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Fort Chadsworth D.T.

June 3^d 1869

M

S. R. Riggs

Mitakoda Mitakodan den
yahihi gahan taku wanjii unkiyapi gon he
nakaha econgoupi uya wamma nonpa (2)
econgoupi ga nakaha de ijammi econgoupi
Mazawakniyanna wamma unkiyapi kta unkiya
pi gon wamma wi aahdogan (8) unkan wamma
apa tanyin hduutampi ga apa himmuri hduutampi
mi Joseph Alordga Simon Cotanka ga Hehan
ga Sunkatamahcaga David Tamapujarota ga
Sunkawicarca Tonkanwicarca Kena xakpe (6)
wi aahdogan (8) unkiyapi tokahya nonpa
mmaunypampi tuka he Uhan Mazaska wanica
nakax \$33.35 henna mmaunypampi ga nakaha
May 16th 1869. he en 43.50 henna mmaunkiyapi
henna yuwitaya \$76.88 henna Adawa Iho henna
hucetu ga Jesus henna okihi unipampi epca ga wopi-
da epa Hehan Mitakoda Mitawin ta mawarm
gahan mina wocakiye eciciya ijomicipice cin he
etanhan wovigipkin nica kta e wopida epa

ga ake Dakota ryate m ije oie odake keta
e nina Cuvakufa Hehah Mitakoda ohimni
Cemiyeciciye kta wacin tona om wann kin
hena Jesu tacaun tanyan sdonge wicawaye
kta Sheen icemiyeciciye kta wacin Mitakoda
ohimni omniye, Tarkingayyan umhafi Iho
Mitakoda Mitawin ga Micinca om ganiyan
wann Tafeciyya wacin Mitakoda

David Samariyaro

New York June 4. 1869

Prof. Joseph Emerson

Dear Sir —

I have been requested thro' some of the friends of the late Mrs. Meggs to give you some information of her early years. I regret that I am not able to do so. I knew her father's family from childhood as one of intelligence & worth, & this daughter was once a pupil of mine. I remember her as capable & studious; but can not give any particulars of her history. I saw the obituary notice in the Beloit paper; & should judge she might have made the character there described.

If I am not mistaken, she has a sister, Mrs. Sedgwick Cooley, now living in Sa Deerfield, Mass. who I presume could give facts of her early life.

Yours truly Hannah White

2 Saint Peter June 5. 1869

Dear Brother Rice

Your letter is

2d, & 25 Mth came day before

yesterday, some of the papers

before some all the same time

and some since. I thank you

for all did not find time to look

into them much till today.

I thank you also more especial

ly for correcting the Proofs

of Livitius. They did not make

nearly as many mistakes above

the division of words in it as

in Exodus. I had both C & B

and Samuel read all the proofs

of Livit at least once and looked

them all over myself twice.

I doubt are some to regret some

errors escape detection for I found

some in reading some of them the

third time.

I think I inform you of the
arrival of the 4 subbooks sent
to the Miller Box,
I have been for some time hoping
for a portion of the edition of Books
& Excerpts but have no idea of
them yet. I hope you found other
opportunities of conversing with
you, how about the Indians he
has a life elsewhere. I think
is appointed on the part of the Com-
mission to go South, I wish it was
time to visit our mission. I rec'd
letter from Julia & to sister in
form as that summer is still too
young and with too much anxiety
to drive or overmuch from visiting
young men at the Santa Fe
likely him. By the way
who for a year or two has been
teaching some school there to.
I wish them school. I think some
will get them in mind do something
about this matter.

2. A little more than a week
ago I bought two Ranch ponies
for our journey for which
I paid \$22.50 the best price
at which I could find any that
I thought worth answer our
purpose. They were raised by a
Spaniard in this country who
says they are just about from
near to the Ranch or some
other stock and more eaten
but little grain are entirely sound
and gentle and work well together.
I would prefer for such a journey
horses a year older and a little
heavier but I could find none
better than these for less than
\$125. each. Their wear is about
finished. I suppose costs \$75 dollars
with one spring seat without harness
or staples for them. Harness will
cost from 40 to 50 dollars according
to quality. Such again be got for

\$2 to \$4 an by answer our pur-
pose but the higher price after
we have used it may sell nearly to
its cost I would like to hear your
judgment as to what to get but only
if it is not too late to want like you
come So you expect to come here
or come to meet you at Elkton?
John needs his little wagon which
he left here last fall if our horses
were as stout as Jack are now
it is better than the other wagon but
they are not and as they want some
extra books which are here and
John wants his trunk which
he left here we will have full
load enough for the journey without
the wagon and I have some thought
of taking it over with an extra
horse to build or brought back
by John when he comes this way
and it is on this account I expect
to wish to know if you will come
here

Dr Williams

1 7/32
60
2.35-

5 11.33-
1 23-
636.33-
123-
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8 11.33-
45-
8.3-6.33-

1 61.33-
43-
506.33-
73-
50
631.33-
50
123-
50
8.5-6.33-

John M. has written to me
that a considerable number of
the Santee Sioux from Nebraska
are making claims on trying to
make homesteads out for from
the Sioux Falls. The road that
way is probably not so good
as by Sioux City, but about
50 miles shorter from Jackson
than I have thought probably
we might get them so as to
spend the first Sabbath of July
among them and that we ought
to get to the Santee Agency
so as to attend to our District
business then the week follows
visiting the 2 Santee
then and the third at the Yank-
ton Agency, but do not feel
capable of making calculations
about these things well, John
wishes to know and I wish you
would write to him at what

time to meet us at the latter
stage, a letter from you
will probably go in left time
train from here, I have come
from beyond Sioux City home
in a week but it is too hard
to drive for our ponies but I think
we might go from Humboldt
City to Sioux City or Sioux Falls
in six days without injury
our team or from here to Sioux
falls if the roads are good, &
which there is now a prospect
as we have had no rain for a
long time they are only two or
three good showers since
the snow left. I hope you
will write to me telling me
what you think about these
matters. I do not know
any thing more to say at
a time now

If any time or consequence
occurs to me I will write
again. Our kindest regards
to your family,

Yours faithfully,
Thos. S. Williams

Rev. J. Parker

Watbury, Conn., June 15th, 1869.

Rev. and dear sir:

I have been interested for some time past in the study of American Ethnology, and especially the Indian languages. Having sought information from Rev. S. W. Pond respecting the "literature" of the Dakota language, and its relations to other languages, I have been directed by him to you; and therefore take the liberty of inquiring what books, in Dakota, are now to be had (whether school-books, translations of the Scriptures, or any thing else) and at what price, and where. In Ludewig's "Literature of the American Languages", I notice the titles of several reading-books, &c., by yourself and others: are these, or later editions of them, now in the market? More especially, I desire to ascertain whether your Dakota "Dictionary", either with or without the Grammar (of which I have a copy) is for sale, and at what price. I observe that the Smithsonian Institution charges \$12.

for the fourth volume of "Contributions", which, I suppose, is occupied exclusively by your Grammar & Dictionary. But possessing the Grammar, I should like to get the Dictionary at a more moderate price, if it be for sale elsewhere.

Dr. Williamson, in an article in the "American Theological Review" for Oct. 1864, speaks of the Dakotas as of Indo-European stock, and finds the evidence in their languages. May I inquire whether you and the other missionaries are of the same opinion? - for I find among American philologists very little sympathy with such opinions.

I fear I am trespassing upon your time and patience with such inquiries as these; but my apology is the interest I take in an unfortunate and perhaps perishing race. The accounts from the Dakota Mission, in the Missionary Herald, I read with a great deal of interest. With earnest prayers for its continued prosperity, I am

Yours in the bonds of our common faith

To the
Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Missionary, &c.

Joseph Anderson.

If you are acquainted with Rev. Mr. Bushnell of Beloit - my predecessor in this parish, I should be glad to have you convey to him my kindest regards.

Dr. Williams

Saint Peter June 16 1869

Dear Brother Riggs

Your letter about
the Elford's horn was too late
as I suppose you have already
learned that containing the
L^g for \$125 was in good time
For some reasons not necessary
now to mention we will be
well pleased to have you come
this way and especially please
to see you before I start I hope
to be ready to start in good
time on the 20th but I would
try to be so on the 26th but we
have not seen Henry for al-
most 9 months and expect him
on the 25th and I wish to be
with him more than one night
If we could know on what hour
you will arrive some of us would

endeavour to meet you at the
day & or in St Peter Passengers
by the Winona & St Peter come
in in the night by stage from
Waseka which is a little cheaper
as also the shorter route
By the St Paul & Minn. &
Ellen Valley they arrive at St Peter
between 2 & 3 P.M. on the morning
train from St Paul & 8½ P.M.
by the P.M. train I expect them
by the morning train which arrives
at or about 2½ P.M. and some
of us will probably be at the
School about that time

We are in our usual health ex-
cept Ellen Hunt who has been un-
well for more than a week Her
father-in-law is here sick

Kind regards to your family

Yours truly

Thos. S. Williamson

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Sunday we July 20. Since writing this letter yours of the 9th is in the hands of Mr. Hunt at Wash D.C. I will see that it goes to Mr. Hunt at Wash. D.C. I will see that I can do about further when I get over to Washington. I cannot promise Robie about the boys and school - I am afraid they would not more than be good like to pay. But I will look out.

Greenwood, Dakota Terr.
Yankton Agency,
July 20, 1869.

My Dear Daughter Martha

Yesterday I wrote several letters and last night it came over me that I must write to thee. Right glad would I be to know how you are all doing this nice July morning. The night has been cool, a good one to sleep, and the morning very pleasant, but it has the appearance of a hot day. Anna wrote me that a letter had come to Detroit for me from Mr. Treat, which she had posted right off up to Sterling hoping it would meet me there. I have been anxious to receive it, as it probably contains something important in reference to the book or our missionary work. The mail comes up to day, and I have some hope that it will bring that and a letter from you.

I want to know very much how Robie gets along - how he adapts himself to the place and circumstances, and whether he is going to be of real help to you and Mr. Morris. I do hope he will be a real good boy and learn every thing that may be learned about farm and garden work, as well as managing horses etc.

A week ago yesterday I received the plate proofs of "La Koo Ma Kan". It is going to make a book of 5-25 pages. The page is smaller than I expected. The book would have suited my ideas better if it had been common 12 ms. Now it will be too thick for its breadth & length. But I had no say about that. Alfred & I worked all week until Saturday night, in reading the proof & making an Index. I had not before seen Mr. Treat's Introduction. It is quite to my liking. The book made quite a sensation in the mission circle. It was as eagerly read as a new novel. Even Dr. Williams became absorbed in it. He said I was very fortunate in having Mr. Treat write the Introduction.

You will understand from what I have said that Alfred had joined our company. We met him at Sioux City, the afternoon of the Thursday after we left your house. We had a prosperous journey from Minnesota over. We had terrible rains on us two nights which soaked us through & through. The Sabbath we spent pleasantly at Jackson where we found Christian friends who entertained us.

We pushed on from Sioux City, with only a couple of hours stop there, and reached the mission at the Santa Agency Saturday night. They had been looking for us. They were looking for friends from the Omaha & Winnebago missions, but they came not.

During last week we discussed mission matters & decided to ask the Board to extend their operations at the Santa Agency by establishing a training school. We asked the appropriation of \$2800 for buildings & recommended the appointment of Alfred to take charge of the school. It will not however be practicable to put up the buildings this fall, so that A. will not move out here before next spring. Alfred came up with us last Friday to this place & spent the Sabbath. He took a steam boat for home yesterday morning.

John P. W. & his family were down at the Santa Agency, and we came up with them. Julius L. came up also to stay with Mrs. John P. W. while he is gone with us up the river. Mrs. Pond showed herself to be quite an energetic hostess while we were there.

Here we are among the Yanktons with abundant evidences of their heathenism. Saturday morning a young man got angry at his father and went

up on the hill and shot himself. He was brought
down quite dead. A little while after about
thirty women filed down to the Agency buildings
all gaily dressed, some with bows and arrows and some
with swords, and down a bigging was done.
Some of them had been out on the war path and
made war speeches. It was the first dance of the
kind I ever saw. Saturday evening the messenger
Captain Broach arrived. He is quite a young
man - and the Indians have laughed considerably
at the idea of having so young a father. Yester-
day they had a council, or big talk with him.
When it was over, floss and beaver were given
out to them. Last week had a quarrel over a
pile of beaver, in which one stabbed the other.
And this morning it is reported that he is dead.
So they go up to the judgment. We must needs
work if we would save them.

We propose having here to morrow for the Brant
Fort Thompson, Lt. Sully etc.

I want Hobbs to write to me. After
receiving this you had better direct to Fort
Wadsworth D. T., as it would be doubtful
whether letters would catch us on the Missouri.

Your loving father,

L. R. Riggs.

Miss. House Boston
July 25. 1849

Rev S. R. Reggs

Beloit. — Dear Brother.

Yours of the
10th was duly rec^d I endeavored to
see Mr Tobey, but failed till quite
recently, & then found that he was
not to accompany Messrs Welch &
Farnell. He had determined to re-
sign, not having expected to be obliged
to travel extensively as a Com^{ee} — but
rather to consult & advise at Wash-
ington. As it was too late to have another
man appointed for the expedition which
is to start next week, I suggested that
he hold on, or at least place his
resignation at the disposal of Genl-
Cox, in which case I thought that
no change would be made. This he
agreed to do. I have not written to Mr.
Welch. I think he is an Episcopalian,
+ that is a sufficient reason for sil-
ence.

I am not at all particular in

this Case - I told him Cox & I wrote to
Bro B. Stuart, ^{that} if any thing was to be
done for the Le Kotas you ought to be
consulted, (or if not, Dr. W.) And I
have told him to buy the same thing.
If the Case is so jammed with their plans
without the aid of our mission, I
think somebody will hear of it.

Since I returned for the first, I
have read nearly all the proofs that you
did not read - all that came into my
hands. - The plate proofs have gone
by your address. The delay has been
my vexations to me as it must have
been to you.

A few copies will be sent
to you, without pay; others will be sum-
mished at half the retail price. I pre-
sume that you will wish to secure
some on this basis, as you may dis-
pose of them extensively, in your
part of the world, & realize a profit.

Kind regards to your children
Very respectfully

S. B. Treat

Mr Stuart

Central College O.
Aug 1. 1869.

Rev S. R. Riggs,

Dear friend,

I have often intended to write to you since my brief but pleasant visit a year ago, but have delayed it longer than I should have done. I am in the enjoyment of better health than I have had for a number of years. I seemed much more worn out than usual by school work the past term but have gained more rapidly than ever before during vacation.

My last year has been very prosperous. The number of pupils

has increased their grades advanced and many more wish to come this fall than I can accommodate.

If I had better facilities and the institution were favorably situated for my own improvement I would spend my days here. As it is I think I will go West next year.

I think that with the testimonials I can carry of success in teaching I will have no difficulty in obtaining a situation more remunerative than that I now occupy.

I was interested in a brief article in the last Christian Herald. I am glad to see that there is a prospect of Alfred's engaging in labor for the Indians. I trust the Board will make the appointment.

I felt much sympathy with you

in your affliction in the death of Mrs. Riggs, which I learned through the papers and through letters from home. My kindest regards to all of your family.

Yours truly,
A. W. Williamson.

Miss. House Post
Sept-21, 1869.

Rev. J. R. Reggs.

Beloit. Wis. — Dear Brother.

Your letter from
the Missouri I have read. Of mission
matters I will say nothing, save that
the Com^{ee}. will be glad to have it equal
join the Lakota mission; they will
pay the \$28.00 for buildings as soon as the
question of permanency is settled. The
papers have an announcement that the
Santas (I suppose they are meant) make
to live on the other side of the Mississippi,
because of the forays of the wild Sioux. I
hope something will be fixed soon. I
have written Dear. Humphrey in regard
to Miss La Fromboise, & her support. of
the answer be such as I expect, we
shall appoint her at once.

A word about that book. Mr.
Sargent waited for the plate proofs some
time; & as they did not come, he sent
the matter forward. And now it is printed,
he says. I was absent for a time; & since

my return I have been driven by the
old problem of the prices almost out
of my mind. How we shall close the year,
no man can tell. If there are mistakes
they can be corrected in a 2^d edition
which he expects soon to appear. He thinks
of giving an illustrated edition, not
very large, towards Christmas.

He has requested him to send
100 copies to you at 1/2 price, & he has
promised to do so; I suppose he will
send you 10 sets. I think I had
better send Isabella one; or Mrs. Hem-
phrey can send her one by the China
missionaries who will start from Chicago
in season for the Oct. steamer - from
San Francisco - about Oct. 4.

I suppose that it is my
fair that you should not supply
the Trade with the books; but a sale
to individuals will be right.

Mr. Sargent will omit the
formula within for the 20 cents, for
now 100. Very respectfully

W.
J. B. Truax

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1.

Mr. Arthur



Fort Wadsworth N.Y.
~~XXth~~ Sept¹² 1869

Dear Bro Riggs

Our little Mary was
ailing at the time of your meeting
so that it seemed imprudent to take
the journey as we anticipated

Since you left nothing special has
occurred at the Fort

I hear that Dr Daniels has had
an Indian council & censures
Simon & others for statements
made to a Catholic Priest
at Abecrombie & by him
forwarded to Washington.

They ought to have known
that such a course is not
wise The paper was returned
to Bishop Whipple & by him
laid before the Doctor so that
it would evidently have been

better if they had addressed
themselves to the Dr at first
& failing to get satisfaction
might have forwarded their
grievances to Washington.

I learn that an effort was
made just before you &
Dr H. were here to procure
the daughter of Wamdididuta
for prostitution. Perhaps I
mentioned the matter to you
- having heard that her father
was willing to sell her for \$100.
I hear that the girl declared
her "unwillingness" - that she
asserted her wish to live a
virtuous Christian life & her
wish when she married to marry
one of her own race."

It is a noble instance of
principle among such a people
and an evidence that the
Christian labors so long

prosecuted here are not
without fruit. At the time
the offer was made the family
of the young woman were out
of food & were hunting the
Hills for tipsiuna to subsist
upon. Louis is here today
& a scout from Abercrombie.
L. wishes to go to A. soon,
& probably will do so.

Major & Mrs T. are still
here. He has not completed
his transfer of property &c to
Dr D. I hope you may see
your way clearly if it is
the Lords will - to make
your residence on the Ottawa.
I am thankful to say we
are all in usual health &
desire Knox remembrance.

I saw Mazasa yesterday.
He seems more comfortable
than when you saw him.

He still keeps his best ~~to~~ ^{the} looks
thin but seems to enjoy his
faculties & relishes food.
I took the family & Mrs dames
Thompson & Coe in the stage
They were all pleased with the
ride & with the abundance
of corn being harvested at
Red House. I see that a
Chaplain has been ordered to
Albion, Mr. Woart.
I do not know any thing of him.
He may be useful I hope to
the Scouts as well as to the
Garrison in general.

With best wishes
Yours in Christ
G. D. Crocker

September 12 1869

Gomakoe mitantoda fakaha eke ebyetun
kide roorapi rooraji bicage ga tanturoraji
ecicige kke do mitantunge fakaha eke
begairerapi kide rooraji ga koska ki o ma
wakantanka berorakege do ga fakem
upikungapi do ga fakem tantasiidun
ukerungapi do ga fakem tanturorajiepekke
do mitantunge roorana eke beritika kihici
yame kke do ga o ma wakantanka
berorakege kke do mitantunge toketa eke
Gokeororakihikira eca mo kke do mitantunge
hinari tantun tangari edororaje emi do
Gunka mitantunge rooraji rooraji Koyarama
magagu rooraji do Ito tanturoraji epekke do
Koska kin roorajiji hinari rooraji
garorakihiji emi do hen rooraji garoraji
roorakke do iho wakantanka roororake
oficifium nuncere bante rooraje ga
Nafecigugapi do
faris
magairerakinganna miz do

Fort Hallworth & Co

September 12, 1869

Rev. S. D. Riggs

Butterfield

yaahde kta umkan taku wangi emayakiye cin
he wamma eamon kta wacin tuka totken emaya-
kiye kta hecinhan makocce wangi micarniga
wo emayakiye cizon wamma wangi iyewaye do
hecin emawakinyamma ix namm emhan waste
dake daga makocce den yamm kta cin he waste
undakpsi do hecin yam kta hecinhan tipi kin
he miye wakage kta koyeham wakage kta heon
yam kta hecinhan emayakidake kta wacin
Sunktanka nom Induha uma on tipi kar
wicawapi kta tuka he tlanhan on wokajerjin
cicicin kta mi tuka makocce den yamm kta
wacin sca heon mix tipi kin he eamon kta
wacin wicoie togtokca ota tuka den yamm kin-
han okini oahicca kta umkecinpi ga tonu
wahokon kiyapi igowin ye cin hinaegix
den yamm kinhan wastepi kta naceca ipew
tokhe eamon kta hecinhan kohanna amayadufte
kta wacin do ega wadin janyan myakonpi

Britanni (Vine) on Napsuina
Hahna Kingana

Hahna Kingana
1869

Dear Brother

20th

I am happy to
add my salutations in
the common labor of love
& faith. G.D. Good day

Cante Maza has visited
us today. He appears
well. Reddon is still
living. Simon is ailing

John M. Good day

September 24 1869

Rev. S. Riggs Sumakia
Mitankunge Jakaba Ake
Ganikpa Kineciga wai ga
wanma Ake wabdi ga
wewapi Kide bicage ga
picaipiekle do Koska Ki
Owasim pima wakantanka
wacigapi secece do ga
pima Cante mawastee do
Jakaba Ake wanma Koska
Ki begaigapi Kine Kta
Mee Kte do ga Ake
wakantanka oma berwakige
ekle do mitankunge Jakaba
Tunkawaji ocicigakeekle do
mitankunge wangi wabmake do
Toketunki ocicigakeekle do
Berwanke he do wawawin
he wicasta gamni Kicicwaka
wabdelaka ga wanma Owpige
ekta bikeye do wicasta Kideed

mapigakabolen Iho
wicaala Kide zamni
kici rakaravahatakeze do
ga debama reranna eepige e
kha keze do fise
hecehi yadakeciba koha ma
rerorapi rerangi magagukla
wacie do rerorapi kike ope
waukte do mitankenze
oke e cada banikya kile
kha mbe kha do
Gankuda banga shorenge omi
do fakaha rerorapi kide
Cicage Jaha Bante magza
dehi do mitankenze
koka ki lipi omakigapi
kha kegapi kunka reranna
okihipi omi do kunka
Jate masice omi do
reranna watakantanka oficipi
un mure e oficipigapi do
fais magwirakinganna
mize do

September 24 1869

Gamake mitankenze
fakaha Iho mis rerorapi
Cicage keze e
mitankenze fakaha oke
mihikma kici banikya kin
keciga wai ga koka kin
oma watakantanka beukigapi
ze ga mihikma o kicita
Jahan ki fima wawetakeze
ga mnicigapi kikehize ga
opeze fakaha watakantanka
koka kin fima oficipi
sacaca wadakeze mis
oficipigapi wai ga rerorapi
Cicage ze reranna kenanape
keze oficipigapi ze

Mag mize ze

Miss. House Boston
Sept 30. 1849

Rev S. R. Rigg

Detroit. — Dear Brother,

I have recd your
favor of July 17, 18, & 26, Aug 18 Sept 10, 13,
& 23. In reply to the last I will say at the
outset, that I have sent a copy of the
book to Isabella, & one to ^{your} Alfred. Mr. Glad-
stone will pass thro Chicago, & he can take a
copy for Mr. Guleick there. Probably he will
take other things from that point also.

I start this P.M. for the Anti
Meeting. My wife has been sick in bed 15 days
& my work has crowded me sadly of late.
Since I have written but little & am nervous
that the Com^a appear all your plans, i.e.
for the Sanitary Agency the Colonization, & only they
desire a little more certainty as to the con-
tinuance of the Sanitary when they are. I have
written to Sec^y Cog but have no answer.
All the rest of the program can be carried
out ^{at once} at Alfred & Mr. with Miss Laframboise
are appointed. You can go to the Colonization & build
as we propose. In great haste, Very Respectfully
I am sorry that none of Sept 10 did not S. R. True to
reach me till I had written the report on your mission



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State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Madison, Sept 3^d - 1869

Mr Regge

Beloit Wis

Dear Sir:

It is proposed at the next meeting of the Executive Comm. of this Society, to introduce a resolution appointing a committee to report on the local nomenclature of the State; the derivation and signification of the names of the rivers, counties and towns, when and why they were adopted; and to report from time to time in writing in alphabetical order. ready for publication in the Transactions of the Society. —

Your name has been suggested by Prof J. C. Pickard ^{one} as ~~who~~ ^{one} who has given this ~~so~~ subject considerable attention & my object in writing is to know whether you would be willing to serve as one of the Committee if appointed.

This is an important subject & we sh^d be much gratified if you would give us the results of some of your investigations

Yours Respectfully
David S. Durrie ^{Assoc Secy}
State Hist Soc of Wis. —



Santee Agency Neb.
October 4. 1868.

Rev. S. R. Briggs

My dear friend - We
were very glad to receive by
"Blue Bird" your little note dated
at the bateau. and we thanked
our dear Father for guarding
you from the perils of the way.
I have been wanting some time
to write to you and ask you if
you can't compatibly with other
duties spend this winter with
us. We need you here as Alfred
cannot be here this winter.

I see Mr. Jannet (the Agent) feels
as if we are not really a Mission
as we have no ministers here.
Then too the pastors need some one
here to watch over them - They are
learning but our being without

a minister besides them seems
to weaken our force with regard
to Episcopals. So large a
number have left us for the
Trinity we seem weak and
small any way. Miss Julia
is working in the school it is
smaller by one half than it
was last winter and those we
have are chiefly small - many
of them studying Trinity.

Mrs. Hinman is gaining influence
faster than statistics show - and
I cannot but feel that if you
were here for some time
to see how matters are, you
might tell us if there is any thing
more that we can do.

I think our mission has been
blessed and blessed of God and
that He will not let our
church be brought to naught -
still to human eyes there is

nothing now to prevent its becoming
entirely swallowed up by the
other mission.

I have written as you wish see
very frankly but as my father's
friend. I have gone to you for
you have allowed me so to
come. Our room in process of
erection when you were here,
is completed and will be a quite
comfortable place for you to
write I think and the upper
room will furnish you a
sleeping place if you can come.
I must tell you that the Lb. of
August brought us another
daughter. The two are quite as
well as usual - So are we all.

Julia writes with me in sending
much love to all. Pray we
not hear from you soon.

Minneapolis

M. J. Pind,

P. S. Mrs Bushnell's letter and
the barrel came first before
the baby did and by some means
has been mislaid and I cannot
recall her address ^{name}. Please hand
her the enclosed note

Yours

1869

M. J. Dora

Alfred

Woodstock Oct-11 1869

Dear Father,

Did I make a mistake in regard to the Sabbath I wish you to preach for me? I should have said two weeks from yesterday. I shall then be away at Chicago attending our Alumni Institute. Could you come down on Thursday or Friday & so give Mary a little company. I shall go away Tuesday.

You see by the programme I send you that we have devoted the last evening to Missionary matters. I have written to Mr Inat to know whether Mr Blodget will be along about that time. I have had no answer. And I have been thinking that it would be well if you could address the Institute & the Assembly which they usually gather, on the Dakota mission work. Your expenses

would be paid. Would you do it?

What is to be done about Sabilla's subscription to the Advance? I told him to continue until further orders. Postage has to be prepaid at 2 cents each. Shall the bill be sent on to Boston as was suggested by those of the Missionary Rooms last year.

Let me know before you send your criticisms or corrections for the next edition of the book.

Will you enquire for me at Gordon & Waterman's what they would take my No. 12 Evening Light coal stove for, or what it would likely bring now in Beloit. Now would be a better time of course to sell than in the spring.

Your son
Alfred L. Kys.

Portsmouth Oct 12. 1869.

Dear brother

I don't recollect how the account stands between us, in our Correspondence, nor do I know whether you have returned to Beloit from your summer visitation of the Dakota Churches, but supposing that you will return in time to meet the Assembly at Pittsburg, I will write a few lines this morning to say that as I do not expect to visit Pittsburg in November as I formerly thought of doing, I hope you can make it convenient to pass through Portsmouth going or returning - There are several reasons why I have come to the conclusion not to go, the principal one however, that all my children have removed from Allegheny County,

Charles & Harriet have gone to Kansas, the former to Emporia where Stephen is & the latter to Lawrence, where Eliza Jane, Saml. and Ser. Edw. are residing - Only Martha & her daughter

are here now with me, & James' Widow
& Son live in the place they did - I might
mention another reason that has influenced me
in concluding to remain at home, which is
my health is subject to frequent changes, from
advancing age, and I think it a duty to
go from home only when duty calls me - I
may, if the Lord spare my life & health till
next summer, in May or June, visit my Chil-
-dren in Kansas - You see, I take it for granted
that you will be at the meeting of the two Assemblies
in Pittsburg, when ^{then with} such further action for perfecting
the Union, now no longer doubtful, as may be
done legally by the present Assembly, I suppose
know that the Consummation of the Union will
be deferred until next May in Phil^a in the
place where the disruption took place 33 years
before - God's plans are laid in infinite wisdom
and doubtless will accomplish the final glory of
his Kingdom - but it seems to me that it is very
often by overlooking the sinful actions of men, and
I have even thought that sin was very much mixed
up in that division of the Pres. Church -

When you were here in June Stephen had gone or
was about removing to Emporia, he engaged in the
business of Banking; after his removal he obtained
for Charles an interest in a Real Estate Agency, and
he Ch^r went out about the middle of August - his
wife & Child coming here to remain ^{with her mother} until he can
procure a house to live in; The Hotels & boarding houses
are so crowded there by persons visiting that part of the
State that boarding for a family could not be had
nor could a house be rented, so Howard Dunlop,
who is a partner in the Bank with Stephen, bought
a House, of which he is to have possession by the
1st of Nov. - and Charles expects to live in it, and
Howard will board with them - Harriet with
Addie & Eric will board in Lawrence during the
winter, the Children going to school there -

I have made some additions to my grounds at
my dwelling & repairs to the House, and with Martha
& Irmie I live here very comfortably - and I feel
that I have reason to feel grateful to our Heavenly
Father for the mercies & blessings he bestows, although
like the Patriarch Jacob, I feel that I am a wanderer
onward of my Children by removal to so great

distance, yet distance is almost annihilated by
Rail Roads - so that 75 miles from here to
Lawrence can be travelled ⁱⁿ about 5 hours, including
stops -

This is the day of the annual election
in Ohio - and as it rained hard last night, and threatens
rain all morning, it is thought to be unfavorable
to the Republican Cause - I can scarcely believe
that enough will stay from the polls to elect a Demo-
cratic Governor, but have some fears as to the Legis-
lature - a fusion in Hamilton County of Sore heads
& Democrats, with a Temperance ticket in the field
may elect a portion of the Democratic ticket to the
Legislature & give a Democratic Majority in that
body again - but you will know the result long
before this letter reaches you -

With much love for you & all your family
from Martha & myself, I am as ever

Yours affectionate brother

L. Riggs

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May 6

The Minnesota Historical Society was organized in 1849, for the purpose of collecting a Library, Cabinet, Material for the History of the State, etc. It has commodious fire-proof rooms in the State Capitol at St. Paul, under the charge of an experienced and careful librarian. It has now a valuable Library of nearly 3000 bound volumes, and 4000 pamphlets, with a fine Cabinet of Curiosities, Indian Relics, Natural History Specimens, &c., together with a number of Maps, Portraits, MSS., &c.



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Saint Paul, Oct 15 1869

My dear Mr Riggs:

I was very sorry I did not get to see you while you were in the city. I was out of town that week, unfortunately.

I observe you have just published a little work entitled "Tah-koo-wah-koo" or something like that. Could you spare us a copy with your autograph?

We are preparing to publish (i.e. if we can get the State to foot the bill) another small volume of collections. All the papers of yours will be included, if it can possibly be done. We are going to get authority to print 150 or 200 pages, but the amount may be reduced.

Yours truly

J. Fletcher Williams
Sec



J. P. Williams

1869



Yankton Agency D.T.

Oct 16, 1869

Rev. S. K. Riggs

Dear Brother,

I had the pleasure of reading the two letters you wrote from Minnesota last night, and the one from Beloit written Oct 11th tonight.

I enclose you a draft for \$71.⁰⁰, of which \$55.⁵⁰ is for guides on the tour, and the rest for the paper board sent by Thomas. Edward R. P. told me he had received no bill of it.

I returned last night from my trip to Sioux River which occupied me nearly three weeks. Only Chuanani accompanied me. Titus had

no means of conveyance
I thought he had better
stay with the Pilgrim Church.

We found about two dozen
families congregated at the
Ipaḡṡan. We organized
a Church of about 40 mem-
bers, receiving two on profession
of faith, and several from
the Episcopal Church.

As there was no quorum we
did not organize Presbytery,
and the Church did not pro-
ceed to the election of a pastor,
trusting for this winter to
their Elders to lead them in
Divine worship. They elec-
ted for Elders, Orwancarnaza,
Marpiwicasta, & Wicahin-
carnaza, all late elders in
the Pilgrim Church.

There were a large number
absent who expect to settle

on the Big Sioux. There
will be nearly 100 of
our members there this
winter. Perhaps when the
shoe pinches some of them
will come back to the Mission.

The wood at the Ipaḡṡan
is pretty much all taken
now and they are now be-
ginning to settle about
Titankahé & vicinity which
is some 20 or 30 miles from
the Ipaḡṡan, and prob-
ably another year they
will want a separate
Church there, if they
are likely to succeed
in their enterprise.

I went from the "River
Bend Church" to Big Sioux
Point where I spent the
Sabbath following, admin-
istering the Lords Supper

and receiving one
Communicant to the
Church Josette a sister
of Mrs Brazier.

What did you learn
of this new enterprise of
settling some ^{friendly} Indians on
80 acres of land east
of the Lac Traverse River.

I send you our action
on Union. I trust
you will have a prosperous
journey to Pittsburg. It
seems to me I ought look
up money to bear a part
of your expense, but I
don't see where it is to come
from. My house has put
me behind this year.

It is now late bed time,
or I might write more,
Your Affl Bro
John P. Williamson

Fort Hadsoroth D.T.
October 17th 1889

my dear Dr Williamson

Red Iron &

Sarah Hopkins have both passed away and I believe she died on the 14th & he on the 15th. Louis & Daniel R were both here today & spoke to considerable congregations. Say 20 or more. Othe day & his wife are here. He is very weak but has rather improved since coming. They are at Quinns. When the Post Surgeon returns from Abercrombie he will probably take him into the Post Hospital.

Major & Mrs Thompson are still here & in consequence of a fall from a wagon & injury of his arm from a vicious horse that ran away with him & one of our Officers he may be detained some days longer, but he will probably be in St Paul soon. I hear of a Catholic priest having been at Pauls & of Simon also being there

and that a new post
is to be established on
Moose or Mouse river.

There seems to be con-
siderable religious feeling
among the soldiers in our
meetings. Muktomiska
has gone homeward. He
received a letter from his
wife that seemed to change
his direction & purpose which
was to go to Forten when I
last saw him, as I thought.

Yours Very truly
A. D. Crocker

They talk of Pauls being
a candidate for a long
black robe but that the
wife was a disqualification.
I suppose it is mere talk.
The priest aforesaid ^{hears} speaks no
English & has a half breed
interpreter for the Sioux.
I hardly think it can be the
Father Genet of the Abecrom-
bie region, although it may
be. He is said to have
gone towards Lake Traverse
to visit "Sweet corns" brother.

Daniel R. - wife & child have
been up to Ransom

~~It~~ It is said that one
company is to be taken from
Ransom & added to Forten.

Mrs. Corley
1869.

So. Davenport,
Oct. 18, 1869.

Dear brother Figg,

How are you & yours?
Does the Holy Comforter sustain &
strengthen you? I feel sure He does.

I sometimes feel strengthened,
again, the burden seems so heavy
then I try to cast it all on Jesus.
& He seems to say, Fear not, I am with thee.

Kenneth, I have had much so-
licitude for Mary. I long to have her
at home, at least a part of the time
before my year expires, if it seems
best. Sometimes I am half inclined
to go to Beloit, & accompany her home

I think George & Allen intend to do something towards paying the taxes when they receive their one from the estate.

after stopping in Chicago, & other places on the way. But that will take so large a part of my "little all," it hardly seems advisable. I suppose if M. should find it necessary to consult a physician, she would prefer Dr. Smith of Geneva, if it seemed best. You remarked, in a letter to me, she was welcome to a home with you as long as your family remained together. I suppose, you then anticipated breaking up, or suspending home keeping this autumn. What is the present prospect? Will Anna be married this season? Mary feels, that her present state of health, adds to Anna's cares, & perhaps she ought to go elsewhere. Will you tell me your candid opinion in the matter? I know not what is best. Am yet undecided what course is best for me to pursue, at the expiration of my year here. Can hire three rooms

in cousin Gratia Shepard's house near the church, for three dollars per month, but there are now four families in the house, including cousins. There are no children in either family. If I go there, there will be three families besides myself, each family at times, numbering three. Cousin Sarah Groat Crosby, (whom you will recollect,) with her son & daughter, occupy two or three rooms. She has moved here, that her daughter can attend school in the Winter.

I thought of trying to purchase a little home somewhere; but, my sons think, perhaps, I should better delay a while; hoping, as I inferred, they might some one of them have a home for me. Still, I feel desirous to have a home for Mary when she wishes, & hope she may yet recover her health, & be able to sustain herself in some way. O, how my heart aches at

times for the dear, sweet, suf-
fering god. I do ask God to guide
& sustain her, & He will surely
do all things well. She so longed
to labor in his vineyard, in some
capacity; it sometimes seems that
to wholly relinquish the thought.
I am able to care for my self, by
hiring my washing & ironing
done, & not much more, except
to write some letters, & sew a little
daily. My health is better than after
Etta's death, & improving. I am often
reminded of sister M's. remark, "It
is my lot to honor God, more by suf-
fering than doing, of late."

Please write soon, & accept much
love from us all, for you & yours.

Your sister in affliction.

S. L. Cooley.



Portsmouth Oct. 18th 1869

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 9th came to hand the evening after mine to you was placed in the office - and as I then wrote exhausting my stock of material, I will only say in this note, that I hope you will try to visit Portsmouth on your way to or from the Genl. Assembly, - The book, which the writer of the introduction, says "might have been made a more thrilling narrative", came to hand by mail last Friday; and the "Advance" also - I have read the book more than two thirds through, and can scarcely think that it would have improved it much to have made it more sensational by adding to the truth; perhaps in some parts the narrative might have been more full; Martha says she thinks you do not describe as fully as she would like, the circumstances of your deliverance in the several extreme perils in which you and the Mission family were placed, - With very little effort, it seems

to me; Large Editions of it may be sold —
I do not remember whether you said, that you
had disposed of the Copy, right entire, or of only
one Edition, If you have not put it out of
your hand entirely; And further editions are
required, perhaps you may improve it some in
the parts where you may have stated things
too concisely in this —

I fully concur in the opinions you have
expressed in the article, in the "Advocate" as to
the doubtful Character of the experiment now
making by the Government in reference to the
Indians — It has seemed to me that
the sooner they can be made to provide for
themselves, by adopting the occupations & habits
of Civilized life, the better for them — And this
may be done by organizing one or two ter-
ritorial governments for them, protecting by the
National power from wrong doing as far as may
be for a time, the Governor & Supreme territorial
Judges to be appointed by the Pres. as in other
territories — all other officers to be chosen by the

inhabitants of the territory — I think the Course
of the Fringe Miss. boards, in reference to the
Churches in the missions under their care, putting
them on their feet to walk alone, with native
pastors to be supported, in part at least, by the
Churches over which they are appointed to minister,
and which seems to work well, might be an
argument in favor of the plan suggested —
a helping hand may for a while be necessary —

I have looked to find the Dakota Grammar
& Lexicon to send you, as requested, but have failed
to find them, and conclude that When Eliza
Jane, removed to Lawrence, they may have been
packed with her books, or Brown may have
taken them, when he went to the Seminary at
Auburn, at which time I gave him what books
he chose to take, from my library — I have
written to E. J. — and will write to Brown in reference
to them — Hoping to hear by letter from you
often, and that the Lord will bless you & your dear
family, I am as ever

Your Loving brother
J. Briggs

Miss. Howard Boston
Oct. 18. 1849

Rev S. R. Peepers
Belmont. —

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 13th —

I have just recd. Perhaps we shall put
the "Month of the Minnesota" in the Herald,
of a size to suit your book. The Editor
has the matter under consideration; I think
he will assent to my suggestion.

I am glad to hear of the popularity
of the volume. The Pres^t of the Publishing
Soc^y — C. T. Russell, told me that he
liked it much. I have not enquired as to
the sale. In future, I think you had better
write Mr. Sargent when you have any alter-
ations, plans, or propose. The affairs of the con-
cern are not managed to my taste.

I think well of your going to
the Santa Fe Agency this winter. By & by,
we shall know how matters are to be ar-
ranged then; or, if not, we shall probably
decide for a head, "whether or no..."

I send a Pittsburgh paper, containing the
doings of the Board, some of the reports badly reported
very naturally so. S. B. Thayer

CLAYTON GLASS WORKS,
MOORE BROTHERS,

Office, No. 33 South Front Street, Philadelphia.

Clayton, N. J., Oct 21 1869

Rev S. B. Riggo

My dear Friends

We received the book
"The Gospel Among the Dakotas," and your
letter of the 14th. We thank you for the book
we have commenced reading it aloud in the
family, and we find it very interesting.

We are glad you did not wait, for the
next edition, as we were very anxious to see
it, but we shall try to get a few copies
when the next is out — I should liked to
have been with you on your last summer
campaign, but I suppose, I am so tied
to business now, I can hardly look for
the time, when I can be away from home
so long a time, I feel that I am tied
here for life — it is not very likely that
I can ever sell out, or close up business
unless we fail in business, and the Sheriff

Steps in to help us close it up - but while I am so tied to business here - I do not forget to lay up treasure in Heaven - I feel the importance of that more and more every day, and I am happy and thankful to be able to say, that I know that my title is very clear for my home in Heaven - there are not many moments in the day or at night when I am awake but I can realize, my acceptance with my Father in Heaven - but I desire to be more like my Saviour - I desire to be wholly consecrated to my God, and to feel his love burning in my heart all of the time - I desire to be wholly the Lord's, and to feel that the life that I now live in the flesh - I live by the faith of the Son of God -

We hope to see you again at our house - and would also be very glad to see any of your children if they ever come this way

My brother family and my wife join in sending their love to you

Sincerely Yours D.W. Moore

We are all enjoying good health
we are as usual during this season of
the year exceedingly busy

Remember me to Mr Fisk when
you see him, and give him my regards
I think I wrote the last letter to
him

Fort Wadsworth D.T. October 24, 1869.

Me. S. R. Riggs Mihunka ewanjianpetu kinde
untipi ohma miunkiciyapi tuka kitanna wicota se ecc
ce wicotanhan hehan Pekpi Louis wahokow wicakupa ga
mix Mayeta wihigayedan yammwaka hehan mix ewowapi
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David Samarpiyarat

Louis
1869

October 20 1869

Tamako Jakesha Ake
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reantantana otoma
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keze do gamni reandake
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omaga kidake ekle do

Tamako Jakesha
do

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Mrs. Pond



Sanleu Agency Neb.
October 26, 1869.

Rev. J. R. Briggs

Dear Father

Your very welcome letter came last night. We were a little disappointed at its contents because now we cannot hope to see you before January, but were all very glad indeed that we may look for you then.

I hasten to reply because Mr. Ganney has just received last night orders from Com. Parker through the Suplt. to employ a Surveyor dividing the Reservation into farms of eighty acres each and locate the Indians on them. I think the Prudential Com. may think that settles the matter of the Indians remaining here, and be willing to grant the desired sum.

Mr. Ginnman has commenced building

at the Fankton Agency - socially they
seem to be very near a crisis between us
and them. He is not on very good terms
with Mr. Janney now. I have lost very
nearly all confidence in him not alone
as a Christian minister but a moral man.
Sister Mary and cousin John Williamson
spent one night with us week before
last. We are all in usual health.
Personally I have not been so well
in many years as this fall. "As thy day
the strength shall be". I am very busy.
would gladly write more if I had not
three little ones. I think of you often
as missing the loving hands for thirtyfive
years ministering with yours for your
children. May Jesus ever be near you
Jeha unites with me in love to all.

We are glad to hear of Thomas' choice

Yours as ever

M. J. Pond

Oct 26 1861

L.R. Riggs. Mitankuze
Jakaba Anjeteu Kide
reorapi rwanji mihikma
yago ya mis yapi
rwanji emagakeze cibe
reaste readakeze mitankuze
mis Ake reorapi rwanji
bicage ya tankarwanji
epekkeze reicaste
Mitankuzin ohini
neji madaga fina
bante makizeze ya
kici bante reaste ya
rakantanka beukizapi
ye ranna mihikma
banti rwanji kageze
ya ranna yista ya
ranna Ake bantika
kieketeze kaeze ya
Anjeteu rakan nyakli
ho2 hekete ya mitankuze
reanna he namaketeze


Ficica oressin omo
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Oressin ficipis nun
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Japecigapize

Mary
mizeze

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Minnesota
Historical

St. Paul, Oct 27 1869

My dear Mr. Reggs:

You see I am not done troubling you yet! But it is the good-natured people who are generally imposed on the most - and your past services seem to have given me a license to ask still more.

I am engaged, at request of the Executive Council, in preparing a Bibliography of Minnesota, to be printed in a small volume of "Collections" which we hope to issue in two or three months. With the English, French, etc. it was quite plain sailing, but when I came to our Dakota Collection, I assure you I met more difficulties. I have therefore sent the whole list to you, with the request that you will edit it, critically and philologically. I have made as faithful copies of the titles as I could, with description of book, paging, &c. It is almost certain, though, that I have made errors, and I must

therefore beg of you to correct them wherever you may notice them. As the volume containing this paper is to go to literary societies, libraries and philologists all over the world, it ought to be as correct and complete as possible. If you notice, therefore, any place where bibliographical comments would be in place, will you not please to add them - a translation of the title, a statement of the number of editions printed, or the number of copies, memoranda of the death of any of the authors, or references to volume & page of our Collections (or Neil's History) containing biographies of the same. Any notes of this nature will be valuable, and interesting.

I do not suppose my list is complete. There must be other works in Dakota* not given in it. ^{of so} Can you supply ~~the~~ their titles?

I have no excuse for troubling you except that I know of no one else who can & will perform ~~the~~ such revision, and I know you would not wish to see it go out incorrect.

Yours Truly

J. Fletcher Williams
Sec. &c.

*

I mean printed in Minnesota or written by Minnesota men.

Rev. J. A. Root

Cleveland. Oct 31, 1869

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed fax
of the 25th just came here while
I was absent from the City.

This, with a wish to see
Rev Dr Goodrich make arrangements
for a service for you next
Sabbath Evening, has caused
delay in my reply & a wish
to put you in possⁿ of my reply
at the earliest moment makes
me to deviate from my
uniform rule not to write
letters on the Sabbath & say
to you that I shall be
most happy to have the
visit from you & that Dr
Goodrich will be pleased to
have you occupy the pulpit

on the next Sabbath coming
upon the Subject you refer
to - As it will be on the evening
of monthly Concerts -

You will be best
directly to my house if you
take a carriage at the Depot
& direct them to bring you
to 424 Woodland Avenue -

Or if you will walk up
to Superior St some $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ a
mile from the Depot - & take
one of the Ue. or Kinsmen
Street Cars. & tell the Conductor
you wish to be left at my
house - 424 Woodland Avenue -
He will set you down here

I now hoping we shall
see you as you promise

I am very truly yrs
John A. Root

Rev. S. R. Riggs D.D.

Rw. Carleton
1869

J^r Wadsworth D^r
Oct 31st 1869

My dear Dr Riggs

Your favor was duly
recd. Lt. Allanson has been
away on duty & I have not men-
tioned the Dictionary to him. Perhaps
the early marriage he is expected
to enter upon with Miss Nellie Brown
will obviate the need of a printed Vocab-
ulary. Our brother John Othudays
breathed his last yesterday evening
in the Post Hospital. His wife was with
him & is much afflicted. Escorted by
a detachment of the Indian Scouts, she
left today for his place where he
expressed a wish to be laid. We had
prayer & addresses before they left &
I expect Prof. Lomon will be with them
at the burial. Mrs Brown & Emma & I are
here today. Bro Mich^l Renville & family have

been up within a day or two

Should be very glad to
see a copy of the book.

You will be glad to learn that I
have procured a Mason & Hamlin
double reed Cabinet Organ a help in
our singing at the Chapel.

Pray for us. One
outspoken Christian brother has come
to us among the recruits. Is not this
an oasis, & a token for good.

The family are in usual
health. Major & Mrs Thompson
expect to leave here tomorrow.

He has been very kind to Otho day
in procuring him admission to the
Post Hospital & the services of our
Surgeon. I see no copies of
the new translations are they extant

Fraternally yours

W. Crocker

Lakeland, Minn.
Nov. 2^d, 1869.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,

Dear Sir,

I received those letters from Mrs Williams, sent from Beloit by some of your people, and distributed them as directed. I sent a letter to her yesterday.

You have likely heard of the return of Mr. & Mrs Lovatt from England. He you will remember as the gentleman from China who married one of our Lakeland girls. They are now at Lakeland.

A. Mr. Benson of Beloit
preached here last Sabbath.
Do you know anything
about him? His sermon was
in behalf of the Freedmen
of the South.

He seems to be agent of some
missionary Society.

Yours Respectfully

Oscar A. Jackson

Oscar Jackson

J. F. Wodsworth D.J. Novth 2 / 1869

S. R Riggs

Mihon Kawanjo' hecen
wahociye cin he ohin ni weksuya tuka
ga wanna wanaka's wahdi' tuka tuwe mini'o-
se ta woonspe wicakiye yekete cin he oyag wa-
on kiksuye wicawaya was'kan tuka wahdi' ehan tan
he cec dan awacin woonspe tuka tuwe yekete
Coya rin sdon waye sin' he on hehan wowaf' cin
sin' tuka wanna wica'sta nom ta wa' tin ya
wowafi' magufi' hena wan wicayag waon tu-
ka i' on tan in yan eyafi' sin' ²² iyofa maza
he Tokahuya ga ²² Wahna skin yan hehan
mazakute mani' he e qe's ye kta cin on tuka
iyo win' kiyafi' sin') ga hehan. henaos
yafi' kta he cin han nahandin nako. on gonta
fi' sin' iyakafte pisa wanna ekta wai ga efa
waon ga wahdi' tuka ake ekta anfo tu kin da
mda kta) kta ni han sanfa owanka yajajafi'
en wiku ciye dan yanke cin hehan
Anfo tu toke ca te do cegaiye yafi' conka'sko
kin dan wan ka ecin te do hehan
iTokam he ciyatan wahdi' sin' ecin -

wa'iwijohi' Wawijohi'ye win ta onkan is'eya
Octo-14 en ta - hekan okodaki'ciyatanhan
hinaos, tapi' henana ef kta

zanigan.
waon hecan itan can kin'eciyan
canti waste ya efape ciyaze mitakuye

Solomon Tonkanisai'ciye

Solomon

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

MISSIONARY HOUSE, 33 PEMBERTON SQUARE,

Boston, Nov. 4, 1869,

Rev. A. R. Kipp,
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct 30th is
just rec^d. covering draft of Rev. Mark Williams
of Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug 27th, \$30.00. This
is equivalent, at 12870, to \$38.40, for which sum
I enclose my draft on Rev. G. W. Wood, Secy. New
York, and return.

Very truly yours,

Langdon S. May,
Treas.

Saint Pauls Nov. 4. 69

Dear Bro. Briggs

I had expected a letter from you and to have written to you before this time but have not one word from you since I saw you and have not found it convenient to write. Living on a farm I must spend some time seeing to it or I would lose more than gain by it. For nearly two weeks I have been suffering from a cold and am unable to get up and walk about a little. Seldom able to sit up five minutes at a time. It has now been discharging freely for a week and is much less painful than it was but still keeps me awake most of the night and I wish this going but or

on the floor.

A week ago last evening
Mrs W. by a fall injured her
right lower limb near the hip
joint so that she is unable to make
any use of it since or even to turn
herself in bed without assistance.
I apprehend the femur is broke
about the knee or neck but do
not certainly know. She suffers
much pain but bears it patiently.
Thus the Lord sees meet to afflict
us we know not why but he
cleareth all things well.

Old Mr. Hunt still declines
slowly. has lost some flesh &
strength since you were here and
sometimes thinks his end near
but will probably continue
several months yet.

I have as yet received nothing
for our pious weapon.
Write at Lynn Mr. Kimball

horns disappeared from our
pasture under such circum-
stances as to make it almost
certain they were stolen. The old
man came back before we did
with saddle marks showing she had
been rode. After our return he
spent two days looking for the
horn without finding or hearing
any thing of him and then
took Flore at first cost \$110.00
but will not be able to pay
any thing on her this year in
life. He sells his homestead.
Mr. Adams did not wish
to purchase Frank and owing
to the low price of wheat Mr.
Baker does not wish to purchase
this fall but offered to keep
him for his work this fall and
early in the spring and may
conclude to purchase when he
sells his grain and as I had
not good stable room for him

and he has little respect for
a friend I concluded to let him
have him with the understanding
I may take and sell him at any
time.

When our church met to choose
a pastor it appeared by the ballot
that they were about equally divided
between Mr. Christy and Mr. Bass.
2 more of those present being in fa-
vor of the latter though if the 5 others
doubt had all been there the majority
a very small one would have been
in favor of Mr. Christy. So they
appointed a committee to look
for some new man authorizing them
to offer him 1000 dollars a year
and chose Mr. Bass to supply the
pulpit in the mean time at the
same rate.

Finally Ephraim has returned
to his mother. I will inclose a
letter from Mr. Crocker giving more
of the news from that quarter.
I fear no one has gone to back
the Indians on the Upper Missouri
objectionable. Yours J. S. Williamson

Portsmouth Nov. 8. 1869.

My Dear Brother

Last week when your letter of 30th Oct. came to hand I thought I would go to Pittsburg this week, but the severe & unpleasant weather of Saturday and yesterday, and the state of my health, being subject to frequent changes; admonishes me that I ought not to go. I have therefore, with some reluctance, concluded to deprive myself of the pleasure of meeting with you then, as also of being present at the Union meeting of the Genl. Assembly - I do not expect now, that I will ever be able to visit ^{many of} my friends living at a distance, although if spared life and health next summer, hope to visit my children living in Kansas, "if the Lord will;" - In my seventy fourth year, I cannot make calculations for future years - indeed if I can by the Grace of God, be enabled to discharge present duties as they arise, I shall be satisfied -

I will send this note by Mr Pratt, who
expects to leave on the Cin. packet this morning
& will reach Pittsburg probably in advance of the
mail — If you visit our friends in Fayette Co.
or meet with any of them at the Assembly, give
to them my kind regards, & affectionate remembrance,
hoping to hear by letter from you whilst at Pittsb.
I remain Your affectionate brother —

J. Riggs

Wm. J. 12. 1840



Abingdon Knox Co Ills
Nov 12th 1869

Rev S H Higgs
Dear Friend

We received your book "The Gospel among the Dakotas" two weeks ago today. The following Monday I made an effort to write you our thanks but after writing a few lines, a pain in my eyes warned me to desist, and for several days after I could not use them, but I believe the using of them an hour this morning will be no injury.

We are all greatly interested in the book and believe it will be the means of doing much good, and hope it will open the way for more.

laborers among the Dakotas.

We were sorry not to see Old Sarah mentioned but of course the witnesses for Christ could not all be named.

I should like to purchase two or three copies for presentation who shall I send to? -

I have thought of you and family very often this summer. I know that ~~that~~ as the days and weeks go by they change somewhat the feeling of grief but it is only a little change of place, the desolation is still there, Time cannot heal the pain -

Our Family are in usual health, we think Eliza is some better, Fannie is again at Rockford, her eyes are weak at present so that she is

unable to study by lamp light which is a trial to her. Eli is still at Kodiak he hopes to be able to visit home next summer,

Josephine's present address is Monmouth. All's husband's name Isaac Hanthorn.

I forgot to say Eliza was much gratified to get a letter from Isabella.

We thank you for the letter you wrote us as well as for the book you sent. knowing that your time is precious

Give my best wishes to the members of your family.

I remain very respectfully
Jane S. Holt.

Edwin Phelps
1870.



Syakaptapisa
on Dakota

Nov. 15th 1869

Mr. S. R. Riggs

Unatakuye ito nakaha
ito wowapi cicage kte do
eya ito taku ociciyake
kte do eya Kicaku 2
Minisota yapi kte cinhe
Syakaptapisa on onhotarin
gapi onkan Sahorpiwakan
he kapi ga hehan. mige
nakan makapi do tuka
Sahorpiwakan e tawatenye
sin. Suka ake Sunkaiaici
ye Gagatanhan hdi
onkan ake hdarin gapi onkan
Danill, Kenvilli. hee ga
Eecetu kiya hena os yapi kte

keyapi nawaron do ga
yapi kte cinhan Mazaska
yuhayapi kte cin wicagapi
pta keyapi nawaron do
Miye makaringapi tuka
toka dan mole kta owakih
sini tuka heyapi do
Suktanka manice kta
heyapi do eya he
wicortani kin waste e
sdon waya he on tawaten
wayaya tka do tka ake
dehan tokca karingapi
do
Kehan nakaha Watoksupi
owapa onkan taken
wanji iyo makipi sini
do Anpetu Wakan
ko ohindeya onyakonpi
heon mina iyomakipi sini
do tuka wanna abda
an do hehan ito

taken wanyi wacin
ga on wowapi kin de
cicage do eya tohinmi
taken cicda sini tuka
ito taken wanyi oio datke
do eya odwan teca en
odwan wan Wastermalanast
kasi eyakagapi he
odwan kin tukten on
hecin han mayagu wacin
do tokesta Notes en on chan
tan hansi animaspe kte
do Notes kintanna
animaspe do ga Waniyetu
kin de heca onspe
wicawakiye kta wacin do
hecin hemayagu kin han
akan owapi kin henana
kon onspe wicawakiye
kta wacin do
ho eya wanna taken
ota epe kte sini do

shinni cikanya wason di
ho henana epe kte
do mape aiyaze di
Mitakuye

Edwin Phelps
henye do

tohan wowapi wanyi
mayagm kishan akan
deen yakage kte do

Edwin Phelps
Dry Wood Agency
care of

D.^r J. W. Danills
heen iwacu kte do

[Bound with 1869 papers]

Lima Nov. 16th

Dear Brather Stephen

Your kind and
welcome letter and Book—
were recd. and I thank you
heartily for them especially
the Book— And I was truly
sorry you could not make
this in your way to Pittsburg
I suppose you had a perfect
jubilee there over the Union
and grant that it may continue
so pleasant— I do not know
what we are to do here
we cannot unite with either
of the Old School Churches
here— But I trust the Lord
will open a way for us—

Mr Joseph Little has
removed with his family
to Mankato Minn. - He
visited that Church by
invitation in August - while
there he saw your Daughter
Martha After his return
he rec^d a unanimous
call to be their Pastor -
The last letter from them
Mollie was sick with Cat
she had taken on the way
out there -

I thank you
for the information from
Brother Joseph - If he leaves
for the West I shall be left
in Ohio the only repre-
-sentative of the family

With much love to you
and your dear Children I
remain your sister
Elizabeth R. Alfred

Dwight St^o Nov 23^d 1869

Rev S. B. Riggs

Rev & Dear Cousin

Yours of the 19th at hand.

The Missionary Meeting of which I spoke
was on Sabbath evening Oct 31st at
a Congregational Church about 13
miles from Chicago on what is known
as the Old Ottawa & Chicago Road
not far from "River Side". Rev Mr Hanna
Pastor. The Minister who delivered
the lecture was a Mr Bush of the
Congregational Sem. Chicago. & I think
of the junior Class.

After meeting you & finding that
the young Bro. had made such
a great mistake & to assure my-
self that I had not misunderstood
the statement. - I mentioned the
fact to my Brother in Law - Mr. Truby
who was also present, & who attests
the truth of my statement to you.

After the close of the meetings I went
forward to bid adieu to the
Ministerial Brother & told them that
I was happy to claim relationship
with Rev Mr. Figs & that I had
your grammar & Dictionary &c.

But I must confess I felt sad
to think that after so many years
of toil & privation your mission
should end for want of a tribe or
race to work upon.

However I do not wish to criticize
the young Bro. He certainly has
a zeal for God. if not according

to knowledge. I guess you had
better send him over to the
"North West" or to "Allegheny" or
"Princeton"

I have finished reading the proceedings
of the A. M. Union. & thank God for
the consummation.

We left Muncie Monday noon
Pitt Tuesday morning 2 o'clock & reached
home Wednesday morning 4 o'clock
found all well & doing well
My good wife gave me a Thanksgiving
dinner to which we invited what
friends were within reach. The
weather has been quite rough & cold.
Hoping that your mission may not end
until at least "25,000" of the Dakotas
shall be gathered into the fold of God
I remain in the kindest regards

Your Cousin
John Chas. Porter

Newton, Iowa.

Nov. 24th 1869.

My Dear Brother,

It is nearly three weeks since we received your letter and your book.

I started the next day on a preaching tour in Marshall County and did not get time to write to you until I supposed you would be gone to Pittsburg. We thank you very much for your book.

Sister Hannah's P.O. address is Sigourney, Keokuk Co. I had thought we should have visited her before this as it is only seventy miles, but they ^{and} off rail roads and

The country roads were made almost impassible by the rains so that we did not attempt it. It seems that Dr. Williamson and you labored under difficulty of an opposite character in your long trip to the Indian Country. If you go over to the Santee Agency this winter we hope you will stop with us if it is at all in your power to do so. We are glad to hear that Thomas is at the Theol. Seminary in Chicago. Our Church is represented by one student in his third year in the Sem. We feel a deep interest in Isabella and her husband and in their work in China.

We are as well as usual.

Albert & Isabella & Fredie are

living with us now. They moved over about a month ago. Isabella has agreed to teach a four months school in our district. She began last Monday.

Mary is at James and will probably stay with them this winter. James & Eliza have another boy nearly a week old.

We have not heard from brother Joseph for some time. We hear from Elisabeth frequently through George.

Give our love to your children.

Your affectionate br.
George G. Poage

Santee Agency, S.D.
Nov. 20th 1869.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Friend

You wrote to Mrs. Pond that I must write interesting and instructive letters to the women's board of Missions. Whom must I? and to whom am I to address when I write?

I have not posted myself in regard to them, for we take no paper that ever gives an account of them.

I am very much discouraged. A person needs a good stock of fortitude to stay here any length of time. The Episcopalians are not like the churchmembers so fast as they are the children. My large school of last winter has now dwindled down to a handful little children just learning their Dakota alphabet. And they have all the scholars that we have taken so much pains to teach English. I just feel like poring away some times.

Yours Sincerely J. A. LeFrambois

P.S. If you could be here the week
of January following New Year, it will
be a great satisfaction all around.
For the Pastors seem very much
disheartened. Come with a great
amount of sunshine, for we are all
in the lowest depths of the Blue.
When you come, can you bring me
a dozen lead pencils and half
a ream of good commercial note
paper and two packs of white
envelopes. if you can just as
well as not.

I am going to write to Anna
soon.

John Deane



Bloomington Mo. 27. 1869

Mr. S. R. Riggs

Dear brother - a few days ago, I rec'd through the Post office a little book entitled "The Gospel among the Dakotas". I have looked it over with interest, & thank you for it - presuming it was you who sent it.

In the chapter on the Dakota gods - Chap. 5, - I noticed the description of a god, new to me called "Zoonkan" translated "Stone-god". I have always identified this with the Daknykanykan, supposing that the name "Zoonkan" was given to that particular stone because of its relation to that god. It has always been represented so to me by the Indians, i.e., that it is the Daknykanykan who resides in, & is symbolized by, the boulder. I have frequently heard the wakan men who kept the boulder god say so, & never

heard any thing to the contrary, My own observations have accorded with this view.

With the exception above, I am of course gratified to find, that your discoveries, & those of your son, are so nearly in accord with my own.

As we have all come at the same objects, which present themselves almost exactly in the same aspect & order, & have used almost exactly the same words, in the same order, to describe them, I conclude that the view which we have given of Dakota Mythology, is probably correct, as far as it goes: though I have before felt a little embarrassed, lest some ~~one~~ & per-
petrate a blunder, which some one, better acquainted with the subject, might show to my discredit. "Two or three witnesses" fix the matter, especially when they tell their story, each independent of the other, & for different purposes.

I shall leave a record in my private diary concerning the origin of the Dakota alphabet, which will differ in some little particulars, from the impression that will be made by that sent out in your book. I shall state the difficulties, that my brother & I met with in our ^{first} attempts to write the Dakota language, our trial of the vocabularies which we found at the agency & at the Fort, & the long process by which we came at, & adopted that which is now called the Dakota Alphabet; & the stubborn reticence with which Dr. W. adopted it. I shall state that it was adopted during the winter of 1884 & 1885, by "agreement" between my brother & myself, & not "by Dr. Williams & his associates" subsequent to June 1885.

I do not remember that I have written to you since the departure of Mrs.

Riggs to the world of spirits.

I wish to assure you that you have my warm sympathies in your affliction. We often think & talk of your trials. We are glad, not only that there is consolation, for man in times of trouble, but that you know how to avail yourself of it. You have our best wishes & our poor prayers.

Yours &c

G. H. Pond

Ms. B. 1. 1. 8

Mr J Riggs Tarnakoo

Gram St Wadsworth
Nov 25 1869

Kodo Ito wawapi

sistiro cicage kta do Thompson dakota itokao
awicayi kta keyapi he nayan hecihan awayakido kta
wacin do makoo akan unkanpi kin do ipuyapi
kta keyapi dakota amakiyakapi wicakap he
cihan nayan kta wacin do Isantanka dakota
en hewicakiyapi kihan wicakto tanano.

hewicakiyapi kta iyee wadake hatunkowakti
Lawangmani mazakutemani he wapi
api kta tuka waziyato han wokiye kdiapi
he makoo kin do iyowajapi uni tuka wigojeyapi
kta iyee uni unkiye makoo kin do ipuyo nanyi
api uni tuka wokiye kdiapi kin ahini wicireyato
ungawapi hehecti kin han kokanna naron canton
npepanipi kokanna wawapi ungawapi kta unciyapi

Kodo henana Epe kta

Nape ciyaze do

Paul Mazakutemani Miyedo

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American Bible Society.

Bible House, Astor Place,

New York, Nov 30 1869

Rw. S. R. Riggs
 Beloit, Wis

My dear Mother

Yours of 24th

is received inquiring about the
 books of Psalms, Exodus & Lev-
 iticus in Dakota & wishing a
 copy of each. - The plates are
 now finished but no copies
 have been yet printed. I have
 now directed the printing of
 500 copies of each.

Will you please say
 how you would have them
 bound - in one volume or sep-
 arately or half-one way and
 half-the other? - Please signify
 your wish & state how many
 we shall send. We can just

as will send more than one of
each if you desire it. Please
say how we shall send them
and believe me

Yours very respectfully
Joseph Holdich

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 1 1849.

Rev J. R. Reggs

Beloit. - Dear Bro.

Yours of the 29. came at
time for the Com^{ee} yesterday. They have
authorized Alfred to proceed to the Lantee
Agency & build, whenever he pleases, as
you will see by the mission letter which
you will receive herewith.

I fear that the withdrawal of
the Presby^{rs} will embarrass us financially.
The amt - withdrawn from the expendi-
tures must be less if necessary, as it
saves time, than the amt - withdrawn
from the contributions. Our men are
so interrupted that ~~at~~ ^{all} the Presby^{rs}
cannot, so; or, if they do, they cannot
take the missions. Suppose we lose
\$50,000 or \$60,000 or \$70,000. I think
the last sum is nearest the mark. I'm
must try to obtain it from the Cong^o - &
yet we have no such stirring appeal
as the free & generous relinquishment of
all the missions would give us. But

our duty is to "wait on the Lord". He will
help us, I trust, to do that which
shall please him.

Of course, we shall leave
the missionaries to elect the Board with
which to act. But our relations to them are
~~as individuals~~; we shall turn over
no mission as such to the Presby. If
all connected with a mission wish
to leave us for the other Board, we shall
release them, individually, & when their
coming under the new direction, we
shall quit the field, & surrender the
property.

I will let Mr. Chapin give
Mr. Garbutt "a jog".

Very faithfully

ms

S. B. Frost

Mr. Frost

The Minnesota Historical Society was organized for the purpose of collecting a Library Museum of Natural History, Archaeology, material for the history of the State, &c. It has commodious fire-proof rooms in the State Capitol, at St. Paul, and has accumulated a valuable Library of over 1700 volumes, and 3500 pamphlets, with some 20.0 articles in the Cabinet, besides a number of portraits, etc. under the management of an experienced and careful librarian.



The Membership and Resources of the Society are small, and must remain so until the population and wealth of the State greatly increases. We therefore solicit from our citizens for whose benefit our collection is designed, and the friends of historic research everywhere, donations of books, pamphlets, pictures, MSS., coins, or curiosities, or of money to aid us in carrying out the objects of the Society.

Saint Paul, Dec 3 1869

My dear Mr Riggs:

The little volume, The Gospel among the Dakotas came to hand safely and we are under many obligations to you for the same. I also notice in reading it, that you have several times very appreciatively noticed our Society, all of which is, I assure you, gratefully acknowledged.

I have received from Rev S W Hinman, Santee Agency, the Vol. of Dakota Prayer book, & some smaller tracts, together with a list of all published by the Episcopal Missionaries. Thus you see I am getting my bibliography quite complete.

Very truly yours -

J. Fletcher Williams
Sec

I wish you lived in this State again? Is it then any way we can get you to move to St Paul!

J. F. W.

Saint Peter Allen Dec 21st 1869

Dear Brother James

Your very kind and
interesting letter was also the Postage
Paper giving full account of the doings
of our Societies then came safe and
in due time. Accept of our thanks for
both. For several weeks now I have felt
weak as well as usual, but can ac-
complish very little or I should have
written to you sooner. Eliza W. improves
slowly is now able to sit up in bed
for an hour or two at a time, but
can scarcely make any use of her
right lower limb and it will prob-
ably be a month or two yet before
she will be able to get out of bed.
She bears the affliction with great
patience and is cheerful.

Oh dear! I don't seem to breathe on
the evening of the 23rd yet. For some
weeks before his decease he seemed more
resigned and to think more about the
other world, not afraid to die & to leave
his sins till the last, and departed with
only a struggle.

Carpenter with wife and child after
being with us nearly a week left
the morning of the day (11th) that
since he had sold his homestead and
came down to pay up at the land
office and make the deed I think
he got 700. & the promise is another
when they get him and four hun-
dred more in a year, is to give
preference in the prime, 1000 Res-
toration is still poor. Many from
their last house on their way down
this side of Swan Lake. He promi-
se to pay for Pharaoh he would
get the price for his homestead and
pay me fifty one dollars. It is I fear
if my accounts are correct a little
more than sixty dollars \$66.23 toward
our travelling expenses but far more
than you do including team & wagon
that I retain this 50. C. R. Anthony
me to retain the \$59 still due on the
man out of the first money due
him from the Board. I think a
little more than 40 will be due
him by the close of this year. I
have had no pay for the other horse
or wagon or harness or will not

probably have soon. The wintering
of Frank will not cost much. Perhaps
you may want him in the spring.
If you think so please inform me.
I thank you for the information a-
bout the estimated cost of building a
hospital Indian I think I can get that
about the Blackfeet Theological School
from the Minutes of the Gen Assembly.
Do you get any information from
the Bible Society about Paulus Exeter
& Lividus in Dakota I wrote to Dr
Holdich enquiring in Sept or October
but have no answer nothing later
than his letter received before you
were here in June.

I have two letters from Solomon
Punkansaiency written at Fort Ber-
rard last month when he and
Louis Ellagawakinyangus had spent
a week and he had baptized seven
young men and one woman just
before he starts then the Hunkaya
he had met and appointed Robt
Hopkins to be his son-in-law. In
other words I am other whose name
I do not now remember to go to
the Ellagawakinyangus. But Pankays ole was.

absent on a hunt and I am not in-
formed that any of them have gone.
I think they appointed them they
expected to go but from the delay I
think from fear or other cause none
were desirous of going except perhaps
R. Hopkins I think I informed you
of his losing his wife who died about
the middle of October also that he
in a other day about 2 weeks later
I have a letter from Dinklow & a date
a Redwood last month asking me
for money and books to enable him
to go to Devils Lake the day he sent
a Wicashayutapi from whom who told
him "Awarig, the hecuu like ka kela
and for this reason he did not go but
intends going with Joe Campbell next
summer. I fear he is not doing well.
Samuel Hopkins wrote to me that
he will be here about the last of
this month. I gave Solomon a check
for \$100⁰⁰ to aid him going to the
Ellisouri. I understand you to approve
of giving them 25 each. Instead of
asking for a special appropriation
I take it from the unexpended balance of
the \$1500 allowed for the coming year
and will report accordingly and
for your approval of the expenditure.

When on the 11th of June we did
not finish our estimates for next
year but left blanks for the hel-
pers on the cotton and perhaps for
Ellis. Possibly I do not remember
whether we did any thing in re-
lation to the mules afterwards.
I think we ought to have asked
for the same for their next year
as this namely \$250 for Ellis Ben-
t & a like amount for the helpers
including school. You probably
know whether we did so or not.
We had pleasant weather here almost
throughout October & November no
rain of consequence and but little
snow though the thermometer was well
good for two weeks. The ground froze
some six inches deep and in on the
weather nearly that thick. Now we
have had South & Easterly winds for
four or five days with clouds like
rain or snow but neither has fallen
here to any extent to anything. The
snow is about all gone and we have
some mud in place but the ice does
not show much.
We are glad Thomas & B. is all the

Theological Society I hope to
may be able to go on through with
out interruption

Our kind regards to all of your
family who are near you

Yours in the Bonds of the Gospel

Wm. S. Williams

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W. Walsh

1869.

Brooklyn Dec 13. 1869

Rev Dr Briggs

Boston

Dear Sir

I cannot refrain from telling you how deeply I was pained by two pages in your otherwise excellent report of the Festival among the Deaf. Bishop Whipple & the Rev Mr Winman had given ^{me} so high an estimate of your self-sacrificing labors, that I was wholly unprepared for that which seems like sectarian bigotry.

If all was true as you imagined it, I have been wholly mistaken in you if there are not insinuations that you will regret having sent out.

I know that you are mistaken in some things that you state as facts, therefore I wish you had said, it is reported, instead of asserting as if from your own knowledge, that Bishop Whipple & the Rev Mr Winman had never in public speeches or published writings given you one-pain credit for its long continued labors.

Have undoubtedly believed what you wrote, but before denouncing Chisham ministers in print you will readily see that the ground should be made plain and the design considered very closely.

Personally I am not injured, neither will it affect unfavorably the Mission I supervise, for our Church is quite used to such language from some of our own children. I trust that Bishop Whipple & Dr. R. M. Hinman may never see the Book as it will necessarily lessen their respect for its author. I am your servant by fire & sword and although that in the Sacred Ministry, my time is wholly given to the spiritual work of the Church, therefore I am deeply grieved when anything occurs to lessen my respect for the Ministry as that is the tendency with our people.

An open Bible & general intelligence free our friends from of actualistic or ^{other} Germanizing tendencies but unless the Ministry rises to a higher level and gets more broad to the Society will not give it the reverence that should be due. I wish to state the facts in the case before you as I understand them & hope

to your correction of I am in error

- 1st B. Whipple has on suitable occasions made honorable mention of your Mission to the State & especially of the translation of the Bible through him & Mr. Hinman the names of Rigg & Callahan are quite familiar to many of us.
- 2nd B. Whipple was applied to by Meyer Allen & Superintendent on behalf of the Church at the same Agency to establish a Mission there as there was no station within 40 miles.
- 3rd B. Whipple never claimed that he was the first to do the translation and I ask the proof of your assertion.
- 4th B. Whipple & Mr. Hinman became friends & exchanged friendships & obloquy at the time of the Mission & since then that ~~the~~ them to respect from all who have known anybody.
- 5th Mr. Hinman instead of merely visiting crew with Indian kindness in carrying the Indians there remaining with them & building one or two ~~chapels~~ for them. He was much associated when he came here to get relief for the Indians after a winter's exposure and then as crew living.

6. I know of no other men who spent as much time and effort as well as influence for the benefit of the Indians after Dr. Meade as B. J. [unclear] Mr. [unclear] Duck Self. [unclear] direction of intelligent ppl I never saw [unclear] [unclear] but the victims of some persecutions

7. Instead of intentionally proselyting Indians who were instructed intelligently in the [unclear] Mission have times again been recommended to continue steadfast. Last summer the Indians at Lake Tawere pleased with the B. J. to send a missionary. He replied "you were trained in the Presbyterian Church and clamps are not good for you"

8. I know of so called attempts to proselyte the other way, [unclear] offered, a [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] when refused which the parties [unclear] [unclear] but such tales are frequent in my field

9. I did hear of some Indians who were baptized in faith without instruction applying to a [unclear] for Mr. [unclear] the needed instruction & joining the Episcopal Church

10 I never heard of Mr Hinman proclaiming the defects in other missions although some of them were apparent. Last winter or earlier in March when I saw Miss Hinman & Williams together in Washington this summer when I saw them at the Hawaiian Agency they seemed to have mutual affection & confidence

11 The Commissioners who are connected with the Episcopal Church will I am sure compare favorably with any others in like circumstances

12 It is believed that there was an intention of establishing a Wesleyan Church at the Hawaiian Agency until Mr Hinman's mission was located there & it is certain that Mr Williams was the interposer if there was any interference. By courtesy Mr Hinman should have proceeded with the London Society wherever they are. Mr Hinman & his crew just arrived for a mission to the Hawaiians at their urgent solicitation. Mr Williams went up

Afterwards I went out looking
for the woman about location he had selected
He certainly had a right & I only name
it & induce you to read the green chapter
on instruction in this time light.

Prof. Phelps impressed himself & his
family to help the Indians. He named men
in authority counseling with the Lord in his
own and visiting the Indian at Lees and so
instructed that his health is completely broken
down. If he ever gets back from Europe
it will be in a shattered condition. I can
represent him but feebly.

I hope that the brief statement that I
published did aid in showing you up against
our mission. I send the Bureau list
you have sent a copy at hand when the
Bureau written during business interruptions
reaches you. Mine is not the history of
the Indian among the Dakotas. This is a
brief historical introduction to a special
mission of you all any lack of charity
that I should like to know it. The

allusion to your mission in copy (8)
was made to show that prejudices did not
exist. It seems that I stated the case too
favorably but it was from Mr. Hiram's
stand point.

The other paper is a report to the Board of
Mission in a special mission in which I
refer to a Presbyterian Lady & other Missions.

Surely it would have been far better
if you had left unsaid what you have
said of our mission. You have so long
used the Bible translated by our Mother Church
without commending that Church, that a little
reflection will satisfy you of your error.

I was glad to hear that you were
putting your Church's imprint on the new
edition of the Bible already published by
a general Society as the translators should
have the credit on the census of any gain to
their own understanding. I will pray the
more earnestly because I have criticized
frankly and well entitled to know from
the Institute of Protestant your mission.

be protected as fully at this one which
I have sent out. Even if we cannot
agree in the efficacy of individual instructions
we can no doubt agree in a general
Indian policy as indicated in my
pamphlet. The Sir J. Lubbock with
him all our charity & efforts will
now determine whether to trust men
who are petitioning for our aid or to
impose a permanent policy. If
you choose to be in our city tomorrow
you would not find my conduct to
you chosen because of your need as
subsequent matters.

Yours truly
W. W. Welsh

G. H. Pond



Bloomington Dec. 14. 1869

Mr. S. R. Riggs

My brother — Yours
dated the 6th inst., in reply to
mine in which I acknowledged
the receipt of your book is recd.

I think Dr. Williamson's
reason for wishing to write the
chapter on Dakota gods, a part of it
very singular. Do I understand
you to mean that he did write
that chapter? You do not say
that he did but your language
seems to imply it.

The book will, I think, be
read with interest. I have loaned
it to two who are much interested
— others seem to be itching to get
hold of it. I think it will
make a good impression on
disinterested persons

The honor of which you speak, is indeed a matter of small import.

What we have done, has, I hope been done heartily unto the Lord & not to man. If any of us are entitled to any honor, in his view of things, he will see that it is all right in his own time. I think that perhaps we all receive as much as is our due. But honor from one man to another, our savior spoke of, in a manner calculated to belittle it in our esteem. I don't feel as if I had done, or endured much, that tells very largely, on the great cause for which Jesus died, & for which alone I left my New England home. My motive, if I understand it, was more pure than my life has been efficient for good. What I have tried to do that was good, has generally been

much soiled by my manner, & often I have found afterwards that I had done the evil that I would not, & not done the good that I would. In fact, while I do feel as if God had done a wonderful will by me, I do not feel as if I had done much worthy of notice forever. If I could be sure, as Mr. Rowville used to be, that the good I have done would a little more than balance the evil, it would be gratifying. In this regard, I feel quite poor. & the mention Mr. Trish made of the "log-cabin at Luke Cuthbert's" reminded me ~~very~~ very forcibly of my poverty. I'm too late in life now for me to think of making acquisitions, when my strength is nearly exhausted. I look now only to the fund of grace. If I have indeed done any good, that is of God the giver - the bad is mine & is not

entitled to much honor from
any source.

So you are going to Santa Fe
What is to be done there is the
question in the mission? Could I
do any good there sufficient to
justify an effort? I have for-
gotten how to talk, & never was
good for much as you know.

We are all well & feel inter-
ested in your movements

Yours &c

S. H. Pond

P.S. A few days ago in looking over
a box containing old pamphlets &
papers of various sorts I found
about twenty copies of your
English & Debater's Lexicon. What
shall I do with them?

S. H. Pond

J^W Wadsworth D. D.
Dec 14th 1869

Dear Bro Riggs

Your interesting
book & accompanying note came
duly to hand by mail week before
last. My family as well as I
have retraced the experiences
of past years with you & thank
our gracious Redeemer for the
success He has given to his cause
by the instrumentalities He has Estab-
lished & prospered among the
Dakotas. It seems to me to be
a rising time with them and
a suitable enlargement of your
work to be inaugurated I trust
with the completion of your buildings
in the Spring will I believe be more
widely and generally useful than
at any time hitherto.

In reply to a note of welcome

that I addressed to Post Chaplain
John Woart at Ft. Abercrombie he
responded with interest to my sug-
gestions about the Dakotas there.
Saying that he had become acquainted
with them & had spoken both of them
through an interpreter. He is an Episcopalian
a man in mature life & Louis who has
met him seems pleased with him.
When we have read your book here I
hope to have an opportunity of lending it
to him. I had a letter ^{yesterday} from the
French speaking ^{Dakota} young man whom I
married last summer before you came
"Joe Montfort" "eciyapi" in which
he says he has much unpleasantness
in his household at Buffalo Lake on
account of his faith. His wife upbraids
him when he prays & he is sorely puffed
& almost ready to faint under his burden
& speaks of withdrawing from the Church.
I of course replied in such words of
encouragement as I was enabled to give
him & trust you will not forget him.
Cotanka & his wife have differed to-
mutually accusing each other but I
believe they have been reconciled.

I think an occasional letter to them in Dakota suitable to encourage believers in godliness & prayer, which might be "read in all the churches" would do good & keep before the minds of the forgetful their obligations to the Saviour & His ministers & people. For this the Apostolic letters are a pattern & example. If you will send one on "As ye have received the Lord Jesus Christ so walk ye in Him" I think it would do good here & elsewhere.

In our Chapel there is more than usual interest. Larger numbers & deeper feeling. One Soldier ^{off} an open Confessor of the Saviour & ^{he with} Henry Col Bates young man pray ^{very} fervently. Pray for us that souls may be added to the Lord. Two have signified their desire to live godly in Him.

The Dakota meetings are well attended. The increased number of scouts & their wives & friends make gatherings

nearly as large as ever. They are
more permanent in their attendance
There are fewer ^{Dakota} visitors coming &
going than ~~h~~ heretofore which is well.

Gabriel was here trading last
week. Two Stars was with him &
appeared very well. ^{* friendly} He is spoken of as
Gabriel's right hand man
I hear from ^{from Dr B. through the} ~~the~~ Post Trader Elvintumate
that Otheedays widow wants to sell oxen
to enable her to go to her friends but
that the Indians will not let her have them
they intending to keep them for his ^{Otheedays} sister.

I am thankful to report our family
& the Garrison generally in good health.
The Scouts are now under Lt McAskey formerly
of the 22^d & stationed at Ft. Tully East Tanager.
He & Mrs. McC. are good friends & attend our Chapel.
Lt. Allanson goes to St. Paul with the bride elect. Miss
Kelly Brown in a few days. Col. Bates has attended
our Chapel several times lately - a gratifying circum-
stance. Pray for us. Give our kin regards to Brother
John P. W. if you meet him.

Fraternally yours
G. D. Crocker

Rev. Crocker
1871

CONGREGATIONAL
Sabbath School and Publishing Society,
No. 13 Cornhill, Boston.

MOSES H. SARGENT, Treas.

Boston, Dec 15th 1869

Rev. S. R. Briggs

Dear bro.

on
receipt of your letter, I had
all the corrects made as requested,
and the next edition will be
correct. We have printed orders
from the Bookellers not to send
hemorrhoids etc except Narratives, unless
ordered, we have sent the order
of the Book since it was published
to every Cong. and Presbyterian Lupt
in the country. It has been noticed
in the Christian Mirror, Advance,
Congregationalist and other papers, but
as you are aware the sale of such
Books is not quick or large, the
pernicious taste of the age is for

strong book, and any Book, historical
or ~~other~~ ^{of this kind}, must be pushed. This we
are doing as far as possible, and
shall be exceedingly obliged to you
to do the same for it,

The first edition was 1000 of wh.
we have sold 300 copies,

The next ed. will also be altered
in title as you suggested, I
expect a notice more full in the
Conjurer next week, excuse my seeming
neglect in not answering yours, my
correspondences } Yours truly
is large, and } W. Langford Esq.
you did not }
seem to require }
an answer, only }
those corrections be made,

Dec. 18 1869

Ta Mahala

Koda wovapi mizota
ge cin wanmdake do iho Koda
watu kinhan - gau kta kehe
cin he pi on dapi do Koda
hehan mni'sa'sa
e kta tuwa dan ye isni do
Koda hehan tunkan'sa'ciye
he makiye tuwa dan wana
wan na ye kta isni m's
Token wacin duzake e maki
ye ho mde kta do e pa tuka
hunkaw e a gapi wanji ye cinhan
mde kta kta do Koda mihela
tan isni tuka taku wakan
ite ham taku waste e a
mni kta e pa eigin hewa
kenya he on mde kta e pa
tuka do hehan Koda taku
wanji e ci'ciye kta do
eya Terhi ke wa daka tuka

Mina Cante ma'si Ce do Koda

hehan wa cin ciye kta do watin
kinhan ya u kta cinhan mitan k'si
e mize ci ca u kta wa cin do
ha kon e ciye pi
Salwis Allard.

'Salwin na inu ge cinhan o m'ci
yake kta na e ca Koda
hehan on ma'si ke cin hean
wovapi mize e a e ca e kta wacin
do Koda e ya wovapi mize e a
kta ina wakin do
hehan m'cin k'si haki'sidan wan wagin
gum he nape mduze do
hehan Koda nape ciye do nahem
o Koda hi ciye o wasin nape wila
mduze do mitakuye onisika

Michael Paul mize do

Wahna'shingan

Woolworth

Dakota

hope like do

ih

hun kawɛ laya pi kin owa sin
 wawapi wi laye ege kta wa
 cindo owa sin iya onpi
 pi ca'ɗni onpi kta wacin
 tu ha ewila wakiye kta
 iye ma ce ce idni do koda
 niye ewi laya kiye kta
 wacin do koda he na wacin kin
 ewi hehan koda niye han kin
 o ci ciya ke kta da hakan na
 ga ktaga tu ke take wahan ce
 wakiye do koda nahan tɔpi
 to ke ca kta take wahan
 o i kin omola ka ce ce do koda
 hehan take wani o ci ciya ke kta
 o koda kiye kin e tan han

Magawakute — Cinca Wihoske
wan to do hehan hokisi dan wan na
kun wan na ta kta wankhe do
wate kin den yanke nakisa

J. Pizz

1870

Portsmouth Decr. 18th 1869-

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 11th came to hand a few days ago, and lest I should neglect, or fail to write in time for you to receive, before you leave on your proposed missionary tour, I will write today, - Snow is falling this morning, the first during this month, and the room by a good Coal fire, seems to me more comfortable than walking the streets in Brit Snow - so there is probably a little of self indulgence mixt with the pleasure of writing to a dear brother, which is the actuating motive for writing now - The cheerful view expressed in your letter seemed to be well timed, - I often in looking back over my life work, see so much of failure and so much undone which I ought to have done, and that the time for work is now nearly over with me, have thought that life has been almost a failure with me -

Your letter reminds me that we should
sometimes look forward as well as back,
if our actions so trivial as giving a cup
of Cold Water, to a disciple of Christ shall
not go unrewarded, then perhaps the aiding
a brother, although it was so very little, that
I had nearly forgotten it, if it was the means
of encouraging him to press forward in prepa-
-ration for, and finally entering the service
of Jesus Christ in the Ministry, then still
looking forward, seeing from the results now
visible, the probable results of your labors
in the salvation of souls in the future, and
down the stream of time, I can readily see
that your life work has not been a failure;
but as I could hardly see much result from
any of my life labors, except what seemed evil,
I thank the Lord, if I have, although in ever so
little, had any share in accomplishing his work,
and I thank you for the timely suggestion.

Your letter caused me to hope that if I had
done but very little personally in the Master's
service, yet if any of my children or of those

whom by word or act, ^{of mine} shall be used as
instruments, in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom
in the world, I may not have lived in vain;
and have we not reason to be thankful to God,
that we had Pious parents, especially for a praying
mother - and also that ~~he~~ gave us devoted and
Christian Wives, now all passed into the spirit land,
a mother's influence on her children continues long
after she may have crossed the dark water -

I read with much interest your book
"The Gospel among the Dakotas", and others to
whom I lent it, speak of it, as a most interest-
ing book - Why, has it not been noticed
by the "Herald & Presbyter"? indeed I have not
seen any notice of it in any paper - perhaps
because I do not see many -

The For. Miss. question has seemed to me
from the beginning of the Union agitation, as the
most difficult of a satisfactory solution -
Many who have been contributors to the Am B^c
for the years past, will be unwilling to change
the direction of their contributions immediately
and probably a considerable portion of Foreign

mission funds will go in that direction at least
for several years, but if the Union is to be
harmonious and happy I suppose there ought
to be unity in all the religious and benevolent
operations of the Church - I have supposed
that an arrangement ^{will be made} for the transfer of so many
of the Missions to the Care of the Genl. Assembly -
as may prefer to go, or as the Contributions turn
in that direction might seem to require, - but I
suppose that for the present you all will go to
the Am. Board as heretofore and after the
next Genl. Assembly which will be united, a
Com. for the purpose, may after Consultation with
the Missions and with the Officers of the
Board, the Presbyterial Committee, propose such
arrangement as may be satisfactory and for the
best interests of the Cause -

If you do not get beyond the pale of Civil
=ization so far that U. S. Mails are inaccessible
I hope you will write me when practicable -
and I pray the Lord to keep you, and guide
you in all things to do his will -

We are all well here, and my scattered
family (most of whom are in Kansas) are also
well when last we heard from them -

My own Health is as good this winter as I
can expect -

As ever your loving brother

A. Riggs

December 26 1869

Rev. S. R. Briggs
Lama Rock

Hoda nahaka okoda hi eige
etanhan Mazawa huta
cinca wan wica ete do
hehan hoda muni isai se ekta
mde kta we cin turka do
taku wakan onisi mado it go
okihhi mazo kta waci do hehan mde
maka ahan taku waste
e ca mude cin he tu wa dan
awape kta isni turka hinkawica
yapi kin he ye wica sipi ho
awape do hoda hehan tanhan isai eige
imuge kta ca mde cin kinhan
mde kta do hoda hehan
maka ahan taku dan ikowa
pe kta isni do turka taku wakan
he howa kipi kta do hoda
hehan taku waypi iwango kta
do han nihan wowapi eicaga
mitan kidi mize eicaga kta

epa eiyunke da han
wicaista yuha na ce ca
terka hepa na ce ca eya
wicaista yuha imi beyapi eonhepa
terka eya izatan han izo biyake
yapi to taken on nayakim kinhan
wouapi mizu eage kta wacin de
kdota ene on na ce ca
lehan i Santanka sagdaisin biyapi
kta nayakim na ce epla

Koda Cante on nap eiyunke

Mr Charles Paul Wahm's Kingan
Fort. Worth

~~10~~ Dakota Dakota

Tamako Co

Thos. Crocker
1870

⁴⁴ Wadsworth D.T.
23rd Dec 1869

Dear Bro Riggs

Bro Solomon
has made us a visit &
left this Amrotype to be
sent to you. He appears very
well. He has been a fortnight
without flour. His pecuniary
store was reduced apparently
to a well kept V & I procured
opportunity ^{for him} to purchase some
'Kukuse' from one of the Companies.
I heard from him that Dr
Daniels cannot do much for
him as his engagements
leave him little opportunity
to show account of work
done on which payment
can be made than more
secularly employed men.

I suppose that any aid his
Dakota brethren can render him

would be in course so
that he needs some things
which money only can procure
& no doubt you & Dr William
son ^{will} take care that he shall
not be seriously hindered
in his missionary work or
discouraged for want of
them. The old causes are
operating so Mr Western
says - authority 'in re' 'necessa'
~~that~~ ^{and} prostitution is increased of
late. Please 'lay on' when
you make a writing to
the Dakota brethren as
it indirectly impinges upon
the entire fraternity.

Wishing you a bountiful
success in your labors of
love I am sincerely yours
in gospel bonds
Geo D Crocker

Sister Lucretia



So. Deerfield, Mass.
Thurs. Eve. Dec. 23, 1869.

My Dear Brother,

Accept my heartfelt
thanks for your very kind letter.
Have had much solicitude in regard
to Mary, & anxiety that she might
regain her health. It would have
given me pleasure to have had
her with me this Winter, had the
indications of Providence opened
the way. Perhaps she is better now
for than she could have been here,
on account of my health. Although
it has improved since Ella's death,

I have not fully recovered from
the care & wear of her last illness.
It is my earnest desire, that dear
cousin Anna ^{will} not overtax
herself on Mary's account. If she needs
extra assistance, please say to her, that
the expense shall be met by myself;
if I will obtain the needed help, & ad-
dress bill of the same, I should so
regret to have her suffer on Mrs.
behalf. May God bless you all, & pour
into your cup an hundred fold, for
your repeated kindnesses to your
loving niece, whose earthly father,
He in infinite wisdom, has seen
fit to call home before her, whose
heart was so bound up in that ~~one~~
of their most tender, affectionate parents.

I should love to hear from ^{you} at any
time, when you are able to write if only
a short letter.

Your affectionate sister,

L. L. Cooly.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

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

Boston, Decr 25, 1869.

Rev. S. R. Ryer,
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 18th inst. was duly received, with statement of accounts for 1869, which I find correct, - all the drafts having been paid but the last. The \$3. for the "Advance" ordered for Rev. Mark Williams, has been transferred to your account, as desired. I note the total abn. debit for 1869, \$1142.60, of which \$25. being for half cost of ponies & wagon (bought by you & Dr. Williamsen for summer campaign & now unsold) is to be carried forward to 1870.

With thanks for your accuracy & promptness, & hearty good wishes for your branch of the great work, I remain

Very truly yours,

Langdon A. Ward,
Treas. A.B.C.F.M.

Personally, - a Happy New Year!

J. S. H.
1891

Saint Peter Min Dec 29 1869

Dear Brother Riggs

Your letter of 16th last
came some 10 days ago but I have not
found a convenient time to answer it till
now. When I wrote to you last I did
not think of the ten dollars which
I had promised to pay you towards
the commission from and I thank you
for reminding me of it. So our cal-
culations agree and as Mr. R. has
paid the greater part of the price of
Elora and authorized me to return the
remainder out of the first money com-
ing to him from the Board I count
it as paid and add to her price \$1.65
which he paid me for the wagon box
making \$111.65 and send you a draft
for your part. According to your pro-
position that I should take the horse &
you the wagon and harness I might have
done otherwise but I prefer this course
for several reasons. 1. It appears to me
most fair and equal. 2. It simplifies our
accounts making fewer explanations
necessary in corresponding with the
Board and I can now send you a draft

for the exact amount which may
not be the case here after. Keeping these
accounts and making the calculations
takes considerable of my time and
wears me more than any thing else
so I wish to square it as far as possible
at the close of this year.

In the Schedule for 1870 I apprehend
we omitted to ask for any thing for
the Hefpuns on the Coast. I think we
left it blank when with John think-
ing we would know better what to
ask for them after seeing them and
then forgot it. I sent to John for
a copy and it is omitted and he says
he knows not how much it was. I
think it ought to be the same as this
year 200 for the Hefpuns and 50 for
the Schools. We are under a mis-
sion of giving away some bibles and
hymn books paying freight and
charges on the School books brought
on forward and incurring some
expense in other ways to encourage
education and I think there ought to
be an allowance to meet it. Counting the
books purchased by Chaplain Crocker and not
paid for nor likely to be, more than 1/2

dollars has been expended in these several
ways not within this year but since
this year allowance was asked for.

As you sent on the letter will you
please ascertain whether these sums of
\$200 and \$50 have been allowed
if not if they will be or any part
of them.

I send you a letter of Pres. L. S. Ward
proposing a change in the mode of re-
mitting funds in which he seems to
complain of us. I have written to him
that if there is any thing faulty in
this in times past we are not account-
able for it we have done as we were
told to do, and signifying my assent
to the proposed change. I do not like
his plan as well as the past one, but
from Truitt's last letter to our mission
it seems they are expecting us to will
do so, and if we do so the change
is of very little consequence. What do
you think of the change ^{having the objection} now.
You know that I have thought for
many years that it would be better
for the cause of missions if our
mission had been supported by Prus-
sians and the New School Church

the with the same from the L. R. B. C. C. but I have felt so well satisfied with the money sent, that I do not wish for the change, and feel unwilling to take the first step in that direction. But now if I knew that you are left the L. R. B. C. C. as I do I would feel like writing to enquire of the Pres. Board on what terms they are willing to undertake our support. I suppose the trial is over worked from his late letters and I pity him, he seems to have forgotten that the Board receive several thousand dollars for our buildings and the damage by the Indians and that those buildings & improvements were made in large part by our own labor or paid for from funds of Saint Talies, which were handed to us while our mission has not been credit with the amount received. Robert Hopkins brought Samuel down and then with us 8 or 10 days. He brought me a letter from his brother James & they offering to serve us as a teacher and as all the others who had been spoken of as suitable to go to the Mississippi had declined and Robert still expresses his willingness to go with one of his brothers I thought it

but to authorize him to go with one of
his brothers and furnish outfit. We had
spoken of \$25. I went with him to town
and found the 25 not sufficient to purchase
clothes absolutely necessary. So I concluded
to give cash, to each as outfit and pay him
in addition 20 out of the sum allow for
native helpers on the loan, and paid him 30
in cash and let him have sundries to the
amount of 10 or 12 dollars and gave
him a draft for \$30. to get outfit for
his brother. Taking the amount from
the sum allow for the young men here
and not expending, which I suppose you &
John will approve of. He cannot start till
Zitkaden's return from the Santos we
have written for him to hasten his return and
you will know whether he has done so. One
of the boys must stay to take care of their
father. Robert thinks Zitka's will go with
him in which case they can go direct to
Grand River otherwise he will have to go
by Crow Creek.

Old W. improves slowly. She can now
sit up on a chair but can bear no weight
on the lower limb nor lie on that side in
she can move it and I hope in a month
or two will be able to walk.

My health is now as good as it has
been at this season of the year for several
years past and the other members
our family are as well as usual.

I was not aware till the receipt of your
last letter that Donbella had been unwell.
I hope she is now restored now that I know
what a nice & clever R. was living with you.
I suppose the climate at Portico is very
similar to what it is here & so it is not
likely to be beneficial to it. for if her
disease is as you state it is of a nervous
kind and such climates are worse here
than in Ohio. Have you included in your
care a teacher for the school?

I am sending a copy of my translation of
Adams to you with request to you to
give for criticisms & for reading and noting
the places you think should be altered please
send to me.

I enclose you a copy of some verses
of your translation of David for the book
which our friends here have been
making for some years, and may find the
number of the verses herewith.

I have the Lord be with an bless you in
your labors among the heath.

Yours affectionately

Thos. Williamson