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Lucy's Copy. [Exith 1870 paper]

Mon. 4. P.M.

My Dear Brother,

Your kind letter is before me.

Mary can show you what I have written about her coming home. I have tried to commit her case to, & seek guidance of our Heavenly Father, & do sometimes feel that He will open some way for her to come home, if it is best. He has put it into the heart of her dear brothers to help her. The \$500 sent last, was from G. to defray her expenses, if she thought best to come to Mass. ^{to do something for you} Hope we shall be able

Do you expect to break up your family, if so how soon? I hope & pray, that you may receive the needed strength. It costs a struggle to leave my home, but, I trust, the promise will be fulfilled, "to thine days, so shall thy strength be."

I fear my heart sometimes murmurs, in view of Mrs. trials; then the thought, "what we know not now, we shall know hereafter" comforts me.

Love to all. Your sister L. L. Barber.

"when the estate is settled, but hope Mr. will not worry about it."

After Clapper.

Am I to understand by what you wrote, that Mary is much worse, & only that she has not gained as you hoped?

Do you hear from Brother J.? I have much solicitude about his health. Regret he could not carry out his plans, & spend the Winter in Florida.

Can you inform me in regard to land in a place near St. Anthony called Mount Kew? The man whose house we expect to occupy, wishes to sell, & asks \$25,00 per acre for the land. Ed. hopes eventually to go West, & I suppose would like to have me go also. However, I do not feel much desire in that direction, but would love to own a little quiet home somewhere, for M. & myself, & Ella when she wishes to come, or when her time expires with Mrs. Moritt.

Good night. May angels guard you all.

May I hear from you again soon?

Truly yours.

L. S. Cooley.

Questions relating to Systems of Enumeration.

Is the word which means 4, constructed from the word for 2?

(For ex. in S. Australian, yerra means 2, & yerrabula (dual of yerra is 4).)

Is the word for 8 derived from the word for 4?

If so, explain method of construction.

Are any of the other numbers derived from the words for 2 or 4?

Does the word for 40 mean 4 tens or 10 fours?

Are there two distinct methods of enumeration; one by tens, the other by fours or fives? If so, please give them in full.

In counting from 11-19, is the smaller no. put first, as in Eng. four-teen, &c?

Are the fingers used in counting? With what finger do they begin, and in what succession?

Is there any other peculiarity in the method of counting in any language you are acquainted with?

Are there any methods in use for retaining the memory of numbers, by use of beads, knotted strings or written characters? If so, please give an account of the marks, & of the method by which they are combined.

What is the highest denomination in their system of enumeration. Please give all their numerals, & the method of compounding them for the expression of higher numbers.

Give meaning of the words used in compounding numerals.

Questions relating to Astronomic Ideas. #

How are the years numbered? } Usually by years; in poetic language frequently by one of the seasons.

Is time measured by days, or by nights? } By days.

How many hours has the day? } 24 hours.

What is the usual arrangement of words in correlating the following ideas. } Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.
Spring and Autumn.
Summer & Winter; & Winter & Summer.
Morning and Evening.
Day and Night; and Night and Day.

Is the Zodiac divided into signs for determining the length of the year, & the exact return of the seasons? } The Zodiac is divided into 12 signs.

How many days in the year? } 365 or 366.

Are there other divisions of the year? } Twelve months, not reckoned by the changes of the moon make a year.

Does the year commence with the beginning of one of these divisions? } The year commences with the third month of Winter.

Is the year divided into seasons? } The seasons are Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.

When does the year begin? } The year begins 10 or 11 days after the Winter Solstice.

When does the day begin? } At midnight.

As an ex. the methods of expressing these ideas in Eng. are given.

1 I find notice of separate forms for we, including the person addressed, (you and I) and for we, excluding the person addressed (he and I) in languages representing three families of North American Indians, the Delaware, the Cherokee and the Dakota; and in one language of South America (Brazil) the Eastern Guarani. Information concerning the presence or absence of this distinction in other American languages should be sought. It is constant in all the Polynesian languages; and is distinctly maintained in the language of Ponape (Ponape) Micronesia; in the Chinese, and in the Tamil.

4 The characteristic of column No. 4 is found in some of the numerals from 16-19, in Latin, French and Spanish.

5 This system of relationships, which is found in most of the languages of America and Eastern Asia, also intrudes itself into the Latin and Spanish. It is quite distinct from the system that prevails in the other Indo European languages.

The table brings to view two groups of correspondences, the one connecting the Indo European, Semitic, and Egyptian languages; the other having a wide reach over the remaining families of language.

7 & 12 In the S. African languages distinctions of number in nouns and adjectives are made by initials prefixed to the word. In the Dakota, distinctions of number seem to belong to the predicate being suffixed to the verb or adjective, & affect only the subject of the sentence. Nouns that are not in the nominative case have no form for the plural that differs from the singular.

In cases when I have not information of a characteristic being prevalent in the whole family of languages for which the line stands, I have given the name of the particular language in which I have found it.

- | | W. Afr. | Hamitic
Ethiopia | Ogusa | Ogib | Ogib | Grisu | Ogib | " | " | " | " | L. Niger | Ogusa | " | " | " |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|---|---|---|---|--------------|--------|---|---|---|
| Polynesian | + | + | + | + | | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Micronesian (Ponape) | + | + | + | + | | + | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chinese | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Japanese | | + | + | + | | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Scythian | | + | + | + | + | | + | - | - | - | - | - | ? | ? | - | - |
| Dravidian (Tamil) | + | + | | | + | | | + | - | ? | - | - | + | + | + | - |
| Australian (Adelaide) | | + | | | | | + | - | - | | - | ? | + | - | - | - |
| S. African | | zulu
+ | + | + | | | + | - | - | - | - | has
numb. | - | + | + | - |
| Egyptian | - | | | | | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 2
+ | + | + | + |
| Semitic | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + |
| Indo-European | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | - |

[illegible]

- 17 Verb agreeing with its nominative in gen. of 2nd per. | | | | | | | | | + + |
- 16 Verb agreeing with its noun in gender in 3rd per. | | | | | + | | | + + |
- 15 Verb agreeing with its noun in number. | + | | | | | | | | + + +
- 14 Verb agreeing with its nominative in person | + | | | | ? | | | + + +
- 13 Comparison of adjectives by inflection | | | | | ? | | | + ? + | +
- 12 Adjectives made to agree with their nouns in gender & number | | | | | | | ? | + + +
- 11 Arbitrary distinctions of gender in nouns. | | | | | | | | | + + +
- 10 Distinctions of gender in the form of the nouns or its articles | | | | | ? | | | + + +
- 9 Distinctions of gender in the pronoun 2nd person | | | | | | | | | + + |
- 8 Distinctions of gender in the pronoun 3rd person sing. | | | | | | | | | + + +
- 7 Distinctions of number in the form of the noun | + | | | | + | | | + + +
- 6 The simple noun considered as plural. | + | | | | + | | | | |
- 5 Cousins divided into different classes. | + | | | | + + | | +
- 4 The larger number put first in counting from 16-19. | + | | | | + | | | + +
- 3 The larger number put first in counting from 11-15. | + | | | | + | | | + |
- 2 Distinction between older brother and younger brother, and between older sister and younger sister. | + | | | | + | | | + |
- 1 Distinction between we, including the person addressed, and we, excluding the person addressed. | + | | | | + | | | + |

Languages marked thus + have the characteristic is given at the head of the column. Those marked with - are without the characteristic.

In cases where I have not information of a characteristic being prevalent in the whole family of languages for which the line stands, I have given the name of the particular language in which I have found it.

American | Polynesian | Micronesian (Omahe) | Chinese | Japanese | Egyptian | Dravidian (Sami) | Australian (Volaid) | S. African | Egyptian | Semitic | Indo-European

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Boston, 1870.

Rev. S. R. Regier,

Dear bro.

The

first edition of "Zohkor" was
500 copies of wh. we have sold
440 copies

We will put the picture of "Y. W. L. Luelling" in next ed. if ~~needed~~
to add to its attractiveness, will be
bound in a few days,

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alter the Plates until next edition.
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write me how many you have sent
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Yours truly
W. W. Langford Jr.



Saint Paul. Jan 10. 1870

My dear Mr Riggs.

I took the MS. you sent me to Mr Wheelock several days ago, and he promised to print it the next day. It has not yet appeared, however, and has probably been mislaid by mistake. I will call on Wheelock again, and find out the reason. When published, I will send you the copies desired.

Yours Truly

J. F. Williams

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Bible House, Astor Place,
 New York, Jan'y 18 1870

Rev. S. R. Riggs
 Beloit, Wis.

Dear Brother

We have been longer than expected in getting the Dakota books ready for delivery. The binder has just called on me about the lettering on the back or outside cover and I did not feel safe in giving directions. I therefore write to you for information. We have three separate volumes to be lettered which I will mention on the third page. Please to state how each should be lettered and our binder will exercise his own judgment as to how to

display them and where the lettering should be i.e. on the back or on the side. But he will be glad to receive any suggestions from you. I hope all will be ready to have a grant of them at next Board Meeting when we shall be ready to send them. Please to say how we shall send them out to what points. - We shall be glad to hear soon.

Very sincerely yours
Joseph Stoddick

Dr. Stoddick
1841


Evangelist Office, Jan'y 20/72
Bro Wm Rigg

Dear Bro,

The manuscript
was mislaid, & yesterday
was discovered. It is not
out of date, & we will
publish as soon as pos-
sible. Have put Bro
Mr Emerson on our books
& send from 1st Jan'y, one
year as requested.

Please excuse the
delay
Yours very truly
Fred Houghhead

Yankton Agency D. T.

Jan 25; 1890

Rev S R Riggs.

Dear Bro:

I have received your note by Mr Pond. I am very ready to do as you think best about sending up two teachers to Crow Creek.

I do not think the field would justify the board in paying two much of a salary. I am always in doubt how much to give helpers. You have had more experience than I would like for you to make the arrangement with them.

It appeared to me that

\$25 a month if one went
and \$30, between them if
two went would be all we
should give. I expect
the Agent to allow them
rations.

I offered to take one
family up but I would
not like to take two fam-
ilies up. Indians always
think they must ride all
the time if they have a
wagon, no matter what
the load is. There is said
to be a good deal of snow
up that way but I have
seen no one from there.

Benjamin is up here.
He says the reason he did
not go to see you again
about going was that he
heard Tom Crow was
about to go and he

was satisfied for him
to go. I suppose he is
going down to the San-
tee Agency again in a
few days.

I have not had time
to read Mr. Welsh's letter
very understandingly. I
suppose you will not
need it till you come
up here.

I send you down an-
other portion of father's
translation which I should
like for you to send to him
when you have examined
it.

Yours Truly
John P. Williamson

In Fort Snelling in the
Feb - Herald. It can be
used in your book.

Miss. House Boston

Jan^y 26. 1870

Rev. S. P. Regis.

Santa Fe, N. Mex. - Dear Bro.

Your reply to
Mr. Welch, herewith inclosed,
I was happy to receive, a few
days ago. I think it entirely
satisfactory. Perhaps the words
"attest the ground" are a little
too strong, in view of facts now
disclosed. But something of a
defense can be offered for them
most certainly. I suppose Mr. W.
knows nothing of the law of "mis-
conduct," but if he, or Bep Whipple
reads & be enlightened we can
do something in that line of
things. If you shall not mind
this copy of your reply herewith,
(I suppose you wish to show it
to J. P. W.) I should like to keep
it on file. Very respectfully
S. P. Regis.

L. H. P.
1871

Bloomington Jan'y 28. 1870

Mr. S. R. Rigg,

My Brother— Your order
for the English & Dakota books was
rec'd containing one dollar.

I sent in yesterday's mail ten
copies. We have at our office no
means of knowing the exact amt
of Postage required. I put on the
dollar. Hope you will receive
the books.

I have been requested to ask
you to order a copy of the "Goepel
among the Dakotas" to be sent to
Mr. Theodore J. Firk

Elmore, Ottawa Co.,
Ohio.

You will please send the Bill to
me & I will then remit the
amount.

Yesterday we rec'd a letter from Mary informing us of her visit to Santee Agency - of the party - the recreations & singing. I think such a party composed mostly of Indians is even more decided evidence of their advance towards civilization, than chewing Tobacco.

We have had a mild winter so far the coldest has been only about 20° - 0 & that only one day at a time. We have had sleighing a long time, & now the snow is deep.

I cannot tell how many inches, as it has been very windy, & the snow is drifted & packed. Perhaps there is a foot of snow.

We lost our hay last summer by water & are wintering our stock on straw, of which we can obtain an abundance from our neighbours. William hauls all the straw alone,

& takes care of the animals except the sheep. I am the shepherd.

I have been a good deal troubled during the last year by the efforts of Methodists to divide our community - the Sab. School the Cong. & the Church. Their success has not been much as yet, though they preach in our Church once in two weeks. I have tried to attend to my own business & avoid a collision.

The Psalm Singers are now making an effort in the Ferry & vicinity & the Episcopalians on the north. The former occupy the Ferry School House & the latter the Hill School House. Miss Cook had an Adventist in there a couple of evenings during the "week of Prayer". I don't know that any of them have made any converts.

The Baptists have "switched off"

I feel that so far as ministerial sympathy is concerned, that I am alone. I don't know that "any man cares for my soul", or for my work. I don't have any ministerial society.

All I hope for is that the Master will employ me & help me to work the little remnant of time that remains. Active life with me cannot now be very long. If I live I shall soon be good for nothing & never was good for much though I should not any one to tell me so.

We are in usual health & prosperity, & all unite in the expression of kind regards to yourself & our other friends there including Indians.

Yours &c

E. A. Pond

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

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

Boston, July 29, 1850

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Santee Agency, Nebraska,
Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 20th, with Dr. Williamson's draft for \$35.71, to your order, which I place at your credit, as desired.

I will very cheerfully assent to your drawing as hitherto, if that seems necessary for your convenience. You refer to the change as one that would save me labor, &c., but this is an error, & would not influence me were it otherwise. My objection to the old plan is one of business principles & usage. The plan is objectionable, because it takes the control of the Board's funds from the Treasurer's hands, & he is not authorized to allow this. Under it, drafts may come in at N.Y. and be paid to a large amount, before it is known here; and were it known, the drafts must be paid, because held by honest people, on their faith in the Board. Of course, (I need hardly say it) not a thought of your overdrawing has for a moment been entertained. But if the system stands, at some future time somebody may have a chance to overdraw, who will not be able to resist the temptation. —

I have remitted to Dr. Williamson & to Mr. Pond, & suppose J. P. Williamson will be supplied in the same way; but I am ready to honor your drafts as hitherto, if you wish it.

As to the suggestion of Dr. W. that your transfer to the Presbyterian Board is near, I am sure it will only be when you insist upon leaving us; and I sincerely trust you will have no occasion or desire to be transferred.

Very truly & respectfully Yours,
Langdon S. Ward, Treasr.

June 2nd Mon. Feb 11 1850

(Dear Bro in Christ

Yours, avo of 11th

It came in due time also with a
few days later with your criticisms
on some Chapters of Numbers for
which I thank you.

When I first saw your hands preparation
for a change of the mode of trans-
mittings to us funds I was at first
as you do but after thinking of it
for some time the inconvenience
likely to result to us appears much
less than at first we had supposed
to it. This plan is safer in case of any
of the missionaries being dismissed
but it seems to me it will make
more labor for him (and I think
will take the money from the treasury
in a month or two earlier. The dif-
ficulty about carrying more money
in travelling is I think the chief
matter and and probable this may
be avoided by regarding him when
we are expecting to travel to us as
the quarters will make in travelling
one, with us as we may wish to

carry along in travelling.

I do not understand your letter in your etc. but think if probability of interpretation is correct I have reason for a change of relation from the C. B. T. Hall unless so such change may appear for the advancement of the Business thing etc. For years it has seemed to me the time is coming when this will be the case and now it seems to me more obviously near but it must not arrive in my day. I do not think I will be the first to move in that direction. I am quite as desirous as you are that our mission be not divided and do not wish to do or say any thing in relation to it till I consult with you and am certainly will do nothing to compromise or in any way entangle you or others.

I hope your mission I wish with the pastor then gives you an opportunity of giving them instruction which may be useful to them in their ministry and if you can give them and the elders together for an hour or two each week and spend the time in instructing them in their duties it will be time

very well spent, I have written to Julia saying why but she seems to protest. Her commission to educate the Indians and giving help of her time to her school. I think her nature requires that she spend her time in the school room, and if this was not the case that a part of her time should be given to teaching the teachers.

If the Agency is to be removed the place for building the house for C. B. T. R. becomes a greatly such an important question and I suppose a difficult one. It would seem to be better for our school to be near the Agency than near the Episcopal mission but it is especially desirable it should be near a considerable Santa population, and not more than four or five miles from where a sufficient supply of fuel can be obtained and I saw no such place on Bear Creek. I think it would be well for C. B. T. R. to go there before you leave and that you are to make the Pomo think make a thorough search of the country before determining where to build.

Give you her with nearly 20 chapters more of numbers which I wish to see

to write and think from, and
your criticisms, it would be
well to have the whole of your
work go to the bottom?

I have read the Gospel among the Indians
all through and some parts of it
several times and am very much
pleased with it. Some things are not stated
as I would have written exactly and I have
found a very few inaccuracies. But I re-
gard it as extremely truthful, and im-
partial and it is amazing to me how you
tell so many things clearly in so few
words. I had not before thought of you
as excelling particularly in the power
of condensation but I do not remember
any book except the Bible when more is
told in fewer words.

About the end of last year Lorenzo Lar-
son with other Indians and some whites
was in Tongue Lake when some dispute
arose at Sunhange, and the Indians
Lorenzo to be silent and Lorenzo said he
gave and had ever told him for which
the Shingos of Long Lake country took offense.
and he is reported to be in jail so much
I know from several sources. He is a
very able man. I would suppose he will be here but

I do not remember to have heard of any
person ever being killed for selling an
Indian

Mr. B. Penwell has a full share of
afflictions His wife's health is bad & that
of her brother James worse and owing to
his house & Butler's being burnt Mr. R. has
to take into his family and care for two
or three of the children

Not long back while Mr. R. was absent
on a preaching tour to Pajutague his
brother & sister took sick and died
at home and the Indian boys they have had
for some years thinking he had rather a
hard time took French leave and came to
Saint Peter & his one boy saw him not
quite a week ago.

Miss W.'s health is improving & she
now sits up and reads or sews most of
the day and walks some or catches her
husband & her dog.

The rest of us about as usual except that
I have an enlarged Corbanch on my wrist
which makes me some in writing

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Kilham

Big Sioux D. T. Feb 16. 1890

S. B. Riggs. A. M. Tamahece

Howapi cicaga nicotawacin

{ Mitakunye Anpetuhin de Igohiiga

Waste on Aracin waon onkan been

Behangan Nicante on waawacin otā Aracin waon wanna
Wicoran sica on waartari wanna sarapeliita Beon Aracin-
waon telen waranga nowaste Idowaye hita hwo epea waon been
Igohiiga nowapi de cicaga Iheericoita takudan tanyan
oharigapi singa taku tanyan gacopi sin been to wasicun-
wakan Eweahigapi hin been dan taku tanyan ga gacopi hita okihi-
ji gataku tanyan hargapi ga gacopi been wanna omaka Banke
Behangan Wicoran Pena Aracin waon Eya Hornahisidan
Etanhan sin nowapi gawapi owapi ga Een man tanha Behan
Andustanga Behan Akte Dakota wicoran telen Idowaye hita wacin
ga Wicoran Benana sica taku wakan teridakin owasin sin
leammun wanji dan kas okafeti sin Igupasin leammun de
onkan been Bena waste wadoka ga leammun sin Bena sica en
Idowaya hita been Ito onman tukte waste kin be Idowaya ke
Epea been Etanhan wicoran owasin ga leammun de onkan
Behan wanna Bena on Igohiiga taen Dakota wicoran owasin
tanyan Idowaya been Iheericoita tanyan orangi owasin
Idowaya ga en taku eyapi waste ga wadokan wicohigapi waste
ka kaceca epea waon de

Eya Wanna Mis hitanna rowapi Wakan yawapi ga
Iyukeapi ga Iyohdakepi hitanna orakishi taceca epea
Wanda Wanna Wariyetu Sahdogan & Behanyan Aracin
Wan Behanyan taku-^{wakar}oie kin oyakapi kita en Samte
Orancaga Wicasta ola Wanna Bunkagapi Wicakagapi
onkan Beent Wanna ola Wadantapi ga Beentuttedan
Lihan Bosda Wajin sin orasin Ricahapi Dehan Wanna
Oyate kin hitanna tanyan Awanikdakepi onkan Beent
Dehan Wanna rowakapi kin en tonanapi ga Beent
Elanhan Wicanti on Awacin Wan Big Lion en Dakota
yakumpi kin Wariyetu kin de Wicasta Wariji Wina sin
Ga Betaniga Wina tancan Luta kin Luta Beent
Iyotankan Iyehiya Beecasta tuncan Betan kin shige-
sin ga Behan takon Kchidanga Wicinyanna ola
Oriska Bena tuncan rowapi ~~gawate~~ gawawicakige sin
Bena takutakan oicranpi sin cein Pantinkinyanpi
kinhan Beent taku taceca Aracin Iyagapi kita Iyeece
Beentne Bunkakepi Toranpi kin Sdogapi kita epea
Behan Wiyoran Wariji Ehake orakdake kita
Winorinea Wariji Wakan Mduga onkan Beent Ahinigan
Narmana Oran tice ola Beent kici Wan hte Lin Wancinga
Winorinea Wariji Ojeltatunga Mduha onkan Beent
Wahansin Beent Mitawa sin taceca epea Wahan sin
takutakan kin Itoham kici Inanajin sin Beecasta

He mitawa epea waon tathornari wicasta lica
ga oran masica been Etanhan wasienn wakan
yaonpi kin tohimi wicasta lincan yakaringapi
ga takacin oyadepi Eca tohimi miyokungapi sin been
Etanhan taku karta owasin atacin waon ga wakaha
yaki kiyapi kawarun been de lica ga taku waon
waon kin owasin tanyan ~~een~~ een o'eiyaka taku
wanji wanna lica ga tohimi wowionyangpi kta
Iyece sin sea been Erpeyapi ga ekta etonwanpi sin
his Ihmuhanna atacinpi sea kke ekta etonwanpi
ga been ekdakupiga been jakintapi ga wowionyangpi sea
been tanyan ^{ta} sin ~~ga~~ onpi sea been tanyan ^{on} kiyapi
Ee Ihe be Iyece masica Esta Ihmuhanna atatin
wanpi kinhan been toker yacipiga toker kinmaya
sipi kinhan owasin tanyan een eca muktā
Owakihi epea waon tka tohimi eaca enmayatim
tanpi sin wicasta ota wanna yakaringapi tuka
been wanna owasin kinspayapi been Dakota
wope takwapi kin atangyakapi krika been a nakas
wanna wicasta ota kinspayapi wotapi ^{on} w'eiyaka
ka dena Itoaracin gaon Iyece a kanizetu kin
de Ihmitakuzi benara o'eiyaka kta eya nakon
ota epi sin micanli ~~de~~ on taye eiyaga
John Baker Icarapi be miyede

Fort Wadsworth ^{Dy.}
Feb 25 1870

Dear Brother Riggs

Yours with the Dakota letter came duly & the letter was sent on its mission. A continuance of the effort might give at length a valuable series to print. You know best & I trust the Lord will lead. you are right in the matter. In regard to the letter of M.W. I can scarcely say any thing more than this - if you stated facts they are the grievous things - if not it is easy for him to show you wherein you erred. It is some time since I read the book and it is now lost so that I cannot give a very well defined expression of opinion. We should of course have ferocious

charity among ourselves "that can
a brother's failings hide & show
a brother's love" This is reciprocal
duty I would suggest to all sides
of the diversified Christian households
to those in the ecclesiastical
"Wankam tipi" as well as to
ourselves who if not more
earthly are I trust seeking for
true spiritual humility and for
that love that is not puffed
up in unseemly behaviour.

Our "Dakota o Kodakico" has
been pretty well represented here the
present week Daniel-Simon-Peter
Paul & Louis having visited us
Solomon would have come but
was called to marry a couple
I hear that the good work among
the Dakotas is progressing.

A young man near Daniel R^d
"Pahdogeca" by name is called
now a believer ~~at~~ & woman

living at the Red Iron village
"Amunyan" is said to be one
also. All ~~seem~~ the leading
brethren seem to be cheerful
and in better spiritual condition
than last fall. It must be
that an enemy sought to
sow discord, for the harmony
of the brotherhood was clearly
disturbed. May our blessed
Lord keep the flock from
the incursions of the foe.
In our meetings there is
much to cheer. The Holy
Spirit seems to be present
solemnity & deep attentiveness
mark the assemblies.

Eleven were at our last Friday
evening meeting and all knelt
with me in prayer at the close.
I hope you will pray for
them & for us.

The family are in usual

health.

Greet our brethren
among whom you are
laboring.

I am glad your son
is entering into your
labors among this very
interesting people.

Mrs Allanson has be-
come a resident of the
Post late Miss Nellie B.

Dr Wm Fox writes that his
dear wife is able to sit up
a little. Mrs Dr Daniels is
very ill, if living. Asthma
is mentioned & an old heart
difficulty as the causes. Our
Surgeon has been down.

From Robert Hopkins ^{just arrived} I learn
that there are also two women near
his place lately professing faith.
His brother in law who lives with him
is also with him here = "Solomon -
Wakawishka-mani" Scigapi.

I am very glad to hear
from Dr W. that the Ps
Ex & Lev. are in the binding
I trust your Board will go on
vigorously & that you will
be enabled to move forward
when the season opens - with
your projected Training School.

I should be glad
to hear from you often
Pray for us - that
the word of truth & salvation
may have free course &
that souls may be saved
all around us.

Very truly yr friend
Geo D. Cusker

Fort Wadsworth D.S.

Feb 26 1870.

Taanukore mihankawangi nabuka
Wawapi niragete doingawam
Tanka okinna wakanbanka wakju
ye do ya waningetir kin de toke
n owakiti wuhokanwicawaks
ye do nakahake reingeyu
pi kin en wahi do wicasta
wakan wangi de ti kin en
wahi ya huan wawapi nira
kita owakiti do koda
wakanbanka wakswyara ni
s rikswyedo nismingetir swy
ekita waci do koda wamnasadan
heingawaku kita waci huan
wawapi mayagw kita ista en
wamketeisni do mihankawang
huanan ete kita wakanbanka
Tawaansilla nira innde mivante
mnapeniyaye Solomon

Phosphorus

Stirling Centre Feb. 28 1870

Dear Anna

I got your letter
a week ago. We had some cold
weather a week ago Saturday the
thermometer went down to thirty
four degrees below zero, it was the
coldest day that we have had this
winter. I froze my ear twice & I
came near losing it, it swelled
to about twice the size of the other
ear & it is not well yet the skin
is coming off. Mr. Morris went
down to Manhattan last week Thursday
he took down thirty six bushels of
wheat & got 85 cents a bushel.

I burnt one of my a while ago
& I had to cut a slit across the

March 28.

instep & put a piece in the piece
was over a half a foot long. This
after noon Mr. Inocais went off
to try to trade one of his horses
away but he did not succeed.

I have not studied Latin much since
I have been here one cause was
that I did not have the right gram-
mar. I don't get much milk to
drink because it takes all the
milk to make enough butter for
us.

Yours Aff. Brother

Robbie.

To Miss Anna Jane Riggs Esq.
Beloit
Wis.

Dear Anna -

This letter of Robbie's
has been lying a long time - but
I have not written any letters
nor had any mails either. Last
week we got a three weeks mail
and there is another behind.

I do some wants - please tell me
if you can get good yellow man-
ken such as mamma used to
use for panties - soft and washed
easily. and what price. I want
some for baby's drawers. Mrs. Bond
man said she never saw any
good - so I don't like to ask her
to get me any. Also what are
the prices of brown table cloths?
Also, could you get a piece of
stuff like those pants Robbie
has like papa's - gray with stripes

on side - The pants are good
except the knees and those
were worn out stacking - I
have nothing like them! I don't
know what I should have done
without the prices of cloth
you sent, for W's & R's mittens
this winter - What is the price
of good carpet warp? I've
many things to say but will
not say them now. A letter
from Isabella last week - al-
most entirely for other people.

Your loving sister

Martha

Martha

Seaburn (Thos & Son)
N. B. Dec 1/80

My Dear Mother & Eggs
How will be glad
to receive of but a line.

I am better than when you
saw me last - but not well.

I am stronger - might do a
little - but my bronchi-
tis & debility are not yet gone.

I do not attempt to preach
or write sermons - but can
perform some of the duties
here. In May we get through
& then I must go somewhere
for health & service as soon
as able.

I hoped to have been pre-
sarily able to have spent the
summer in some excur-
sion - but I shall be rather

Do you expect to attend
the Synod Assembly
this summer
at Phila -

straightened for money.

During my extreme debility & helplessness professional friends got nearly my all into their hands & probably that will be the last of it to me, as they have met no material engagements not even writing me.

Is there no position as for me among the Indians, or something else profitable for health & finance?

To what locality ought I to direct myself for the benefit of health? And where for employment outside of missionary work? I should go into that if able.

And if that time comes had I better work for the Cong^l or Presⁿ Board?

So your interest remain

ing at Melior? If not, why locate somewhere favorable for my settling near you?

Where is Alfred passing?

What is the daughter's name in Minnesota & where living?

If I come West (as I now intend to (money & providence permitting), I want to go direct where I can stay for awhile - or at least make a depot for my things.

Where & how is Mary, & who sustains her?

Please write me immediately such advice as seems consistent & oblige

Yours affly

J. S. Longley

I shrink from going alone among strangers - & would prefer

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American Bible Society.

Bible House, Astor Place,

New York, March 1, 1870Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit, Wis.

Dear Brother

At length

I am enabled to send you the
 mirror of the Dakota books
 Exodus, Leviticus & Psalms.
 I place in your letter in the
 hands of our General Agent &
 I trust he has sent all ac-
 cording to directions and hope
 they will reach their proper des-
 tination & be all right. Please
 to let me know & believe me

Sincerely yours
 Joseph Holdich
 C. T. Rowe

J. G. Longley
1870.

Suburn (Theglong)
N.H. Mar 3/80

My Dear Brother Epps

I have just written
you about many things.

Since then I am more hope-
ful that I may be able to go
out under the Home Missionary
So - when the term closes, & com-
mence moderate labor - not try-
ing to write sermons I think
coming to a good locality, & then
cure my detritus, & then
my bronchitis. That is now
an important item when to di-
rect my journeyings - espe-
cially if I take my things.

I want to go to some place
that will not only have a mild,
pure, & healthy climate but that
will have prospect of future
growth & advantage.

It said men are wanted and

in the vicinity of St Dodge - North-
ern Iowa - on the Dubuque &
Sioux City R.R. - which is tow-
ards I do when I located some
warrant. But some of the
students say it is too cold for win-
ter - too severe winds as well
low thermometers.

Some recommend South-
ern Iowa, & some still as
for North as Min - some Florida

I believe I have said wish
you were located out there
some where on some of the
branches of the great high
way to the Pacific. Would
it not be more convenient
for your work - to be nearer
your field of labor?

Please think of my necessi-
ties, & of the feelers preferable, &
wield me soon.

Most truly Yours & Sincerely

Rev. WM. A. HALLGCK,
Rev. O. EASTMAN,
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No. 150 Nassau-street.

American Tract Society,
New York, Mar. 3^d 1871.

Rev. J. R. Riggs
Dear Sir

Your favor
of the 22nd ~~last~~ is rec'd.

I regret that amid the mul-
tiplicity of cares I should need
to have troubled you unnecessarily
about the Hy. Books.

As you sur-
mised - the books were intended for
the Epi^l. Mission. A friend
of that Mission applied to the
Sec^y for 500 copies of the book,
proposing to pay the larger portion
of the cost. & Dr. Hallgck agreed
to the proposition, I am sure without
any thought of discourtesy to you, on
the part of either.

It was also

My mistake in putting in
the bill - the cost of additional
hymns. That work I find was
done last Spring & all reported
to you. Our Composites gave me
the impression that it was a
more recent thing.

We have not
charged this 500 to your ac, not
feeling sure it belonged there.

Now if you will please destroy
the bill I sent you, or return
it to me, it will end your
responsibility for this lot.

If we have erred
in not consulting you as to sup-
plying the Epis^l brethren, please
make it plain to Dr. Hallock
& we will all be on our guard
in future. Yours most truly
J W Stebbins.

P.S. Do you wish the 2 copies
sent as requested, now that no
change has been made?

Ever Yours
S.



miss you very much
Tantee Agency Neb.
March 11. 1870.

Mrs L. R. Briggs

Dear friend - I was very
glad to get your little note from Canton.
Thank you very much too for the
"Plaster of Paris" Brick.
We have been jogging along much
the old way ever since you left,
until last week. We had a twofold
storm of sixty hours duration for
outdoor variety, & for indoors Miss
Julia succumbed to a severe cold
enough to keep her bed for three
days or more & place herself under
Dr Tharttidge's care. The storm &
drifts of snow prevented any school
teaching last week, & this week Edward
is to relieve Julia of all care of school,
that she may be well rested before
resuming the work. She seems to

Be improving fast. Perhaps the ~~man~~
of the sewing school since ~~Thamren~~
begin in addition with other cares was
to march for her.

Katchigayadac "wahtedusni" you for
not divorcing him & me for
using all my influence to prevent
Hurtwin marrying him "old style".
The brier yesterday at forenoon
service resigned his position,
we have heard say because "he
does not receive wages".

Thammani seems a little disheartened
over it, & Edward expects to write
to Mr. J. P. W. that he will advance
the money on the Bell if it could
be ordered at once. This sending of

a bag around with the school bell
don't seem to work to satisfaction.
There have been more deaths in
the last few weeks than during
Thamren's reign but perhaps not
owing to change of Doctor.

The Surveyor is working over slowly.
Mr. Farmer does not wish to have
the logs for building cut until
the mission wood lot is surveyed
& selected. The stormy weather prevents
their sawing much so I fear
Hurtwin's lumber will have but
little time to season. The Agency logs
are waiting to be sawed by the mill.
The snow is deep, & if it melts fast
water will probably be high.

The woodland is to be surveyed
next & Edward hopes to get the logs
before the roads are impassable.
He has heard of a job of over for
which he will have to give nearly
or quite \$160,00, but it is the best
he can do & the Agent cannot lend
any more.

I believe there is nothing more of
importance to tell. We miss you
& you will be always welcome
to our home. The mail has just

come bringing your letter home
from Alfred. We were glad to
hear you reached there safely. Thamiie
has not yet returned.

You may have heard Mrs John
has another boy born March 7.

The little ones are well. Baby a little
fretful with swollen gums.

George talks much of "Mister" in his
gibberish. With tender love to all

of you. Tell Cornelia for me to remember
she must pray much because her
mamma is doing with prayers.

Tomorrow is the Anniversary. God
bless you then & ever.

Yours, J. Bond.
P.S. Have written with many
recollections. Excuse blunders. J. B.

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Mrs Bond



Miss J. R. Briggs
Tantee Agency Neb.
March 11. 1860.

Mrs J. R. Briggs

Dear friend - I was very
glad to get your little note from Johnston.
Thank you very much too for the
"Master of Paris's Brick".

We have been jogging along much
the old way ever since you left,
until last week. We had a terrible
storm of sixty hours duration for
outdoor variety, & for indoors Miss
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enough to keep her bed for three
days or more & place herself under
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American Tract Society,

New York, Mar. 14. 1870.

Rev. J. R. Riggs

My dear Sir

Your favor of
the 9th inst. is rec^d. Our Compositor
must have had something else in mind
when he gave me 26, for instead of 20.

We send you a copy of the present edition.

Dr. Hallock will be glad to know if

you Mission paid for the Plates of Hymns
and whether you regard them as the property of the Mission
As we have made grants & appropriations

from time to time, he is not sure whether you
paid for these dimly & fully. I do not think
you have to blame the Epis^l brethren, in any
case. What request of theirs has been granted
has been apparently & I think clearly on Dr. H's
idea that the Society owned the Plates of the Hymns.
or, at least had made them for you & hold them,
as we do many others for the sake of the great
cause. I think we can understand each other
easily & will hope to do the right thing for the
future.

Most truly yours

S. W. Stebbins

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Chicago, Mar., 16 1870

Rev. J. R. Riggs

Beloit Wis,

My dear Sir

I have been
much interested in your
work on the Dakotas.
Agree with your position
generally as to the true
policy for the Gov^t to pursue
relative to the Indians.

The A. M. A. is disposed
to enlarge its work among
the Indians, especially
where the Gov^t gives up
the old Treaty programme
and treats them as Citizens.

We have no disposition
(as I need hardly assure you)
to push into the place of
the C. B. L. F. M. — But

Dr. Trent told me, your Board were not disposed to increase that part of their work - that "the Whole world" was opening up in such a way as to lead the Board to withdraw from any American field where it could consistently be done.

There seems to be a change in Gov^t & general legislation looks to the consolidation of the entire Educational work among the Indians in the new Educational Department. If so there will be an inviting field - since the Gov^t Co-operation will then be very different from what it has been.

I write to you now to

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Chicago, 187

Thank you for the copy
of your ~~book~~ and your
eulogist in the same
and thank you to do
us the great favor to
write an article for
our Advocate Supplement
we are now to issue de-
voted to A. M. A. - If you
allow me to hint a subject
I would say - the present
aspect of the Indian question
& the duty both of the Gov^t
& the people (of the churches) and
particularly the A. M. A. (if you
feel disposed to bring it to that
point - towards the Indians.
But the exact topic &
its manner of treatment

(14)

Of course I leave with
you - (We want about
 $\frac{2}{3}$ of a Column - or
one Column at the
largest - will be needed
by middle of April -
Will you favor
us?

Very Respectfully
& Cordially Yours
C. M. Howard

Grenville

Nov. 19. 1871

Dear Bro Pegg

I rejoice that you
find yourself at home again.

With me could see gain at
once.

Many thanks for your gifts
& kindness to L. I will send presents soon.

I do not forget either your
work, in which Mr. L. & I have
been deeply interested.

Joe was too busy in study
to do as you suggested, & since his health
has failed, though we bless God that
spiritually, he is as one raised
from the dead.

Our hearts are more than full
in the conversion of our children.
I thank you to say so.

S. C. Shepard would
like to know, where F. F. Wadsworth
is, what & how long the job.

How much pay he or she
L. says you are about to

sell or rent.

Please tell me on what terms.

You may ask why.

It is barely possible, I may change.

If so, & our sons, wish to study, I shall try to go, to some college, i.e. - if some kind of service is needed to them

Affly Yours Bro
W. W. Langley

W. W. Langley
1890

Allen Cooley
1871

Greenwill. Ill ²⁴/₁₂ - 70

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Uncle

Your favor
came to hand today - I wish
you would write me more
plainly of Marys health & whether
you think it best for her to
go east this spring. One thing
is certain if I go I must go
within ten or fifteen days
the sooner the better for
me & my business - you know
that if my business is stopped
I shall have nothing to help her
& more I feel that we owe you
something that must be paid

I would like to know how
much means she has & whether
she could obtain reduction of fare

through your influence Dr. R. You
must not fear to give me full
particulars of his health. ~~now~~
for then perhaps I could better
judge what to do. Really I think
I have but little faith in
medicine & ~~still~~ I hope against
hope all the physicians have
had but little hope in his
recovery. & I often thought that
hope was stimulated more
by money than by faith.
I am aware that the climate
here and the surroundings in
N.E. would neither of them
tend to recovery yet if she
has come to the conclusion
that she must go east
I don't know but that
may be best, on the whole,
~~and~~ I have a little money
saved & it will take nearly
half of that to go & come.

provided it is best for her to
go - please write me just
what you think about the
matter you are fully capable
of giving advice; & rest assured
that I shall gladly receive the
same as a "son" should.

The reason why I don't
go soon is because the
busy of business is upon
me & Mr. Hill is about
to build a house this spring
commencing the first of
April - & I cannot be
absent more than ten
or twelve days & fifteen at the outside.

Please tell me all I need
to know of Mary - It does
seem hard for me but it
is much harder for Mary &
how my heart bleeds for
her.

Please write me as
soon as possible the
best course to pursue
Will try to write soon
Love & all
Off - your nephew

Allen C. Cook

Dr. W.

Oct. 5. 1870

Saint Peter Elfin El March 17

Dear Brother S. R. Biggs

Your letter containing your translation of Solomon's song came more than a week ago. I thought at first I would look it over immediately and send you my criticisms but in going over the first chapter I find the Hebrew to differ much from that of any of the books I have translated and as there is much of the English I have never understood will I cannot write criticisms on it worth any thing without spending considerable time on it and supposing you will not wish to make any further use of it for a month or two I have laid it aside till I finish translating Numbers which I hope to do before the end of this month.

John P.W. has sent me your criticisms
up to his house to Chapl 22 or 23
though he has not returned the copy
further than the end of Chap 18.

I sent you copy to the end of Chap
18. The latter part so shortly before
I received your letter that I know
it could not have reached the Sanlu
Agency before you left Oregon
did so as soon as you purposed doing
when you wrote to me from there.

After getting your letter I wrote
to Mr. Edwin Pond if it was in
the Post office then to send it to John
but it may have left that office
before he would get my letter. I hope
it will not be lost.

Mr. W's health improves slowly
he does not now suffer much pain
and can bear so much weight on the injured
limb and walks about his room on
crutches but will not probably
be able to walk without them be-

fore warm weather. The rest of our
family except sister as well as usual
at sister's complaints of a swollen vein
in her chest but is up and hopes
she will soon be well though I
fear it may continue for some time.
I have heard from Mr. A. Hur-
ter that the authorities of Longhills
county, turn Lorenzo Lawrence
loose alleging a want of jurisdiction
because he is an Indian.

Dr. J. D. Daniels wife was very
unwell the latter part of last month
and her recovery doubtful.
Some two months ago the Smallpox
was brought into the Insane asylum
by a patient from Saint Paul and
caused the death of several of the insane
and some cases of varioloid in Saint
Peter, but no deaths out of the Asylum.
Recently we hear of a number of
cases in Lescage and Ottawa but as
yet I have heard of no death from

it in either of those places,
We have had more snow fall this
week than any other this winter,
and though the previous snow
had settled much there is now in
the woods an average of more than
two feet. Today is pleasant and clearing
up a little.

Hoping for a letter from you soon
informing me at what time you
purpose coming to Minnesota

I remain

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

Dr. Hollick has written to me that
Psalms Exodus & Lamentations are sent
according to request and that he has
sent the invoice to you The books
ought to be in Saint Peter this week
March 18

T. S. W.

After the above was written I received your favor
of 10th with bill of books

Greenwich

Nov 23. 1870

Rev. S. R. Biggs

My Dear Bro

Yours of 21 is in hand.

Yesterday as Mrs. L & Allen were settling that Mary should come here, if best, your telegram was received & it is with you at this hour, 20 or 21.

Dear Child, we long to see her but lack of means forbids.

It is sweet to know is she ready for the House of Mary Maunsions.

Though sad to leave her, like there will be infinitely increased in value & bliss.

May God help you all.

Wish we could be with you

Very Affly

Yours Bro

W. W. Langley

P.S. I meant to have suggested to A. if Mary should be there, to let the precious Aunt sleep beside her Aunt by all means. Perhaps a third of us may sleep there.

L. Cooley
1877

S. Deerfield,
March 25, 1877.

My Dear Brother,

Yours was received last eve. Its contents gave me pain, still I hope Mary's case may not prove as you fear. If Allen has reached you, he will know what to do for her. If she is similar to what she was when sick at first, morphine, & other powerful opiates, only made her more delirious, instead of causing quiet & sleep.

I hope dear Anna will not get sick, but will care for herself, & obtain all needful assistance. At first, it seemed to me I must go to Mary; & I should still feel so, could I know it would be a benefit to her, & were I able to take care of her. As it is, I shall wait, hoping to hear she is

better, & fearing my presence would
injure her, by recalling painful
memories, & try to commit her to
Jesus, & watch for some indications
to teach me what is best.

You have doubtless ere this re-
ceived my last to M. & yourself. Please
ask Anna to read what is written
to M., if she ought not to read it
herself.

March 24, '91.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 7th is just
received. Am glad to hear M. is more
comfortable. I shouldn't think she was much
as in her sickness years ago; & hope she
may recover. Then she improvise some
most beautiful poetry.

May you all receive needed strength
to do what is required, & wisdom to direct
what course to pursue.

Affectionately your sister.

L. L. Coolidge

J. P. W. Yankton Agency, D. S.
April 7th 1876

for S. R. Riggs.

Dear Brother,

I thought
you would be desiring to
hear from us by this time.
I have heard little from the
Santee Agency, & nothing
from you since you left
there. I doubt not how-
ever that you arrived
safely at home.

The Missouri has now
broken up & is rising
rapidly but no boats yet
have made their appearance.
The streams have been high
& mail irregular.
It is now raining and
the grass starting a little.

The interest in our work
has increased somewhat
since you were here. The
school & meetings are both
larger. I have added two
weekly meetings for Indians.
Sabbath afternoon & Thurs-
day evening, and find them
well attended. We have
had over 50 persons in
attendance the last two
Sabbaths. I have made
some efforts to draw
out the feelings of the
young men & get them
to speak in meeting but
have not succeeded to
any extent. Some of them
converse very well in pri-
vate but are not ready
for any public avowal.

Outside of the young people
who endeavor to learn to
read there is no interest,
though an increased num-
ber of young women at-
tend meeting.

They want a teacher both
at Chohan Creek & Fort
Randall. I shall try &
get some one to come to
Chohan Creek when I go
down to the Santa Fe Agency.

Tom W. Warkner writes
me that his school is
rather irregular and meets
with considerable opposition
but he is working away.
He has over 20 scholars
but they do not come every
day, & all the old men
want to wachokoukiga
him instead of his teaching
them the Bible.

He will return at the end
of three months.

It has occurred to
me that it would be well
for you to prepare the
narrative for our Pres-
bytery this year. Having
been out here this winter
you are better acquainted
with the state of all our
Churches than any other one.
I can add any new facts
that father may send me.
There have been only a few
added on profession on the Mis-
souri besides those whom you
were here. I think 6 at
the Santee Agency, 2 at River Bend,
1 at Big Sioux.

We shall have Presbytery met
about 12th of May, but you will
please address me here.

Yours Truly

J. P. Miller

Greenville, N.Y.

April 7-70

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Uncle

Miss Magnard
leaves Greenville for the
east on the 25th or 26th
of this month - goes by
way of Chicago - will leave
here in the evening & Chicago
the next afternoon - but one
change of cars between Chicago
& Springfield. I suppose

that will Mary be able
to remain with you
until that time?

How much money
has she for the trip
after paying her expenses

3rd Had she better go
to Chicago & spend the
Sabbath + 24^{hrs} so as to be
settled for the start Tuesday
or Wednesday -

3rd Can you go on
send some one down
with her on hall Inf. M.
if she will go to Beloit
for her.

Brother E. Starr is
very anxious that Mary
should spend a short
time with her. - Think
if she is able she
had better spend one or
two days with her.

Think if it is
possible Mary must
go east

Am sorry that you
are discouraged & that

Mary does not improve
as fast as you
expected
Please write soon
Love Dad

Respectfully
Allen Cooley

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

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

Boston, April 9, 1860.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of Apr. 5th, with account for the first quarter of the current year.

I note your drafts (\$302.75) & the amount due for half of team, Jan 1st, (\$125.), - together covering your quarter's salary (\$200.) & traveling expenses (\$102.75), & a part of "the team" reserved for the Fort Madsen station (\$89.29).

For your second quarter's salary (\$200.), I pay to C. Hutchinson, \$1.00, and enclose my drafts herewith on Dr. Wood, N.Y. \$100. and \$99. to your order.

For this \$1500. on account of the Building Appropriation for Fort Madsen station, I will send, as suggested "about the 25th inst", and in checks on our Boston bank. *

Very truly Yours,

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

* I haven't sufficient funds at N.Y. to draw on so largely. -

Saint Peter Minn April 12 [1870]

Dear Brother Riggs

Last evening after I

had finished writing to you we received a
mail for 2 weeks or for as it comes by
Larsen's horse containing your letter of
5th inst. We have no mail from Saint
Paul for more than a week but as
they have come through from Madsen,
I suppose mails will go out that way.
I have had no offer for either the horse
or wagon and this spring have made
no attempt to sell either more still I
now till you come. Horses have fallen
in price very much here perhaps as
much as in Wisconsin I suppose wagons
and harness also are lower perhaps not
as much as with you. Elie Baker took
Frank last fall to keep for his work and
is using him now as he uses him very
little in the winter he expects to keep him

till he gets his small grain in and
think he will have got work enough
out of him to pay for his keepings before
you come. He looks well and I do not
apprehend any difficulty in adjusting
accounts about him the wagon and
harness with you, I have a wish to go
to visit the Dunk and Yankton agencies
and the Lakotas on the Big Sioux the
early part of this summer. But on Mrs.
W's account I do not suppose I will
think it proper to go so far from home
for several months. I know of no horse
I would prefer to Frank for such a trip.
A letter from Mr. J. B. Renville several days
evening informs us he is very unwell has
been anxious for some time to come to Saint
Peter for medical treatment but is unable
to travel. They need our prayers & sympathy
thus

Your affectionately

Thos. Williamson

J. Y. W.

Saint Peter Ulin April 11. 1870

Dear Brother Riggs

Your favor of 31st

Ulin is before me. I have carefully read
your translation of the Song of Songs and
will inclose it and my criticisms here
with Elmin wishes a few more verses of
Jonah and I suppose will send the num-
bers here with C27: v 2, and 52: v 12.

I do not think our neighbour Wilson
would suit you as a Carpenter. He has
the character of doing his work well
but of being slow at it and will do it on-
ly according to his own notion. He is
altogether irreligious. There are several
carpenters Scandinavians living on the
School-section beyond Ulin's. One
of them named Bremer I have some
acquaintance with. He is a pious man
and I think will suit you well if you
can get him. and I will try to ascertain

before so as to inform you before the
time you speak of leaving. Bitter, I
don't know about fording the creek be-
tween here and then at present. On Fri-
day the Minnesota was very much as
high at Frown as in 1857 and said to be
at a stand. I have not heard that it has
risen any since the alluvial bottoms
near here are all under water. It is nearly
a week since the cars have runnings past
Saint Peter and the track is said to be under
water below that place and we get no mails
from the Eastward.

We will be pained to have you stop with us for
some days. When you come. Will you want the
horse or wagon or both. I suppose you will
have a better opportunity of disposing of them
than I will horses are lower in price than
last year. Mrs W is not yet able to
walk the rest of us as well as usual.

Yours affectionately
Thos. S. Williamson

Greenwill Illinois

April 14th 1870

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Uncle

Yours of the 11th came to hand today, - was somewhat disappointed to hear that Mary improved no faster; - However, shall feel very much relieved, if she is able to go east with cousin Louisa; - I feel that she ought not to be with you, to tax cousin Anna's strength, & still, as you say, do not see what can be done better until she can go east with cousin. if that be so.

In regard to Mary's going to Cousin Eliza's I must leave with you entirely, if she could avoid it, and not injure cousin's feelings should say, ^{do} so by all means, think the probability is she had not better go there. If it is possible will make arrangements for Cousin to go to Detroit - suppose she will

be here Friday eve, or Saturday morning.

Will supply Mary with funds from
some source

Will write you at earliest date in regard
to plans of time &c. &c.

Hoping the Lord will prosper the Brothers so
that we can make some restitution for
your sacrifices for Mary & sending love to
Mary & all of your family I remain
Most sincerely

Yours aff. nephew
Allen Cooky.

Allen Cooky
1890

Lucretia Crosby

So. Deerfield,
Apr. 16, 1870.

My Dear Brother Briggs,
yours of the 11, & 12,
is before me. I had felt much anxiety
to hear from Mary, as Allen wrote.
nothing very particular, & did not inform
me where she was, as he wrote in haste.
He doubtless thought I should judge that
she was in B.

I have been moving, & had no
time to write, or I should have made
inquiry of you. I very much fear she
will not be able to wear a support
or. Some cannot at all. If there is much
inflammation, her former physician
says it is an injury. Her physician
ought to be able to decide, & I suppose
he is one in whom you have confi-
dence. Dear Mary, how she must,

with her sensitive, timid ^{have} nature, ^{have}
suffered under the treatment she has
been obliged to receive, & that too, without
a mother near to comfort her. I do
not doubt, dear cousin Anna has
done as much or more than I could
have done, & M. has expressed anxiety
that the care of her would be too much
for Anna. Can you not obtain help? I
wrote Allen, making the inquiry, but he
did not receive my letter till his return
to G. Was his visit beneficial to M.?

Give my love to her, & tell her
I hope she will be able to come with
Louise. Will L. go to Beloit, or what
is her plan. Allen did not inform me
definitely. Please ask M. to rest quietly, ^{trusting} in the Savior.

Say to my dear precious niece, not to
be at all frightened about Mary, for it
is nervous irritation, that will subside
when the cause is removed. When she
was sick at home, Belle slept with
her in a different room from the one

she had been occupying, & placing
her arm about her, soothed her to
sleep. M. often speaks of her cousin
in that connection with heart full
of grateful emotion.

Now let me say to you a few words.
I do not care to have M. know. My soul
is troubled in her behalf. The future
looks very dark. My health is poor,
though better than ^{it was} a year ago. I thought
if M. was able to wait on herself, I could
get along nicely, & board with M. & keep
house by ourselves, as seemed most de-
sirable. I ^{still} think if she is able to come
East, she had better do so, & there
will be some way opened to make
her comfortable. M. & wife expects
to be confined the last of June & is not
at all well, but wishes M. to come, &
will probably hire help if needed.

I could obtain no rooms on the
first floor, or I should keep house by my-
self from choice. Now there are rooms

being finished, which I could have
been paying 12,00 more & in advance.
They belong to Mrs. Eli Cooley, & are
where they would bring 35,00. There is a
sitting room, kitchen, bedroom & parlor
& one small chamber. If any one will
pay in advance, they so that she can
finish chambers, she will rent for \$60,00
I now occupy two large pleasant cham-
bers for which I pay \$50,00, & am in the same
house with Mr. T. The question is, whether
on Mrs. A's account, it would be best for
me to move & pay the extra rent &
take care of myself. Mrs. C's daughter &
family occupy another tenement in the
same building. Can you advise me
I try to seek guidance from above, but
there seems to be a cloud over my path.

Wishing for Mrs. A's recovery, & asking
heaven's choicest gifts for you & yours, I
am

Yours afflicted sister.

Le S. Cooley.

P.S. Please write soon, & all of interest in
regard to Mr. & your dear motherless ones.
May the orphan's God be their "guide even
unto death".

Greenwood T.I.

April 26, 1870

Rev S.R. Riggs

Dear Brother,

I received
some of father's translations from
the Santee Agency lately and
there was a letter from the
huskingman among them
which I send you, also
one from father. I send the
translations back to him
as he requested me to.

Our family go to the Santee
Agency tomorrow. I ex-
pect to start to the General
Assembly in about two weeks.

I am expecting Thomas Wakarusa
down from Crow Creek soon.

His success has not been great
but I hope not in vain.

I think he would be willing to
stay longer but I hardly thought

1870

Saint Peter ~~at~~ April, 28.

(Dear Brother Riggs

I went over
yesterday to see Mr. Bremer, He
could not make a positive engage-
ment about going with you but
will know in a few days and in-
form me and if you do not get
a letter at the post office in Althine-
apolis informing you to the con-
trary you may calculate on his
going. His terms are two dollars
a day, Sabbaths excepted, from the
time he leaves home till he returns
with board and travelling expenses.
I am not much acquainted with
him myself but he is thought by
his neighbors to be a pious man
and a good and brisk workman.
He is a Swede but speaks English
sufficiently well, apparently about

about 35 years old. Says he does not know how to build log houses. I understood that he would furnish his own tools for the price named but do not remember just what he said on that subject and may have misunderstood him. Wilson got 50 dollars a month last summer working for Dr. Daniels and might have been got for the same this summer but I think did not furnish tools. He told me some time ago that he was to work this summer for a man in Minneapolis at 2.50 a day board ing himself, making bridges or something of that kind, for the Rail Road. but he is still about home and I suppose you can hire carpenters cheaper here than in Minneapolis. It is 6 months yesterday since Eliza Williamson has walked. She thinks the lame limb gains strength

but it is very slowly and I do not
suppose she will be able to walk much
without crutches for months. The rest
of us about as usual, except that
sister is not quite so well.

About a week ago I received
a letter informing us that Ellen W's
elder sister Rebecca Knox departed
this life on the 4th inst. On yesterday
Mr Briggs told me that
she had a letter from her daughter
in West Union, which men-
tions the death of Robinson Baine.
Thus our friends are passing away.
and how soon our time will come none
of us knows. A week ago Rev. J B Pen-
well brought Ellen R down to be un-
der the care of Dr. Denish. She is staying
Ellen Adams. I fear she will never
be able to help him much more.
He starts back on Monday and
expects next week to go on towards

the evening we had that a notice
of your daughter Annafon's mar-
riage has been seen in some paper
and I suppose it true, though you did
not mention it in any of the letters
we have received. Assure her and
her husband of our best wishes for
their welfare both in this life and
the next Hoping so long to enjoy
your company here I remain

Yours affectionately

Thos. S. Williamson

P.S. We have had a very pleasant
April only two or three very gentle
showers and the wheat fields and
prairie are beginning to look green
and some of the trees also

If you let us know when you will
come up and come in the morning train
we will try to meet you at the depot
or in Saint Peter at Biggs's drug store
near the ~~main~~ ^{main}

Fort Wadsworth P.O. D.S.
Camps Good Will
July 14. 1870.

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and Robbie
and Cornelia.

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That it may be a time I will now enclose a 2^d ft. for \$5.00 payable to Mr. Morris' order. Robbin will need from \$15. to \$20. to take him to Beloit. Then he will need some new clothes either in Menkato or after he reaches Beloit. So \$30 will be for him and \$20 for you and Cornelia, if she needs any thing.

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Your father

S.R. Riggs

[P. S.] Let me know of the receipt of this.

Yankton Agency
Dec 28th 1876

Rev. S. P. Riggs

Dear Bro.

I forgot to send you that Mss. of fathers by Edward. As there is a young man here going down in the morning I send it down by him.

Benjamin is still up here. I conclude that he does not intend to go above. I talked with him about it. He said some one ought to go and that he always intended to do as the Missionaries told him. But then I asked him when he was going down to St. Santee Agency, and that I wanted him to go & see you, and he said that he did not know.

J. P. W.

when he was going - his wife was not ready to go & he could not go without her. And that you would know now that "mde kta tarwatan waye sni".

I wish I could be with you at the Santee Agency next Sabbath. I shall pray that the Lord may be with his people there, and that the Saviors love may be felt in many hearts especially those who have grown cold.

Yrs Truly
John P. Williamson

Sakota Territory
Camp Good Will

Sabbath eve June 19. 1876.

Letter to the Council

My Little Children

I little while

ago we came back from meeting. It was only about two miles from here, pretty near the Agency. There were a good many there more than two hundred, I think. John B. Renville. and Antoine Renville and a good many of the council were up. They came about six miles. Mary Ann Renville was there. They had made a large shade by many poles on forks and put tents over them. So we gathered under the shade and sang and prayed and preached and remembered the death of Christ.

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growing along the stream. Several Dakota
houses are not far off, two above us &
three or four below & one across the stream.

We look out to the north of east & see
the water of Lake Traousse fifty miles off.
Some smaller lakes we can see to the south
east. The agency is in sight a little east
of south. To the west rises the mountain
stretching along to the north and south. So we
have a good outlook. We have a board
shanty & our two tents stand near by. We
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during the night.

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rest of them have visited the Sanitarium Agency
some time ago. The news came by Sisters &
Eunamanti to the Big Sioux & some one else
came from there here. They told also that the
wind had blown down Mr. Hinman's great
house & killed two persons. But you
may have heard from Alfred before this.
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S. R. Riggs

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Hazelwood - our Old Home
Sunday eve June 9. 1870.

My Dear Martha and Robbie and Cornelia

I cannot resist the temptation of writing a few lines to you from this consecrated spot - consecrated as the birth-place of Robbie and Cornelia - consecrated by the years of toil and of joy of the living and the departed. We might have gone farther before coming but I had rather a desire to pitch our tents here - and so we are on the blue grass in Mr. Cannighans yard. Mr. Hunter went down into the ravine to the east - which he says I called Pelly-bog - the one on the other side being named Idle bog - to get water. He knew where the spring was. I went up to Simons house to Mr. Doncastles and obtained a bucket of milk.

Things look so as to remind one very strongly of the place eight years ago. The ruins are here and patches of wild roses are growing around and over them. The plum thicket is nice in the garden. It has almost all gone to plums and red raspberries. The popple grove looks nicely and the two cotton woods that grow in the field. I will put in a row of plants from the ruins of our house. Jimmy says it is the nicest place he has seen in Minnesota.

We left St. Peter on Wednesday of last week
and staid over the Sabbath at Red Wood Falls.
The roads are pretty bad. Lawrence has stuck
his team both yesterday and to day - so has Mr.
Hunter. My team has only got foot in the mud
once since we left St. Peter. But we have been
six days in coming here. Since we lay by Saturday
afternoon at Mandy's farm at Red Wood.
Monday we waited for Mr. Hunter. I am glad
he is along with us. He is a good hand in
crossing sloughs and streams, and first rate man
to camp. He is taking up a load for me.
The lumber I am taking up is at Red Wood
yet, but I have arranged with men there to bring
it up next week. It is going to cost more
than I expected owing to the high waters and
bad roads. The Yellow Medicine we found too
high to ford comfortably, and used a skiff to
carry a part of our things. The Inkpa they
say is swimming. So with all these hindrances
we shall expect to move along slowly - traveling
not more than twenty miles a day. To day
we came from Rice Creek. It has rained on
us a good deal and made it unpleasant. The
boys think it is real tough. Robbie may
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Laquipale River (The Inkpa) Thursday
even June 9. 1890. Twenty-six miles in two
days is not great traveling. Yesterday we came
twenty two and to day only four. This morning
one of the wagons got foot in the mud in trying
to cross a stream that ordinarily is no
stream. But now is quite a river coming into
our wagons. We had to unload and then put on
two teams to pull out the empty wagon. So
we have worked eight hours in getting over the
Inkpa. It is very high. We swam the ani-
mals over first and then crossed the goods
and wagons on a raft of logs which did
wonderful man work. They crossed yesterday and
left here this morning. It is terrible hard
traveling now. But we pray daily that God
would give us prosperity. And work and patience
will be crowned with success, I think.

June 10. Friday noon. We have come from the
Inkpa ten or twelve miles and stopped to lunch on
the prairie. Last night I went over to Mills' house
and preached to the neighbors gathered in. The meeting
was to be at early candle light, - but it was
nine o'clock before we commenced. Fifteen or twenty
persons gathered in. At the close a young man

introduced himself to me as Mr. Donaldson
the son of an old College acquaintance - himself
also a graduate of Jeff. College last year.
He has set up a store at the Languipash river.
Is my Lawrence's team got stuck once and had
to be pulled out.

Saturday noon - three miles above the "Maka
gi yuzapi" or "Yellow Banks" as the white people
call the stream. We found it fordable but
almost swimming for my ponies. So we un-
hooked and placed one wagon bed on the top
of another, and ~~so~~ by going and returning, we,
in three hours, had passed over our things
safely. But our work there was made some-
what unpleasant by a constant rain. We came
on a few miles and have stopped for lunch.
The sun shines out again ^{and} ~~so~~ we shall dry
up somewhat.

Sabbath, June 12. It is a beautiful day and we are
resting, encamped by Little Anna a little distance above
the crossing of the Whitestone. We found this creek with-
out any difficulty. Here the birds are singing all around
us on the water and on the land. We had a hard week's
travel since we left Red Wood and the rest is nice.

Monday eve, June 13. We have travelled about twenty
four miles to day and have gone into camp on a little
stream which is a branch of the Minnesota above Big
stone Lake. We are in sight of the settlement on the
Cottonwood hope to reach the Agency to-morrow morning.

Hazelwood -- Our Old Home
Tuesday eve June 7. 1870.

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