisconsin.
Thursday eve, April 8. 1869.

My Dear Daughter Martha

We have been to
the Weekly Prayer Meeting and now it is
about bed time, but I must write you a
word. Your letter of March 30th came this
evening. We had been looking for a letter
from you for several days, and wondering why
one did not come. It seemed so long
since we wrote you of the departure of
your dear mother; that we longed to hear
that you knew it. And now the letter
came but you had not heard that she
had gone up higher. The 22nd of March,
the day your mother died, I sent you a
letter - then again another after we had
laid the dear one away. The Henry wrote
you, and after that Anna wrote, about
the 29th or 30th. So before this time
I think you must have heard the sad
intelligence. When Anna wrote I inclosed
a half sheet, asking you to send down
some of your mother's home letters between

the years 1837 & 1846, as Prof. Emerson has undertaken to write a memorial of her. I will send you inclosed a copy of Mr. Bushnell's remarks at the funeral which I shall like to have you return, as I have no other copy.

The seeds you received from Washington may be a remembrance to you of your mother. She wrote to her cousin Abner Longley who is in the Agricultural Department, asking him to send them to you. I am not sure, but I think that was the last letter she wrote. She had thought so much about you recently that it was a trial to her in her last days not to have you here.

We have had several letters from Thomas since he heard of his mother's death. He mourns sorely the loss; & feels so badly that he was not here when she went. At first he thought he must come home. But he has concluded now to stay until his present term closes - the last of June.

In the Lakeland "Romance" it is possible there is some truth. When they were at Tientsin, Isabelle wrote about an English

gentleman who wanted to be introduced to an American lady. She said a good deal about it, & about this showing his photographs. That was about two years ago, & it is that would agree with this statement. Anna thinks it must be Miss Shew. At any rate it looks as though the thing might be true in some way.

Col. Robertson's story is an old one revamped. I do not think there is any truth in it. Montpelier is too near the Dakota Mallards, not to be identical.

Miss Harriet Bishop - that was - has of old claimed to have taught the first school in Minnesota. There were many schools years before, & there was a school at Fort Snelling many years before - & one, Mr. J. W. Pond says, on Lake St. Croix before. But she still asserts that she taught the first.

We keep things here at home just as they were. Your mother's basket - little work basket - stands around just as it used to do. Her trunk and other things stand just as they did. I like to have them so.

Sometimes I look around to see if she is not here. I feel real lonely at nights especially. I wake up at four o'clock in the morning and can't go to sleep again. But we shall go to her - she will not come back to us. And indeed, as our hopes of the other life are true, we should not desire her return. Rather should we desire that we may be perfect, and, when the Father's good time comes - take up higher also.

To comfort your heart, dear one.

Friday morn. April 9. I should say this in my letter, of the 25th of March perhaps, I intended to you a gift for the \$10 which your mother had consecrated to you - her gift from Thomas. If that is lost let me know as soon as convenient.

I shall desire to take up Robbie to stay with you and Mr. Morris if you would like to have him. There would be not much for him to do here, and now your mother is gone, I should not like to leave him here during the summer vacation.

Let me know when your baby was born. I have forgotten and have not recorded it. Also his name.

With much love, your father,
J. R. Riggs.

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Saint Paul, April 8 1869

My dear Sir:

The narrative of Paul, and your Translation, was duly received. We are truly grateful for this valuable MS. and shall lay it aside to publish in our next Volume of Collections, next winter. We have one or two other MSS. which you kindly prepared for our Society, and should have been published in our last Vol. instead of some papers of no immediate value, but they were by inadvertence crowded out.

We have a little MSS. volume of yours entitled "A tabular of the persons Connected with the A B C F M in the Dakota Missions &c." Dated 1861. Was this MS. designed by you for immediate publication, or rather as one of our Historical "archives", for "future generations"? If it is printed, it should, I think, be revised, as the Sioux War of 1862 and subsequent events made great changes in the personnel of the work.

Last summer I met — (President, I think, of your College,) who visited our room. I gave him some of our publi-

cations, and she from
set of the Catalogues
she has probably for
of our Minnesota people
time to time, ought we not to have in our Collection, a
set of its Catalogues? I think so. Can you get a com-
-plete set. If not, please send what you can. Any
expense for postage, &c, I will refund.

Yours very truly
J. Fletcher Williams
Sec.

Minnesota Hist.
Society.

Mrs. Holtzclaw.



Abingdon Knox Co. Mo.
Apr 8th 1869

Wm S Higgs

Dear Sir

We saw the funeral discourse delivered on the occasion of Mrs Higgs entrance into eternal joy - yesterday eve we had heard of your bereavement a few days previous; from Aunt Jane. It would be presumption in me to repeat words of comfort, for you have Our Fathers arm to lean upon, his loving care for comfort; but I cannot refrain from expressing my sympathy with you and your children. This is one of the crushing heart agonies, which only a heavenly friend can fully know.

I had thought more frequently of Mrs Higgs this spring than usual, her expressive face seemed plainly before my imagination quite frequently and

her many acts of love and kindness
to our family especially to dear Estlin
during her stay in St. Anthony all
came back to me with great distinctness
and I thought, I will write and
tell her of our welfare but the days
passed and my resolution was still
unfulfilled when we heard of her
removal to her eternal home. God
has halved the lot. And given her
all the sweetness. To us, the empty room
and cot. To her the heavens completeness
Mary remarked, It seems as if there
was so much of the world gone with
Mrs. Higginson and so it seems to us
all. but to me Heaven seems fuller,
perhaps there is too much of earthly
affection mixed with such feeling but
to me every friend added to that
home, ^{makes} it grows more attractive, and
complete. Friends may tell us that
"Time will give relief, to the aching
lonesome grief." But time cannot

fill this wide desolation, in the
heart when our Dearest companion
has left us solitary - Gods love alone
can give strength to feel submissive
and teach us to bear with pleasant
anticipations the joyful reunion
when our work is done

Yours with much sympathy
Jure A. Holmstrom

Mr. McFluo

Shorebury April 30th 1869

Dear Brother Riggs

A few days since we rec^d
through Anna the tidings of
Mrs Riggs departure to a bet-
ter world. Although she had
been long in feeble health it
nevertheless took us somewhat
by surprise. We cannot but
sympathize with you in this
greatest of all earthly losses (some
perhaps one with the permanent loss
of reason). She had walked
by your side for almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of
a century as a Christian com-
panion, sympathizer & bearer
of burdens. As the mother of your
children she watched & nurtured
them as only a mother could -
but she has gone up higher

she has preceded you to glory
Her gain is your loss & yet
with your knowledge of our
Father's love it will not be
only loss, The ties binding you
to Heaven will be stronger
& your sense of the Father's grace
& presence will be richer
I feel more than ever that
life is short, What we do must
be done ^{soon} It was I think in the
Spring or Summer of 36 I saw
& was introduced to Miss Longley
at an exhibition at Boston
She was then a young girl, teach-
ing at Bethlehem Pa I was
a College student at Boston
What changes since then
The History who will write
it, With her it has closed
for earth. With others of us
it continues a little longer

We have nothing better than
to be found at our Posts -
with an Arrow on & so
may we be found when the
summons comes.

Our field here is not
in all respects as we could
wish. Still I do not desire
to change unless it is plain
duty. We remain for the
present, May the Lord di-
rect our steps in usefulness
& duty. If you have leisure
drop me a line

Yours Fraternally
James A. White

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Office, No. 33 South Front Street, Philadelphia.

Clayton, N. J., April 10 1869

Rev S. R. Riggs

Dear Friend

Your letter of the 3^d is at hand giving us the sad news of Mrs. Riggs death - It is sad to us for we had anticipated much pleasure in sometime having a visit from her, we could hardly expect her to come and see us and yet we were so anxious to have a visit from her we fondly hoped she might be spared to sometime visit us - It is a bright spot in our lives to look back to - the time we spent in your family, and we have ever since that time felt particularly attached to Mr. Riggs and yourself as well as all the members of your family - but we are comforted with the thought that Mr. R. is now enjoying the - peace of God, which

passeth all understanding And the love of Christ
which passeth knowledge - It is now that you
can realize the blessedness of believing in Christ
and of casting all your care on him who
careth for you - Oh the blessedness of "Trusting
in the Lord with all our heart, and leaning
not unto our own understanding, - I begin to
experience, and realize the blessing to my soul
and the perfect peace in Gods promises - the
many comforting promises in His Holy word

With humility and thankfulness I can say
I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He
has pardoned my sins and enabled me to
believe on him - of this great blessing I
have a complete assurance every moment
of the day - and I pray to my Saviour to make
me hunger & thirst after righteousness for I
have His promise that I shall be filled, and
I think I am privileged to have perfect peace

When you come to New York - you
must not fail to come and make us a
visit and, we hope you can make us a
long visit, we wish you could also bring some

of the other members of your family with
you, can't you do so - think of it & try!
you will see quite an increase in our family
since you were here

Please give our love, (my brother family
and my own) to Mr J. P. Fisk - we
were rejoiced to have a visit from him
last summer. As soon as you start
or as soon as you arrive in New York
please write to me, if I can I will meet
you in New York if you will let me know
where you are, but if I cannot meet you
in New York, you know the way here -
when you arrive in Philadelphia please report
yourself at our office No 33 South Front st
one of us will most likely be there

My wife joins me in sending our love
and our warmest sympathy to all of you
my brother also joins with me in the same

Sincerely yours

D. Wilson Moore

G. S. Poage
1869
April,

Newton, Iowa
April 10th 1869

Dear Brother,

Your letters
have been received, and
we deeply sympathize
with you in your
affliction. May the
Lord comfort you.

One after another
of our dear friends
has gone the way of
all flesh, and we are
reminded that we
have here no continu-
ing city, that shortly
we must put off
this Tabernacle.

Can we say with
the Apostle, "We know

that if our earthly house
of this tabernacle were
dissolved, we have a build-
ing of God, a house
not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens."

If we can it matters
little when the summons
comes. Gods time is the
best. At the same time
I feel that it is the Lords
will to spare me a
little longer and to
give me grace & strength
to win souls to Christ
I should esteem it a
great privilege.

Should you go West
as you anticipated
and make us a visit
on your way we should
be much gratified,

I have written to
Sister Hannah Eckley
as you request. Her
Post Office is Sigourney,
Keokuk Co. Iowa.

James health has
not been as good as
usual this. He has
had more neuralgia.
He is rather better now
than for some time past.

James & family are
well. Abella & family
are also well. George
Alford & wife & child
are living with James
helping farm.

James unites with
me in love to you
and the children.

Your aff. br.
George G. Pouge

Y. D. Smith.

Mass. House. Boston
April 10 1849.

Rev S. R. Riggs

Beloit. - Dear Bro:

Hierewith I send a
letter for the messenger. Please to read it
& forward it to Dr. W. & ask him to
send it to J. P. W.

The Memorial of Mrs. R. I have
placed in the hands of our Editor, Mr.
Wheeler. I have given him the facts
stated in your paper which I have
had copied & re-bound. I have also
told him of my high appreciation of
her worth.

On my return from Washington
I ascertained that letters had come for
you & Alfred (I believe from both) in
regard to his appointments, but that they
had gone to Washington, to the Camp
Senator Buckingham. I wrote at
once to Mr. B. & have them returned,
but they have not come yet, owing to his
absence, doubtless.

I wrote immediately to Genl. Cox

a "personal" letter, giving Alfred's parentage,
authenticity, fitness for the post, (though
I am not quite sure what it is, I
shall probably get my letter Monday)
& stating that such an appointment
seemed due to be in the line of the
policy proposed by the Pres^t & himself.
I think that the letter will have some
influence with him. But of course
there will be a strong pressure from
the politicians for some promise; & I
do not know how far the Pres^t can
withstand them. I hope, most sincerely,
that Alfred will succeed; & I am
willing to do any thing which I can
properly do in his behalf.

The book drags. I have
been to the Publication Rooms repeatedly;
but there are several masters who
are to read it & appear; & they have
their mawkish routine of labor, & move
rather slowly. I regard the appraisal
as sure, tho' it is somewhat tardy.

Very truly yrs
S. B. Tuck

M. M. Longhy

Greenwell
Apr. 10. 1869

My dear Bro. Riggs

The announcement
in your letter came upon
us as suddenly as a flock
from the sky - & as yet I
can hardly believe it.

I was about taking
my pen to write Mary,
from whom I had lately
received a line - to tell
her of my longings to
see her & you all - but
as to her, I must not tell
me "sit down with Abra-
ham in / bring down -

And I thought, such is
my desire for our family
to have a reunion

tance, that I would learn
if there was any likelihood
of finding a family in
B. who wished a respon-
sible young man, for
chores & society, enough
to come to his board - in
hopes. I might persuade
Lawrence, who has just
finished a six months
term of teaching, to com-
mence a course of
study.

I am afflicted, but
how much more are
you & the dear chil-
dren.

I can hardly think
calmly about it, & yet I
feel happy, that one
more is where rocks
never reach & where
sin & imperfection

never annoys! That that
is inexpressibly sweet.

We have a "Little
Henry" there. Will she
find him & know
him? We have missed
him, but when I see
the snow-troops & the
devil-troops set to catch
unwary youth, I praise
God a hundred times, that one
is safe! Safe.

My dear Bro. I can
only commend you
to God. You & your dear
Henry. I am assured He
comforts you.

We should love to see
you all & know all about
you - I was greatly disap-
pointed not to know Bell
was in Mass. Long
enough to visit her.

How is Mary?

Will she remain in
B? Hetta is failing
must go Home
soon. I fear will
not abide long.

I am grieved about
their condition, but
can do nothing.

We are looking for
Thomas. Dear one,
how will he bear
his mother's death?

Please write us
again - Let us not
be such strangers.

Can we not hope
to see you -

Love from us all -

Affly - Your Bro
Charles

Greenwood D. T.

April 10, 1869

Rev S. R. Riggs,

Dear Brother,

Yours of the
26th Ult. was received about a week
ago while I was on the eve of going
down to the Santee Agency to the
meeting of Presbytery. I bore thither
the news of your bereavement & you
were remembered on the Sabbath in
the prayers of the Congregation. The
members of the Dakota Mission not
only sympathize with you in your
sorrow but feel that they have also
lost a sister beloved; and especially
we here the younger members of the
Mission feel that one of our mothers
who cherished us all and sought
to draw us all up higher has
now herself gone on before — Yet

J. P. Williams

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for those
- "why should friendship grieve,
Who safe arrive on Canaan's shores?
Released from all their hurtful foes,
They are not lost but gone before".
Our highest comfort is "the
Lord reigneth".

Our Presbytery met according
to appointment on the 3rd Inst, &
adopted the Resolution on Reunion,
and also appointed you Com^{rs}
to Genl Assembly. I shall send
you your Commission & the Res-
olution in a few days.

As we had not received the
report expected from the 5 northern
Churches we did not make out the
Annual Reports but adjourned
to the 26th hoping to receive them
by that time. In fact I have
heard nothing from farther since
I was in Washington.

I am thankful for the
way in which the Lord
is leading Affred.

Can't he visit the Mission
this summer & view the field.
— say, come so as to be here
at the Mission Meeting —
this anticipates your coming
to the Missouri. This would
rejoice us all here — but I
only make the suggestion.

I hope to write to Affred
soon when I get a little leisure.

I am quite busy —
teach a day school about
half the day — have engaged
a Gankton to help me in school
some — Walter Sunkatokahya.
— find a rather delicate field,
but am in good spirits for the
future. Pray for us

Yours Very Truly
John P. Williamson

Mrs Harriet Linsley

Philadelphia Apr. 12/67

My Dear Uncle

A few days ago I received a letter from Father telling me he had just had a letter from you announcing the death of Aunt Mary Ann. He gave no particulars.

All, every one can do, is to assure you of sympathy. None but Jesus can give comfort, under such a trial. We know that for her, the change is a happy one. To you, the loss will be a great one - your little ones, will miss the mother's care & instruction, but our Heavenly Father can provide for them.

One after another of our friends
& relatives are being called "up
higher". Many are all be prepared
when the summons comes for us.

I do not know where this
letter will find you. Whether you
are still among the Indians or
where your post is. While in Wash-
ington last week I heard of your
correspondence with Senator Pomroy
in reference to Indian affairs.

You are aware President Grant
proposes to inaugurate a new system.
He has appointed a Commission
of 10 or 12 of the best men in this
City to make a plan & execute it.
Congress appropriated \$2,000,000
to be used as he pleases for them.
You have heard of George H. Stuart
of course. He is one of the prominent
men in that Commission. My brother
Mr. Leach says they are collecting

all the information they can on
the subject & have not yet decided
on any course of action. It struck
me that you might be able to
give them more reliable information
than they could gain from other
sources. And if you have any
measures you wish introduced
for the welfare of the Indians,
~~they~~ are all Christian men
& have their best interest of ~~these~~
Indians at heart & you might
speak to them with good result.

If you wish any thing done
"Geo. H. Stewart of Philadelphia"
is the man to address.

I think if the President knew
a few such men as you to put
on this commission it might
be made more successful. In
Washington it is thought to be
utterly impossible for them to do

anything to prevent fraud. I hope they may be mistaken.

Newton Robinson has been Indian Superintendent for awhile & is still in Washington, trying to hold his position. He is very popular with his Indians & without his knowledge they got up a petition to the President to have him retained.

You are probably informed of all the family arrangements by Father, but lest you might not, I shall give a little. Newton & Steve's families go this spring to Ft. Scott in Kansas. Martha to keep house for Father. I have given up house keeping for the present, until Homer gets located & takes through school.

Brown will preach somewhere this summer & then, we do not know certainly, but he talks of China. Joe or Ed is with Newton as Clerk. Charlie is still in Allegheny, but would go West if he could get any thing to do. That is our status.

With renewed assurances of love & sympathy. I am

Yours aff. since
W. L. Sewall

M. M. Longley

Greenville

Apr 14. 67

Dear Bro- Riggs

I fear I am not
reconciled to Mary Ann's
death.

I cannot express
my sense of personal affliction
& of the loss to my
household. For years I
have looked forward
to the time, when we
should get near each
other, when ^{our} my child
should be acquaint-
ed with & come under
the influence of one with
such a 45. as Mary Ann
& not less that of my good
& noble Bro. But I dream

is ended. The spell is
broken. Then two game
children!

I have felt, if ours
could be with them,
it would help lift them
up.

They have seen but
few, even of yrs. who
just intelligence & piety,
before money, ease &
pleasure.

I trust they may
yet meet.

Why can not some
of you (yourself?) visit
us.

We are expecting a
great deal of Thomas
coming.

As to Mary Ann
I have had the feeling,
that like Martha she was

near, through people
mess & care & I feel
very happy that she
is at rest.

Indeed for some years,
I have been so tired most
of the time, that there
has been a charm to
me, in that passage -
where the sicked came
from "travelling" &
"Mary are at rest".

But I have tried, & am
not ready to be called.

Pray that when I
am, I may be ready.

We do sympathize with
& pray for you.

Accept love from
all to all.

Yours truly
Moses

Miss Anne Porter
April 12 1869

Rev. S. R. Ruggs

Beloit. - W. Dear Bro.

I have read
your Washington note letter
in regard to the proposed appoint-
ment, as also his. & I have
written a 2^d time to Genl.
Cox, expressing my desire, hopes, &c.

I am glad to hear of his
purpose to give himself to the
Indian work. If he fails to
secure the appointment,
perhaps it will be for a
better service, in connection
with the Board. But I think
he may be very useful as Super-
intendent; & so I can honestly
favor his having the office.

Y^r 81

Very

truly

Y^rs

S. B. Fessenden

Dr. Rev S. R. Riggs

[Apr. 13, 1869]

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My dear Sir, Yours of the 10th is at hand. In reply I would say that as soon as the Superintendent returns I will try and obtain the pass.

I was glad to hear from you. We all deeply sympathize with you in the great loss you have sustained. I notice all of our Minnesota papers expressed sorrow and regret in regard to Mrs Riggs death. The early pioneers of the state are passing away. A biographical notice of Mrs Riggs should be published and filed in our State History

-cal records. She was
much beloved by those
who had the pleasure of
her acquaintance, and identi-
fied ^{as she was} with the history of the
State her name has
become classic.

Your friends in this
part of the State are all
well, Such as I have
seen recently ~~at~~ have
regretted the great sorrow
which has visited you.

Please make my humble
roof your home when
you are here, Mrs Stevens
joins in many regards
to you.

Your friend
John H. Stevens

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Saint Paul, April 15 1869

My Dear Sir:

I will willingly copy the article "My Mother" written by your daughter, if I could tell where to find it with any certainty. You think it is "in the" Press of the Summer of 1860. The Press was not established until Jan. 1. 1861. It was composed of two other papers, the Times, and the Minnesotan. Could it not have been in one of those papers which the article was in. We have nearly complete files of both, & if I can get a little clue to it, will try & find and send you a copy of it.

Yours Truly

J. Fletcher Williams

J. P. W.

Yankton Agency D. T.
April 17, 1869

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

Dear Bro.

I send you
herewith your Commission to the
General Assembly, also the Res-
olution on Reunion, also an
order for the mileage due from
the Pilgrim Church.

I have as yet heard nothing
from father. ~~If I do not~~

I expect to go down to
the Santee Agency again next
Saturday and have Presbytery
meet again on next Monday
the 26th Inst. If I do not
receive any report from the
northern Churches by that time
I shall send you the Statistical
Report made out so far as I know
leaving the columns for those Churches
blank; and you may fill them out

to the best of your knowledge.

I shall also then send you a narrative in part.

How do you like our Indian Commissioners?

I see Dr Daniells has taken Ben Thompsons place.

We have no news of any changes among our Agents on the Mifpouri.

Maj. Conger has written to his brother that he is going to hold his place.

Maj. Stone & Manson have not been heard from.

You doubtless understand that Congress (Lower House) has kicked overboard all our nice treaties on the Mifpouri.

Some are disgusted and some are in glee. I dont know how to feel. I want to see the child that is to be born of this great storm first.

Yours Very Truly
J. P. Williamson

Paddy's Run Ohio
April 19th 1868

Rev. Mr. Riggs
Dear Sir

We have not heard from brother Willie since the 5th of February and we are becoming very anxious indeed to hear from him. If you have heard recently would it be too great a favor to ask you to write and tell us of their welfare.

The letter we received in Feb. was written in November almost six months ago.

We sympathize and sorrow with you in the death of your wife which we read in the Christian Herald. With kind regards to yourself and family. I remain
Respectfully yours
Hannah W. Clark

Apr 28
May 1

Beloit, Wisconsin.
April 20. 1869.

My Dear Daughter Martha,

We looked a little this evening for letters from you, hoping the letters of your Mother might come. But as they did not come by this evening's mail we shall look the more for them to morrow. This afternoon Mr. Warner took his departure for Iowa to see what opening he can find for business. He is going to try an agency for this new paper sheeting for houses. Alfred and I went up to the cemetery to improve the lot where your mother rests. We worked until we both got tired and then adjourned until to morrow. We propose fitting up the lot ourselves mainly, rather than pay \$15 to the sexton for doing it on his plan. When in Chicago Alfred made inquiries about a suitable stone, but made no arrangements. He will go down again next week, as the Theo. Seminary has its anniversary exercises.

I shall then calculate to take Robbie up to your home. As I expect to go to New York to the General Assembly in next month, we shall not leave home for

Minnesota until after the 20th of June.

I think Robbie can be of a good deal of service to Mr. Morris and you if he does the best he can. My thought is that it will be best for Mr. Morris to engage to pay him by the month, say \$5- or \$6 a month. I will engage to help pay it. From what he earns in this way let him pay for his clothes. I think he will do better on some plan of that kind. I wish him to learn to work and to work pretty steadily, but to have some time for recreation and reading. I have been thinking that you ought to have another cow to milk this summer. If you have not obtained one already let me know, and what the price of a pretty good one will be. If Mr. Morris can buy one let him do it - I will send up a gift for \$35- or \$40 and let it go into Robbie's account. That is if the plan pleases you both.

Do you remember about some articles prepared by you and Isabella on the Pioneer Women of the Minnesota Valley, and published I suppose in the Saint Paul Times? I think there were three articles, and the last one was headed "My Mother". Am I right? And in what year and about what month in the year were they published? Mr. J. Fletcher Williams, Secy. of the

Minnesota Historical Society has kindly offered to copy that entitled "My Mother", if I can tell him where to find it. I have supposed it was in the summer of 1860, as Isabella and you were both at home at the time I suppose. That clipping from the Hudson paper you sent down I have enclosed to Oscar Jackson to find out the truth of the thing.

Cousin Mary Cooley will, I suppose, stay with Anna this summer - though she would like to go home ever so much. From what her mother writes, I think it not likely her sister Henrietta will live many months. Of course Mary would wish to be there in such circumstances, but whether it would be best for herself is quite doubtful. Still I shall not undertake to decide the question.

We have received a letter from Thomas to day. He will expect to reach home before Robbie and I start for Minnesota. He mourns sorely for his mother. Doubtless he feels the loss more because he is away down there with few to sympathize with him.

Some days ago I had a very kind letter of sympathy from Mrs. Holtzsch; but she said nothing about Eliza's health or her mother's.

Anna is writing to you and will tell you

about home matters. The spring here is very
backward. I am trying to garden some. I have
got in peas of several kinds and lettuce. We
have called the yard Robbie and I - but we
miss your mother about so many things - we don't
know where to find seeds. Then this clearing up
in the spring she always took the charge of. I
many things will be left undone, that she would
have done if she were here. Yesterday Mr. Nash-
mill brought us over a climbing rose bush
which, he said, your mother had spoken for.
We will try and keep things as well as we
can for her sake.

It is now quite bed time. So I will say
good night to you all. May the Good One
comfort your hearts ever.

Aff. your father,
S. R. Riggs.

Lottie Rigg

Loveland April 22^d/869

My Dear Uncle:

We learned through the "Herald" the sad intelligence of Auntie's death. And knowing how very deeply must be your bereavement, please accept a few tears of sympathy from one who from sad experience can deeply feel for hearts stricken and sorely tried. Yet I

know your weight of years and your strong faith in a dear Redeemer's promises when he says "I will not leave you comfortless" will uphold a fainting spirit and that you can say "this will, not mine be done"

It is a great sorrow to us. We had intended joining hands with her — whom I can just remember — and renewing our acquaintance once more, but God has seen fit to strengthen that friendship in the Celestial City, where it may be

we will all soon meet again.

When we know how fitly and well prepared for Heaven our friends are and ^{from} how much sorrow and pain they are freed, it assuages in a measure our grief - but I feel to know that there is in my heart an empty void which nothing in this world can ever fill. And though the struggle may be great, but the blessed assurance of an immortal life together hereafter is greater. I hope and pray a sustaining Providence will be near you and my dear cousins to comfort. I had purposed writing to inquire of yours and family's health often, but I am such a poor letter writer. I had not the spirit to attempt it. I know too my friends chide me for my seeming neglect of them, but I think of them oftener than my actions would seem, and wish we were able to meet often yes, very, often.

We are still trying to sell our home, but don't suppose we can this Spring, so we think we will rent it a year. Uncle Silas Pondrich is very anxious for us to try Appleton a year and see if we like the climate. if so to make it our home. So that on our route we had hoped to see you all.

We have not heard from Uncle Joseph this winter. I was told Newton Robinsons family were going to Kansas last fall, but doubtless you hear from them often - we are expecting Uncle Joe here every day to visit us. It seems so good to meet my fathers brothers at least once in a year but that pleasure has always been denied us. Do you intend remaining in Beloit? Please write and give us the particulars of Aunt's sickness and death. Remember us with sympathy and love to all the family. Your aff. niece
Lottie

Sant Peter Albin April 21 1889

Dear Brother Riggs

I was very much gratified by the receipt of your letter of 12 and as it informs me of several matters I have been for several days thinking of writing to enquire of you about them. I am glad you plan to come this way as we can thus be together to consult and make arrangements for the long summer home. My views about our summer home are like those of my son John. He does not wish to be absent from home this year so long as would be necessary to go up the Mississippi and thence to Devils Lake and Woodworth and and it seems to me undesirable for several reasons but chiefly because it would not leave him sufficient time to do the great amount of labor already pending to be done at a new station. If the Lord gives me health and strength as I think it probable he will I still be well pleased to go even to Devils Lake thinking it probable it will be the last journey of the kind I will ever make. I cannot be so useful and pleasant travelling companion as John but for aught I know now may be able to do about as much as on our journeys two or three years ago.

The state of Mrs. Remvilles health for six months has been such that it is very improbable that he will be able to leave his this year long enough

to go to Switz Lake. Much of the winter he could not
have been even to go to Pagetoga and their neighbors
have blamed him for going even with her consent
to come this way and get to the Hanklon Agency by
July 10 and that will be none too early you will have
but little time to spend in Minnesota and such pre-
parations as can be made before you come ought to be
made. I think one horse will be insufficient to haul
the baggage and provisions for two or three persons
on so long a journey and as the roads are such that two
horses can take the same load far easier attached both to
the same wagon than otherwise I propose that we get
a wagon about as heavy as the one I have then grow up
with a tongue and attach two horses. If this meets your
views I will speak for such a wagon so as to have it re-
ady before you come and request Mr. Stout to inquire about
horses so as to be able to find suitable ones. Jack is so
lame that it is improbable he will be able to make
the trip and I have no other suitable. If you go
to Switz Lake I think such a wagon will be needed
whether I go or not. Other arrangements I suppose
can be made after you arrive.

I see no advantage in ordering the Ooloon of the 1st
edition till the ms can be sent with them and perhaps
Psalms and Exodus may be ready to come at the same
time. I have sent Frate letter to J. P. M. The St Paul Press has
to go back to inform us of the action of Congress on the
Indian appropriation bill. Kind regards to your family.
I have a cold with tooth ache occasionally for a week past
the rest of our family well as usual. Thos. Williams

Fort Hadsoworth D.T. & April 24/09.

Mr. S. R. Riggs Mitakoda

Nakaha Putawin ta keyapi nararanga
Cante mipica epa ega tona woofse ohna
en kin hena owasin narumpi unkan iyobipi
capi Hehan nakaha Caminkpa ekta wai
heciya Tumweya yubampi kin he ekta Ta-
kantaoka oie wikanakai Okicita tancan den
yankapi kin anpeta wicemna wicawakida
unkan magupiga Putawin kici wai tohangen
en Manke cin hehangen Hanranna ga Rtafetu
ga wotapi hena owasin en wocekiye epa ga
anpeta wakan hehan hanranna ga wiyotanchan
ga kutanna sampa hehanta ga rtafetu hena tofa
wocekiye epa jesus hecon eon manpi epa
heon hecon Pecanon Hehan owasin iapi
wan eyapi unkiy Hamkayapi wanj'i kici
unya kumpi unkan eyapi ega wanjig ji
on wowahdaka unkan Takantanka wacingan
unpi kta keyapi anpeta kin de en indamde
April 13 ga de un wahdi April 22 Mitakoda
Putawin tanyan unga kicinca e. wayaganki

Ho Kapuniye Nitakoda

David Tamaripiarota

David Tamaripiarota



Stillwater, Minn.

April 26, 1869

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of
the 15th inst was received
last Saturday.

I return the slip you
sent. I have underscored
that which I considered
incorrect. The rest is sub-
stantially true I think.

The engagement of marriage
was not absolute I think.

They have gone to England
instead of China but are
to come back in the fall
and start for China.

He has got a jewel of
a wife in Jennie.

I understand that he is
to take military lessons and
she music lessons.

We were sorry to learn of
the death of Mrs. Riggs but
we have the consolation that
she has indeed "gone up higher"
as we believe.

We believe that she will receive
the glad welcome "Well done
good and faithful servant, enter
thou into the joy of thy Lord."
Oh! what a glorious truth; that
God will accept our feeble endeavours
to serve him, in the name of
Jesus.

It is a pleasure for me to
think of the times when Bella
was here. ^{in Lakeland} I believe her influ-
ence is felt in Lakeland to this
day, for good. Ay! it will
be felt in Eternity.

It was fortunate indeed for us
that she came here. While speak-
ing of her I would not forget
those noble ladies the Misses
Mary and Lucy Ledue.

I look to Bella as a sister in-
deed she has been one to me.
Give her my love when you
write and tell her that I am
clerking in the County Treasurer's
office. I also help my father
with the work of his office some.
My Father and I go home
Saturday afternoons and come
back here Monday mornings.

Mr. Roe still preaches for us
at Lakeland.

I am Superintendent of the
Sabbath School. We have about
thirty scholars and four
Teachers. We believe our "labor
will not be in vain in the
Lord" for we have the promise

"In due time ye shall reap
if ye faint not. It is rejoice that
we do not have to go forth in our
own strength but in that of Jesus.
How often do I feel that I must
claim the promise "In weakness
is my strength perfected" for
we are but weakness, in ourselves.
It is a source of gratification
to me to notice the improve-
ments which have been made
in Sabbath School work and
the interest manifested by
leading men of talent of the
country,

Ever Yours

Oscar A. Jackson

Oscar Jackson
May 1859

Santee Agency Neb, Apr. 26, 1869

Dear Bro. Riggs

I sent you some days ago from the Santee Agency the "Union Resolution", Commissioners Tax for Pilgrim Church, together with your Commission. I now send you the two Reports enclosed.

I received your letter of Apr 16th just as I was starting down here. As I ~~had~~ received at the same time fathers report of the churches on the Coteau I thought best to embody them in form and before sending on to you. The narrative is with the exception of the part relating to Pilgrim Church, ^{nearly} as father wrote it.

It will please us all to be the recipients of the generosity of the ladies of Mr. Bushnells Church, but especially to share in the interest of their Christian heart.

Neither of our wives care to claim a special right to the use of a donation carpet. We had expected to buy a carpet this fall as ours is worn out, and ^{if we get it} it would save us that expense. But we do not expect to be stinted if we do buy one. Mr Pond bought a carpet last fall but I think a small one and then have had more trouble to live on their salary ^{the past year} than we - probly because they are more generous.

I think it is just as well to put them up in one package (as I suppose it will not be very large) & send to the care of H. D. Beage & Co Sioux City Iowa. The freight is cheaper on the Dakota side and I can bring Mr Ponds down to him.

You sent the Dakota Woman all right

I have never been ~~here~~ where there
were so few Indians on the Agency.

They receive no issue but a little beef -
the flour having given out - and so
every one has gone off to earn a living
except less than a dozen men who are
working for the Agency breaking up the
big fields.

Probably one third of our mem-
bers are over on the Big Sioux. They
are determined to try the experiment
of taking homesteads there. I am
afraid only have a hard time to
then have all their claims taken
away from them. The men who
have gone there are our best men.

It casts a gloom over our
Church here.

We are all well

Yours Very Truly
John P. Williamson

J. P. Williamson
May 18 69.

L. R. Riggs 1869
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Bellevue, Wisconsin.
April 27. 1869.

My Dear Daughter Martha,

This is Tuesday evening.

In the Church they have just got the organ up and are having an Organ Concert to night. But we are so unloyal that we did not go. I suppose Anna would attend of course - but she did not care to go. She is sitting by the table finishing off a dress. Cornelia and I took a walk around the church about 8 o'clock and heard the commencement from the street. We both concluded that we would just as leave hear the organ next Sabbath as to night, and so we came home. In fact, as a family, we are not on the organ side. It is likely, I understand, to cost a good many hundred dollars more than they claimed it would, and so, of course, they want to make something by this grand opening concert.

A few days ago we had letters from Isabelle, some of which I inclose to you.

We have been looking anxiously for more than a week past for a letter from you - hoping that you would send down some of those first letters

of your mother's, if you have them. I fear Professor Emerson will think it a long time to wait. A short notice of your mother is in the Missionary Herald for May, but it is taken almost entirely from Mr. Bushnell's - which I believe I sent you.

My chapter on "Dakota Life" came out in the April number of the Little Corporal. The one on "Dakota Amusements" was to have come in the May number, but it got shoo'd out. Wednesday eve, April 28. I was sitting at my desk translating Isaiah this forenoon, as usual, when about eleven o'clock, who should come in but Mr. Huliffson. So I have given up the remainder of the day to him. He took dinner with us, and after calling on various persons I took tea with him at Mr. Bur- chard's, who is a cousin of Mrs. Huliffson. I am real tired to night, having run around more than I have been accustomed to.

This evening Henry brought up the mail - but no letter from thee. But one came from Oscar Jackson to whom I sent that slip from the Hudson paper which you sent down. I sent it to him to know whether it was true. He says it is true bating the mistakes about my having been a missionary to China etc.

He speaks of the young woman as Jennie which I suppose means Jennie Shaw. He does not tell the man's name. Anne thinks it was Lovett, ^{or Lovell} as written byabella. Oscar Jackson says they have gone to England to come back in the spring and proceed to China. He says Jennie is a jewel of a girl.

May you all be kindly cared for by the good Father above. When I sent for those letters I should have sent money to pay the postage. As you have probably sent - at least I hope so - I will send sometimes.

Aff-your father,
S. R. Niggs.

April 30, 1869.

Dear sister Martha,

I will try and cut out a pair of those drawers and if I can't make them will baste them all right. I will see about the table cover too - and do your errand about the dress and any other you wish. Your letter to me came last night. I hope those letters will be here soon. I will try and write you soon again. Shall you send any more buttons for the baby aprons? A kiss for the little boy - will - love from your sister Anna.

Mr Crocker

Fort Wadsworth D. T.

April 29 1869

My dear Dr. Williamson

A few items
gleaned from conversation
with Lt. S. R. may interest
you. There are about 30
families of Sioux at
Totter & 10 more near,
hunting. They keep up
their old habits with the
medicine & war feasts.
Augustus Frenier who
went up with the Dr. was
out at their camp - some
5 miles from the Fort &
gave them some good advice
telling them they had better
put away their foolish tra-
ditions as they would soon
be made to do it - That
others had done so & found

it better for them. Thos was
with the Dr ^{at the post} during the day
that they remained, ~~there~~.
A young man came in
from Stevenson saying there
was quite a collection
of the Titonwans near
that Fort - he did not say
anything of their being hostile.
You will probably see the Dr
soon at St Peter & he can give
you fuller particulars. Thomas
says he saw "Cantemaza" but
did not see the other friends
wicasta who wrote to
St Louis. "Cantemaza" has
heard some of the men ^{up there} ~~saying~~
speaking against ~~being~~ ~~and~~
having a pastor from
another band. It did not
seem to be intended as
militating against a visit
such as he intends to make

and if Solomon goes with him
the adversary will take nothing
by the suggestion. It only
proves the wisdom of prompt
movements. If the Devil
gets notice of a new
move into his territories
he will stir up opposition
with a view to prevent the
attempt. A little of Luther
Norms determination is
sometimes in place.
Thomas says the Doctor
is going ^{to establish his Agency} on his place.
The Indians have shown
the logs for buildings. He
expects to be with the Doctor
there & to have his mother there
too I believe. There are so
few Indians now here
that Thomas cannot be
of ^{so} much use to the cause
at this point as heretofore.
"naseca"

Have you concluded when you wish to start

Now that so general a
localization of the Indians
is going on & I hear that
even C. Crawford is working
on his claim at the edge of
the Coteau, will not
your board address itself
anew to missionary labor
to gather the fruits of many
years toil at such centers
as may be convenient?
Cantemaza - to go back to the
North - sends word to Solomon
of the dearth of elevating
means & appliances there.
Will ^{not} Bishop Whipple remind
Dr Daniels Agency as in
his diocese?

Fraternally
C.D.L.

I have requested Thomas to write your

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Saint Peter Minn May 1

Dear Brother Rogers

Your favor of

23 Ult. is before me. We are
much interested by Isabella Will-
iams letters

I have received from Mrs. Stub-
bins of the A. P. Soc an acc
of 371, Hymn Books 77 of their
old edition, and 473 Catechisms
which have been sent to me
by the merchants Lefrock. They
may be now in St. Peter. He
says nothing about the price
or cost of which you will please
inform me.

I thank you for the informa-
tion which you give me of the
Societies at Washington in reference
to the Indians, as our Ministers
to papers fail to inform us on

on these matters, I agree
with you in thinking that
all the ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~Notes~~ ^{Notes} should be un-
der the same Commission or
superintendence, but do not know
that I can do any thing that
will tend to further the object.
I am thinking however of writing
to Mr. E. Lodge to make some sug-
gestions about governing the In-
dians and the impediments to their
civilization, and if I do, I think
I will mention this matter also.

I think something as I ^{do} do
about the Quakers. They may
prove more honest (and I am not
confident as to that), but I doubt
about their being more capable
than others and so far as I have
seen the Indian subject even more
from incompetent than from
dishonest agents.

my word, as I made out that
sent to him after a careful com-
parison of all the accounts which
have not made just now. As to
the number of members of the
Second Church in Ash Lacqui Bar,
which I some how become satisfied we
had under estimate they are the same
as you made but full if I got a correct
account with the additions reported
by Solomon.

Our visiting elders cannot speak
English and are not likely to attend
the General Assembly. I think our
churches ought to be assigned only half
as much as others but still hope you
will have the satisfaction of seeing
the two assemblies come together which
will necessarily take a stronger stand
it is not of sufficient magnitude to shake it now
Please inform me what you
think about shaking for a
wagon.

My health is not good
is a weak part in back

1825.

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Solomon has reported to me the
names of 20 persons Baptized
by him of whom I suppose 6 are
adults certainly 5, and the others
infants. The adults are counted 3 each
to Little Lakes & Long Hollow.

Chas. J. B. Penwell Reports since
last full Sept 20, 18 Baptisms
3 adults and the others though
some of them nearly grown I
count as infants also. Angus
Robertson & wife baptized in infer-
ry received to the Church. He had
previously reported to me the Baptism
of 2 adults and 6 children. Last year
the annual reports as given at
the Little Lakes & Lac qui Parle is
reported as cash in addition to which
from a Bear Woods worth think they
have given as much more in provi-
sions. The at Long Hollow is from
Iron Chief's cost at Big Wood iron
with of it cost the account of the
received from the Indians since then
a sum

Statistics of Churches on Colman & at Lac qui Parle

Received on Examination 63

By letter from Ladies 5

Baptisms

Adults 55

Infants 56

Communicants in several churches

Lac qui Parle 45

Long Wood Lake 47

Long Hollow 38

Abbeville 51

Little Lakes 32

Contribution to Foreign Missions 185

Contrib for support of Ministers

Lac qui Parle 26

Long hollow 52

Little Lakes 43

Long Wood Lake 12.40

Dr. Williams
May 1869

P.S. I closed in haste to em-
brace an opportunity of sending
my letter to the P.D. to whom I
want shown & as the messenger
was gone so I will add a few
things more I see Mr P. Lodge
is appointed one of the Commis-
sioners to the Genl Ex perhaps
you can have an opportunity
while in N York & converse
with him about the details
I have corrected the proofs of
criticisms into the 2d Chapter
They are getting along with it
much faster than Ex. 1st
and I hope will be doing
it better some of the errors
in the plate proofs of Ex. 1st
observed in the first proofs but
do not correct them because they
were in the copy but I have
indicated to correct all in the

without seeing the country
in a few words which
I have not yet time to write
uniformly chiefly as respects the
mountain or short in Canyon look
over the plain from which in
S. Y.

It is probable Solomon Pankam
Singer & Maza Wankam
have gone or will soon go to
River Bottom to furnish to the
Kalis a bag of salt. Chapman
Crocker wrote to me suggesting a
word to them on the subject
sending drafts for money to him
their traveling expenses. Both
are quite generous of young but
Louis & his health is not good
and Solomon does not know who
wrote to his father but he
will probably go all over with
a small party with

on 12th of Oct. of oxen with wagon

I am not sure if
the letter under name of
Franklin S. L. Samuel Corrother
in his for the Chief of the
S. Y. between the Kapis & Kake
the Kaurke. The Lt has come to
S. Y. to see the Indians
there. The house have been here
about a month waiting for the
waters to fall. I think if the
had been here they would have
started sooner.

I enclose you a Photograph
of S. Y. but he has not written
his name on it as well as
he usually writes
Love to every member of
your family
Yours affectionately

Thos S. Williamson

Mrs. Holtzman
1869

Abingdon Knox Co Ills
May 3rd 1869

Howd St. to Wiggs

Dear Friend

Your kind letter came to hand in due season and my inclination prompted an immediate reply - but duties of a different nature and more conspicuously urgent prevented me. Mary and Fanny had just engaged schools and were preparing to leave home, we were all at home from October 25th till a week ago today when Fanny began her school it is six miles from here, she is to receive twenty seven dollars a month, Mary is to commence her school next monday three and a half miles from home at thirty dollars. Mattie and Kate both go to school. Mattie to Wedding Seminary and Kate to the district school,

We would be pleased to hear from you when you can write, hope you will excuse all deficiencies of this letter, remember me with love to your absent daughters as well as to those at home, Yours with love, Fannie Holtzman

I take it very kind in you to care to
know of our personal welfare when your
own home was so shrouded in loneliness
I will not say grief for hers was the
victory over Death which takes the sting
from the pain of parting. Your letter called
to my mind a beautiful little poem of
Miss Carys, "Entered into rest"

Please to hear what you are seeing ^{have done} and what you
Since the earth faded out from your vision
And the heavens begun

"We speak of you cheerfully always, & journey on
Not as dead do we name you. We say you are gone"
For how could we think of you sadly

We who watched while the light, of
Of Eternity's wonderful beauty. Even over your face
And it is truly a satisfaction to watch
while the light of eternity is opening to
after vision of a loved one who is called
into rest. But it takes a very unselfish
heart to truthfully say - "Well done of God
to have the lot ^{of} and give her all the sweetness
To us the empty room & cot. To her the heavens complete"

For the empty room does seem very lonely, &
and it would have been so pleasant to have
had a companion a little longer.

The bliss and joy of our dear ones who are
safely over the icy river is far beyond our
conception, but when our work is done the
reunion will be forever, and we too shall
join the eternal happiness.

Dear Eliza is still waiting, waiting
patiently to see if the Lord will restore
her or if he will take her home, at times
looking forward with hope to restored
health, at other times feeling sad with
the thought that perhaps there are
wearisome years of confinement before
her. Her Dr encourages her that she will
be able to walk about, but after being
in his care so many months without
any visible improvement, his encouragement
does not give us much hope as it might
she does seem a little better but cannot
walk and sits up, but little some
days she remains in her chair an hour
at a time

Mother has improved very much she has helped with the housework all winter and is now helping make garden. Her eyes are not sore but the vision is so impaired she can read only in her large type Psalms or Testament, Katie and Kate both united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church at their last communion. it is the only Presbyterian church in this place.

Josephine was married on Tuesday March 25th to Isaac Wanthorne. we hope she will have a pleasant home. he is a young man is farming now. Lettie is staying with us this summer the children a large of their ages. Eli is at Ft Kodiak Alaska Territory his letters this winter have been few and far between, the sent by every opportunity. He is as far as we know still unconverted. May I ask your prayers in his behalf that he may consecrate himself to Christ. Albert Fittishin has united with the Methodist church in the neighborhood of their old home. Wm. Jonas Rastoff is Burlington, Kansas.

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Mankato, Minn., May 4th 1869
Rev S P Rogers
Dear Sir

I rec^d a letter this morning from your daughter Maria sending me a package of letters requesting me to send them to you. I have forwarded them to day by American Express Co. and have prepaid charges. She writes all well and that letter me flourishing — all very
Yours
W. P. Boardman

Miss. House, Boston
May 6. 1849.

Rev. J. R. Briggs.

Beloved Dear Bro.

Yours of April
30: I rec'd yesterday. Thank you for
the report on printing. I fear I shall
not see you while you are at the
East. I expect to visit the Congress
express this year, the 1st is at
East Saginaw, May 19.

I am now prepared to say something
about the book, the rest all that I
hoped to say, as the question of engri-
ng is not fully adjusted.

Mr. Sargent told me, for her
you wish to know the terms, as I was
sent him the call for revision. That
he would place it in the printer's
hands, in 3 weeks from its receipt.
I finished the introduction in haste,
took the MS (entire) to him 9 weeks
ago. I wrote dear Ran Ken, one of
the Examining Com^{ee} & I think he
was prompt. Thus it went to Mr. Means.

an excellent, busy pastor. I suppose
now that he had other cares to read
before this: - if I had known it, I
could have hastened the matter, I
think.

I called again - again on Mr.
S. He said he was waiting for an
ed. so lost I wrote to the latter,
who replied that the eds. had been
accepted. I saw eds. v. again &
lo! it had been lying so long, all
ready, without his knowledge. It was
last Thursday P.M. that I discovered the
truth. Next day a fact went to the
stereotypew. No one had revised
the eds. & I found that some things
needed a little touching, perhaps the
~~double~~ - triple references & the same
matter I went over the whole care-
fully, supplying occasional omissions,
looking after the punctuation, & taking
only such liberties as I thought you
would sanction. The eds. were in good
condition; but I never send any thing
of importance to the press without several

reperusals. Now I did just as I should
have done. if the eds had been more, care-
fully prepared, but without a final
examination.

I have expected proofs these 2 or 3
days: & today I went to Mr. S. & Co!
the stereotyping is away, gone to Court!
He promised Sat. to have the eds. in type
in 10 days so that I could read all the proof.
Sending it to you would delay the
work; & it ought to be out at
once, because of the great interest
in the Indians.

The eds. is to go into other hands,
I believe. But I am disappointed &
minded by these unexpected delays.
And now, I am told, this eds. is sent
to the printer out of order, i. e. loose
pages that have the precedence.

Mr. G. objected to printing the
Catholic ones; & I thought he was
right. Hence I put them together, &
placed them in the beginning, which
is the usual arrangement

In great haste, Yr. h. & v.
S. B. Thur

Brother Joseph

Portsmouth May 7. 1869

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 1st inst. came
to hand ten days ago, as I was recovering from
a severe illness of ten days - and this is the first
effort at writing since - as I hope to see you
him on your return from the Genl Assembly -
I will not trouble you, or tax myself with an
account of my illness, or of the goodness of the
Lord in so far restoring me to health -

In reference to the R.R. arrangements for free
return tickets - you will see in yesterday's "Herald"
a long list - but should you go by the Pitts. & W.
Hoboken, or leave it at Mansfield, for the Atlantic
& Great Western & other Northern connections, as may be
most economical, I do not see any better way of
getting to Portsmouth for the least expense than
to come back to Lima, - the fare from thence to Cin^{ce}
will be 4 Dols, time 5 hours or thereabout -
The Postona leaves Cin^{ce} for Ports - Thursdays
Saturdays at 12. M. - arriving at P. - about 2 o'clock

this next morning - Should Stephen be in the Boat
or you can be introduced to Capt. Morn, your passage
will be free,

Last night I had a letter from Harriet, she
was still in Phil^a but intended to return to Pittsby
the last of this week, and after remaining there a
week or ten days to arrange her business, will
go out to Kansas stopping here on her way, for
a few days -

Stephen expects to go West next Monday
probably first to Wisconsin, thence to Des Moines, I,
and perhaps to Kansas before he returns - he
intends leaving the river as soon as he can find
a place and business to ~~suit~~ him -

Martha (Her daughter Genie's) are here now
and will approve the decision of Madrew, as soon
as Eliza Jane learns, which may be within a week
or two -

My nerves are not quite as steady as usual yet,
and I will ^{not} extend this letter hoping to see you
on your return, and to hear from you by letter
from New York - as ever, your aff. brother
A. Riggs

No. 38 Pine Street, N. York,
May 8th 1869.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Beloit,
Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

At the request of my
brother, Rev. John T. Gulick, Walgan, Maine, - by letter of Dec. 20th 1868 -
I sent you, by mail, this day, Lange's Commentary on Genesis,
which I hope may reach you promptly and safely.

Yours Respectfully,

John T. Gulick.

June 22 1884

I was in the
 10th of 2 years
 for the 1st time in the
 common with immediately
 spoke for a wagon which is to
 be finished in a month or so
 in the same way as the
 to the village in the
 went then with the
 back up in one fine
 in a 1.5 dollar

I wrote to go to my office, by the Trustees of the Museum on the mountain summit of the was a good number of people this time & consequence of my going to Washington I am not in a position to do so soon but when we will have done but I am now there now & as I am, for as usual to leave at 10. I am now more to the mountains and the last of the

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Mrs. Perinette

Newburyport, Mass.
May 11. 1869.

Rev. S. R. Biggs.

Dear Sir,

On May 7. Miss
H. W. Symon, wrote me from
Troy, N. Y. enclosing a note
which she had recd from you
dated May 1. She had been
compelled to flee from
Vassar Coll. to Westfield.
Such was her state of exhaus-
tion, that with all she could
gain by a cessation from
mental labor for the little
season she could command
for that purpose, it would be
with a struggle that she could
bear her burdens there to the
end of the college year. When a
vacation for weeks may be

restore her, that she may have
courage & strength to enter
upon her fifth year, in
her work there.

By her suggestion, I have
sent your note & her to
Miss Hannah White, who
assisted Miss Lyon in
her school at Buckland
& Ashfield, for the six
winters she labored there.
And I have expressed to her
the hope, that she may con-
tribute something, that is
needed in the work Prof.

Emerson has undertaken.
As Miss White is visiting
on her way here & there
from Grand Haven, Mich.
to this place, (to be here next
August,) I have enclosed my
note to her in another to
"Miss Mary A. White at Grand

Haven", as she will know how
to have it reach her. I have
also requested Miss Han-
nah White to inform you
whether you may expect some-
thing from her pen.

With high regard, &

In the heat of bonds,

Your fellow pilgrim,

J. R. Barnister.

Or, Mrs. Wm. B. Barnister.

This note requires no ac-
knowledgment to me. J. R. B.

J. G. Longley

Clifton Springs N. Y.
May 13/69

Dear Brother Rypp

I want to ask
when you expect to start
for N. Y. & by what route?

I suppose it would cost
no more from Buffalo to
N. Y. by Albany on this road,
than by the Erie on the direct
route. If you can come
this way, or if I can meet
you on the other somewhere,
we might go on together. If not
I will try & see you in N. Y.

Why does not Thomas
commence Theology this fall
& come to Auburn for at
least the first year? The first

year is quite good, & he could
receive from the Education
& Semy Hand some \$250 and
on application - If well enough
I shall be there another year, &
will help him all I can.

Harriet is strong - and what
does she propose doing - or what
is she able to do if worse be?

Please write me just how she
is - and how long she expects
to continue with you &c.?

I have been quite unwell
of lung congestion - but am some
better & hope to recruit this sum-
mer. Most Affly

Yours Truly
J. G. Thompson

Dr. Wood

ROOMS OF THE
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York, May 14, 1869.

Rev. A. R. Riggs.

Dear Brother

Some weeks ago
I commenced a letter
to you to express my sym-
pathy in the sore be-
reavement which has
befallen you. But a
change of residence,
a change of clerk in
my office, & a pressure of
urgent duties coming
upon me when very
feeble, led to a delay in
completing it, & it remains
unfinished yet.

A three times re-
peated experience has
taught me all the bit-

terrors of the cup which
you have been called
to drink. I know the
crushing burden of grief,
the feeling of desolation
recurring in after months
& years when the world
has forgotten our sor-
row, & the only source
of consolation & strength
which mercifully is given
us. I trust you drink
deeply from that foun-
tain, & that this afflic-
tion will be sanctified
to blessed spiritual re-
sults in your personal ex-
perience & increased use-
fulness.

I am glad to learn
that you are to be at the
Gen. Assembly as a dele-

gate. As such you will
be provided with enter-
tainment. I would invite
you to my home, but pri-
vately wish to be in
the city who have nowhere
to look for hospitality but
to me & I must provide
for them. I shall be
pleased to see as much
of you as possible while
here.

I write in haste, &
subscribe myself
Yours in fraternal
sympathy,

Geo. W. Wood
Sey.

Portsmouth May 17. 1869

Dear Brother

If I wrote you in reply to your letter of May 1. - it was when I was only just recovering from an illness which for a few days seemed to place me very near the shore of the river, and I do not recollect now what I wrote, except that I hoped to see you on your return from the Assembly -

As you will doubtless return from our way road over which you may pass in going to New York, you will find it most convenient to make Lima the place of interection, and as you will reach Cin. in 5 or 6 hours from there, by taking the Portona Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at 12 O'clock, you will arrive here at from 2 to 5 O'clock the next morning -

I do not recommend the Saturday trip, as you could not leave the Boat until day light on Sat. Morn - I have not entirely recovered my usual, former, health, although still improving. Martha is here, and we expect Harriet this, or next week - Stephen is probably in Iowa at Des Moines to day, and may return the last of this week, but whether he will remain longer on the Portona will depend on his success in finding a place to suit him in the West -

I will send this by Mr Pratt, if I see him
before he leaves this morning - if not will
send by mail - Please write me from N.Y.

Your Brother

J. Rigg

J. Rigg

Miss. Horse Boston
May 19 1869

Rev. J. R. Kipp

New York. - Dear Bro.

Yours of the 12th

I am duly rec^d - I start for the West
this P.M. Possibly you may catch me at
Chicago on your return. Inquire at Mr.
Rumpke's office for our next. See?

Lat. P.M. I rec^d the proof for the
Introduction, & I have read it sufficiently.
I have requested all the proofs to be sent
over (case of Dr. Wood) by the end of next
week. I hope you will receive them, as I ex-
pected. I read the proofs, some of my cor-
rections of the eds are not so plain as I
should else have made them. This I regret,
as it may trouble you somewhat. Of course you
understand that publishers & printers do not
like to have changes made from the copy; & I
intended to avoid the difficulty. But my letter
you will mark to make some ^{changes} I hope they will
be for comparison.

I have sent a note to Mr. Largent
in regard to the Index.

Very respectfully yrs S. B. Treat

Binghamton N.Y. May 19. 1869

Home Notes

I came in here last night about 11 o'clock and went to a Hotel where I slept and took breakfast. Then I enquired for Mr. Morris. They could not tell me, but gave me a City Directory, from which I learned the street. Passing down to Court Street and following it to the Bridge over the Chenango I crossed as so on through Main Street to Walnut where Mr. Morris lives. Fannie came to the door. I did not know certainly that it was Mr. Morris' home but I felt quite sure it was when I saw Fannie. Mattie an older sister seems to be the housekeeper in her mother's absence, who is away visiting in Conn. and elsewhere. There are two boys, one older and the other younger than Robbie. Mr. Morris talks of wanting to make a visit to Minnesota to help Myllys put his farm in order. I presume he will not do it. Binghamton is a beautiful place in the Valley of the Susquehanna where the Chenango joins it. Mr. Morris has a house and premises which he says are worth eight or nine thousand dollars. Mr. Taylor their minister was invited to tea. I had met him before at Worcester Mass.

New York City May 20. Afternoon. It was nine o'clock this morning when I crossed the North River into the city. I called at the Bible House and then came on up to the Church where the Assembly meets - listened in my credentials and listened to the sermon when we had mass. Then I hunted up Mr. Dodge's and found them at Lunch. Mrs. Dodge says they

will take Dinner at six o'clock today. Mr. Dodge was not at home for lunch. Dr. Patterson of Chicago is stopping here and several others. After lunch the colored men brought me up to my room and told me I would find every thing here. So I have enjoyed a good washing and brushing up and am now ready to go back to the Assembly.

Thursday evening. This is a very palace of a house, and every thing is here that wealth can put here. I have just added to my accommodations a bottle of ink, which will be more satisfactory while I am here. Mrs. Adams has come on from Saint Peter with Mr. Adams. Mr. McClaster is here also from the Prairie. Mr. Pratt from Portsmouth handed me a letter from brother Joseph Riggs. I recognize a few others in the Assembly, as Mr. Ingraham of Saint Paul and Mr. Shaw of Ohio. But the great mass of the Assembly are strangers to me. We did little more this afternoon than elect a Moderator and perfect the organization of the Assembly. In electing a Moderator the Roll was called three times before they were successful.

At the Bible House I received a letter

from Mr. Treat saying that the proofs of my book would be here for me to read before the last of next week. I am to have also the proofs of Leviticus to read for Dr. Williamson. Still busy as I may be I shall think of you all at home every day and every hour of the day, and my prayer will be that God will keep and bless you; and my hope will be that each one will do all they can to make it pleasant and comfortable for every other one.

Friday morning. May 21. Breakfast is to be at 7 1/2 and worship a quarter of an hour before that. So I have an hour to write and do other things. Last night our dinner came at 6 o'clock and it took nearly two hours to get through. First we had soup. Then our first (fust) the next course was lamb and chutney with potatoes green peas and asparagus. Then we had strawberries and ice cream and jellies etc. and lovely coffee. It was pretty different but not to eat too much. I understood the programme is to be different breakfast dinner at 1 o'clock and tea at six.

The evening until ten I spent in the parlour

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard return missionaries
from Turkey have been invited here for dinner
to spend the evening. Then among the
guests are Judge Williams & Mrs. Williams
& Judge Scott. There were two or three
others here. Thus there were several persons
called in the evening. I shall send the
letter off this morning so that you may
know of my safe arrival in New York.

When you have read it at home you may
send it to Martha, as she will like
to know of my visit to Binghamton.

Good bye to all for we
shall be called down to prepare very soon.

Yours truly,

J. H. Briggs.

S. W. Pond

Shakopee May 21. 1899

Dear Brother Riggs

I heard
sometime ago of the death
of Mrs. Riggs and my
first thought was that I
could write to you at once
but concluded to defer it
a while for I supposed you
would receive a great many
letters of condolence for
a time more than you
could attend to. Indeed
I hesitate to write now
for perhaps this letter
will serve only to remind
you of your loss.

I have just written a letter
to my nephew George Church
of the Seminary in Galveston

He married a daughter of
Rev Mr Hayes of Washington
Conn. She died lately very
suddenly in consequence of
an injury received in riding
in a carriage she was I suppose
one of the best and most useful
of women and in the prime
of life with a family of little
children. So death reigns
or seems to reign over all
But it is the Lord who reigns
The Lord who hath abolished
death and brought life
and immortality to light
I can of course sympathize
with you I know that a
dark cloud seems to rest
on you The cold will never
be to you again what it
has been Your loss can never
be repaired in this world

There was one and only
one who shared with you
in the memories of the
past in the remembrance
of the hopes and the fears
The joys and the sorrows
of more than thirty years
and she is gone. Others
may be dear to you but
no other will ever take her
place in your heart
Thus I can sympathize with
you ~~and~~ but may I not also
comfortate you Death has
entered your family at last
but how long you have been
spared. There are many of
you and you have lived
long together & but one has
yet been taken and she
has been spared to see most
of her children grown up

Such consideration as these
no doubt moderate your
grief. But there are other things
more cheering than these
Christians part on earth
that they may meet in
heaven. This temporary separation
ends in eternal
union. There are none of
my friends ^{on earth} of whom I think
with so much satisfaction
as of those who have died
in the Lord. Blessed are
the dead who die in the Lord
and I love to think of
them. I am glad they are
with him whom unseen they
loved. I should like to know
more of the circumstances of
Mrs R. death
Love to all you best
F W Row

Land December 25 1868

Dear Brother Pigg

I think I acknowledge the receipt of a sum from of April 3d and have since given for a short letter acknowledge in the receipt of the Report from our Presbytery, and our letter in relation thereto. This latter I cannot now lay my hands on but I remember whole or say about communicating to W. C. Lodge information concerning the Indians and I thank you for it. I was thinking of writing to Lodge on the subject but I think you are right in deciding to give advice which is not asking for a reward. I know that I have spent much time and thought writing about the Indians for the Society and am now not that is no bar or any benefit to

them or myself or any one else.
Some few communications of this
kind have never been acknowledged
and others acknowledged but no re-
sponse.

Last Thursday I went to the R.R.
depot near Peter and brought
home the box from the Trol. Car
containing as per bill 28 lbs new ed
Columbian & 18 old do and 485 cts
Christmas I have no counter either.
The freight on the box is a little
more than 6 dollars which with
the price of the box will add 1 m.
or nearly 2 cents each to the cost
of the Columbian I am willing to ac-
cure one half of the balance
due on the Books in New York. The
I think it not probable I will be
able to sell to that amount this
year or \$2832 and the cost of transpor-
tation.

I wrote you that I had taken for 2
years or more and I suppose it will be more
before the time we will want

Your letter was too late to
improve upon but I am con-
vinced I think he would have been
a much better bargain even as
I am like to find though rather
small for so long a journey. I think
he would be able to make it then
and some other Ponies about here but
they are lighter than the Shet-
lands and the owners are not so
willing to sell them. I do not at first
hope to get home fit for such a
trip at the price now named but
hope I might get them for 100 dol-
lars or about that each at least.
I have heard of some that I think
will be sufficient for less than
120 and only one at that I mean
a small one \$125 each or 2500
pair which are now to go
for such a journey. I have not spent
much time in the business in selling
but I think I know almost
every horse in the county. I think
he has been making a good deal

as he is engaged in business just
now which affords him present
facilities for getting information
of this kind. I will do the best I
can to get such a train as will be
at the lowest price and try to have
all ready by the time you come.
I think it very desirable to start as
soon as practicable in order that
we may be able to visit Swift Lake
as I wish to visit that country and the
Indians there. It would be also of
a visit from you here but perhaps
it will be better for me to meet
you at West Morris as soon as
you can be ready to have done
and if you think to please inform me
when that will probably be.

Edw. M. Rensselaer has been an
hour opening the box from Mrs. C. C.
Stoddard's Church at Washington
Square New York City and is much
pleased with it. Her husband is
much better but she is far from
well her main concern is her

and as much disease as her
body, perhaps more so. She came
on Friday and intended to
return tomorrow or next
day - and after getting home in
the going to wind up the
in the travelling man, be good
for her health. He has been some
unwell this Spring and has been
at the Erie Park I think on
one since early in the winter
and now after all Pains &c. some
more prompt to high water
he an in our usual health
There has much pleasure waits
I think only one rainy day since
the snow left but it is raining
a little just now and looks like
showery weather.

the oil? & the oil family, as
well as most of them were at church
on yesterday, & that looks as
I think more of size, & which
the oil family were going to
visit of the book.

I hope you will have the
most interesting in bringing the
two branches of the Passé and
the skin of the Tracous
even be with and bless you

Yours affectionately

Thos. J. Williams

Thos. J. Williams

Dr. Sigdon



Brooklyn May 26/69

Rev. Stephen Riggs.

My dear Sir.

I am requested to communicate with you to say that Mrs. Caroline Morris wife of Rev. Henry Morris of Binghampton N.Y. is visiting at the residence of her Sister Mrs. Richard Bigelow no. 101 South Oxford St. Brooklyn, where she will remain until Tuesday of next week. Mrs. Morris has frequently expressed the pleasure & gratification which it would give her, should you be

able to call.

If it will be convenient for you to see her, if you will have the kindness to drop a line at what time you can call, I think it would be well, as it would preclude the possibility of Mrs. M. being absent at the time.

The most direct route is to ~~via~~ Fulton Ferry, thence to Oxford St. via Fulton Ave or Green Avenue Cars. The house is only a few steps from the cars. The Fulton Ave Cars are on the second track South of the Fulton Ferry house.

I am yours truly

James Bigelow
101 South Oxford St
Brooklyn