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Beloit, Wisconsin.

January 3. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your Postal of 23^d

December came only yesterday. The mail does not go very swiftly. I marvel where that Table & those Chairs for David have been for more than two months. Hardly on the road between Minneapolis & Hermann. I more think the man did not send them when he should have done. I bought a Box of Collars & have put in with the collars a pair of little stockings which we thought might do for little Nino. A bundle came to me by Express yesterday from Windham Ohio, consisting of a quilt & some little girls aprons & those stockings. The aprons I could send by mail, if I knew where they were needed. The quilt I will keep to send in a Box somewhere in the spring.

I will write down to day to have the

Music Charts - Marion's First Part - sent to Mr. Morris by express.

The Photographs, which I have been expecting from Norton for a full month past, came on New Year's day. It is a smaller picture than I expected. It seems to me they must have diminished the size. I shall have it enlarged to about cabinet size, so that it will fill the page. When we opened the box Edna look at the picture and said, "That's Cornill's mother". And "who is the other"? I said, "Don't know". "Hint it your papa?" "No - expect it's Cornill's papa". But Cornill would hardly remember me 27 years ago.

This morning we have a real winter rain. The sleighing is all spoiled. The snow may not all go off. But it looks like a genuine January thaw.

How do you like the new Sapsi Oage?

I feel quite proud of it. To get it out required a good deal of work. There was some delay on account of new type. But I think

if our Dakota people are not satisfied with it they are hard to please. If the expense don't swamp us I shall be glad.

Mr. John Linville writes that he wants his bundle reduced from 50 to 20. He says they don't all pay up, and so he has, in past years, made up the amount of money himself. I wrote to him that the January paper would go up as heretofore, and then he might send me down his list of subscribers.

I believe there is an additional number of the January paper sent up to you. We had 400 extra printed. I wish Mr. Morris could give a little time to correcting the mail list sent to Simon Agency. I want to cut off all who have not paid the last year - and keep on only those who prepay or Mr. M. is very sure will pay.

We are all pretty well.

Love to all.

Aff. your father,
P. H. Riggs.

Beloit, Wisconsin.
Feb. 13. 1880

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My Dear Daughter Martha,

Well - well -

well! Miss Ellsley sends me a second letter saying she is anxiously awaiting a communication from you, and hoping the Lord may have now opened the way for her to work in his vineyard. And to day Mrs. Ainslie sends me a letter from Miss Martha Bonner saying that now she has her father's consent to go to Liberia and she has been praying about it much and is wishing to go. And on the heels of that your letter comes saying that Miss Carrie Thompson has agreed to come.

Well, no doubt the hand of the Lord has been in it all. From what you wrote of Miss Thompson I fear she may be too young and inexperienced for the best help - Some like Ella Cooley was when she was there. By the way I have a good letter

5423 I have a letter from Miss Jane Dodge South Lyon Michigan inquiring about the Barent the sent to Louis Meyer, Wisconsin.
If you heard of it - let me. It should have reached them.

from Ella, in which she speaks of her
sorrow that she did not do better when
she was up there. I will perhaps send you
the letter after a while.

It seemed
to me that Miss Donner would make first
rate help. And then here comes the cultured
Miss Isley that might have made the
Indians all play and sing like angels.

But Miss Thompson comes in first. I
hope she will prove a good worker for
you and the Indians.

You know she will go out not as an
appointee of the Board, but as an employ-
ee of the Mission, for the present. And so
we could not allow any thing specially for
outfit. But you will be at liberty to
advance a part of a month's wages so that
she can supply herself with warm clothes;
which she will amount for. You will of
course pay her travelling expenses. I will
ask Mr. Ward to send to Mr. Morris the
\$75. I know you will use it wisely and
conscientiously.

Mr. Hart has flatted out. I have
just had a letter from him, in which
he says that Miss Prosser's mother has
met with an accident which will keep
her daughter with her - for a long time it
may be. And so he has called on Secy
Alden and Secy Clark and told them that
the question is settled - they can't go to the
Dakotas - at present - Thomas
will be greatly disappointed.

Have I written to you that Alfred
has undertaken to write the Monograph
on the Hemi Gathery? Yes, I think
Anne would have written it very well.
But she has so much work on her hands
that I really did not like to propose it
to her directly, unless I could have offered
her \$20 for doing it. Isabella has
of her own motion proposed to write a bio-
graph - Eliza Figgins, Julie La Grambrin
and Nannie Williamson.

The Fortes and the Howards have concluded
that they don't want a Lithograph of Nina

My Lithograph proofs have not come
up yet. The withdrawal of Nina's picture
makes me a little shaky in my expectations
in regard to the satisfactoriness of mine.
But we shall see.

To-day's mail
brought Dr. Bartlett's "Introductory words".
It is short - only make four pages I think -
but very appreciation. It praises the
Diggs family and the missionary work among
the Indians.

The printing is going
on rapidly. This morning I sent down the
proof of the 15th form, which reaches to
the 240th page, and almost through the
17th chapter. Four forms more - possibly
a little less will finish the body of the
Book. I had been holding my copy
for the Maul paper for an article which al-
fred was to have sent. That did not
come. Yours has come and shall go right
in to-morrow.

We are not quite free
from colds, but are measurably well. I
hope you are all better. Good night.

Aff. your father,
S. R. Diggs.

Beloit, Wis.

Feb. 25. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter of the

20th came yesterday - quicker than usual of late. How warm it is! It rained here yesterday and again last night. The water is standing in puddles on the ground. This morning we got up early. So many things had come yesterday and filled my poor brain that I slept poorly. A lot of Book proof came - the 18th for running almost through the 20th Chapter. There was a great "out" in it - the first that has occurred. They left out a page and a half of manuscript. Then the proof of the Preface and Dr. Bartlett's Introduction came also. Then I had a letter from Agent Cissney sending me a copy of an attack made on him and sent to Dr. Struby of New York. Somebody wrote from Buckenridge, Minn. So I wrote a letter to Dr. Struby last night, which I ought not to have done. And accordingly I had to suffer by a restless night.

But I feel pretty well this morning, and have already sent my proof to the office.

Last Saturday my Lithograph proofs came up. They are good I think. I showed them to Mr. Ingersoll, who is something of a judge. He said, "Why they are as good as engravings."

I did not quite like mine in "Mary and I." "The face is too long", I said to them. You won't like it, as you did not like the photograph. The Editors did not object to having a picture of mine in my book, as I understood it - but they were afraid to risk a Lithograph and there was not time to get a steel engraving. Perhaps the idea of expense came in also. If they had not withdrawn, mine would not have cost so much as they will now.

I wrote you that Alfred had undertaken to prepare the Monograph on "The Family Diseases". Last week he wrote, "I am all worn out" - and I am sorry I let him undertake this. Still I wanted somebody to write it other than myself.

I don't know how Isabelle will get along with her Lithographs. I am afraid she will not

be on time.

I do not see any special objection to your using what surplus there may be in fitting up a room. There will not be a great deal, after you have paid Miss Thompson's travelling expenses. I am obliged to Mr. Morris for the accommodation. It is quite possible I may not want more than half of it beyond the first of April.

Your question about Alaska was - what? How we got the provisions over to the Island? Why don't you remember we had a canoe there? We crossed over to the island in a canoe as the day was breaking. Mr. Cunningham and I crossed back to the main land in a canoe in the forenoon. The canoe must have been there all the time.

Some ten days ago I commenced writing my paper on "Protestant Missions," for next 30 of July. I have asked the Committee to appoint some one else to write up the Home Missions part - and leave to me only the Indian part. It is quite a pleasure to me to hunt up the records in

regard to mission work among the Azilwas.

Our Wednesday night-prayer meeting is kept up in our house. It is a good meeting, but the house is not filled full as we hoped. A wave of spiritual influence is going over the College. James Garvie thinks he is a Christian now, and doubts if he was before. Philip Robinson says, "Awacanni." Jimmy's health has not been good for a month. The Dr. has been treating him. If he should not get better by the end of this term I will send him home. The doctor says his lungs are sound - it is a want of outdoor exercise.

I am glad if the Brown Earth people have been brought to a state of good feeling. They have some crooked sticks there. I wrote them a letter not very long ago.

Occasionally when I am writing a palms feeling comes over my hand - and it refuses to do duty. I must not push it too much.

Love to all Aff. yours,
S. L. Riggs.

Beloit, Wisconsin.

March 9. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha

Your letter, whose

last date was March 3^d, came right along
and was here on Saturday the 6th. I am quite
sorry that your shoes proved to be shoddy. I
thought they looked as if they would be serviceable
as well as comfortable. It would not pay to send
them on to be mended. Probably the other one
will burst too. "The Gospel Hymns and Sacred
Songs" were not found here. But Mr. Hobart
undertook to have them sent from Chicago postage
paid for 35 cts each. I hope they will reach
you safely, and be the right ones. Isabella
has sent up her article. She did not like
my name *Biograph*, and so calls it "A Memorial".

The March *Idyll* Page only came to me
yesterday. Some of the delay was owing to
the correction of the Mail List. But the
great reason was that Alfred was so worn
out that he did not get his copy in until

very late. But though it comes out late this is a very good number, I think.

I had a note from Alfred just after he reached Washington, but have not heard since. If his plan was carried out, he should be now on his way back, and may be in Chicago to-morrow. It has snowed a little here this morning.

Wednesday March 10. Yesterday the Ministers Meeting took place at Prof. Emerson's. Of course they had a very elaborate supper, and a large company to partake of it. The Ladies Page had come the day before and Mr. Kimball had made a notice of the forthcoming Book in his Outlook of Saturday. And so people were all agog about the new book. Prof. Blairdell asked me what kind of a book it would be. Our women entered the question, if it was founded on fact. She evidently supposed it was a novel - for its title. I am not now quite sure that it was the best policy to advertise it a month ahead.

I hope you will find Miss Thompson a good company and help also. Don't expect

too much of her, and then you will not so likely be disappointed. And now if the burden is somewhat lightened for you perhaps you will be able to send me some short articles for the Word Carrier. A short contribution from Lucy is all I have received as yet for the April paper. If I had not on hand my paper read at the Family Meeting I should be filled with construction. But that will not help me for the paper beyond. Last night I had a letter from Robert. He says Thomas talks of going to Germany for a year. And Rob. thinks it the best thing that he will ever get right. And he leaves there. Perhaps that is so. But it ought not to be so. Robert is very much pleased with Samuel Hopkins - says he is doing very good work there. But Robert has found himself doing what he never thought of doing - viz; teaching singing school and playing on the organ at church. Miss Irvine is up on the Chrysom with Isaac.

March 12 I supposed this had been sent, but now find it and open my letter of to day to put it in.

Beloit, Wisconsin.

March 24. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha

This is my best paper that costs me here 24 cts a package of $\frac{1}{4}$ ream. I sent \$5- to New York to a firm that have been supplying ministers at low rates. It brought me five reams of paper - 2 of this kind and 2 of the kind I have used in Mr. Morris' letter - and 1 of single sheets, still cheaper. This last I mean to use in "copy" for the press. Also 1000 envelopes of the two kinds I send. The expensure on the package was \$1, which makes the cost to me here what I have indicated. I shall be glad to furnish you with all you want for a year or more. It will come at from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lower than you can buy elsewhere.

I am much obliged for the reading of Prof. Williamson's letter, and he writes send it back. I am afraid my book will not be bound and ready for delivery as soon as

I have said - the middle of April. But when it is ready or before I shall want to arrange when the books shall be sent. If Mr. Morris accepts the dozen books for his new church, I shall like to send the package at the time from Chicago. Therefore you will let me know. I did think of raising the retail price to \$1.75, but on reflection I think I will keep it at \$1.50. My investment will be nearly \$800, when only 500 are bound. But by close calculating I have concluded I shall be able to furnish the books to the Riggs family at 60 cts. each, at Chicago or Detroit. The postage on it will be about 12 cts.

I do not know that I can help you in planning for your additions. I shall desire that you make it yield the greatest amount of comfort and convenience. But be sure and build within the appropriation. From Mr. Morris' figures about the cost of the proposed church building I imagine he has a tendency to underestimate - as I know I have

often done. I find it a pretty good rule when one has estimated the cost, to add about $\frac{1}{3}$ - then it will come out safely. It would be unfortunate for you to commence two buildings, in one year, on a scale that you would not be able to finish either. Of course you will understand that I don't say "No" to any plan, but I desire that you commence wisely. So far as I can see, I think it is not at all likely that a new church can be finished this year. But it may be entirely enclosed, and so finished in another season. I will do what I can to help - but that may not be a great deal.

I will mail to you a copy of "Woman's Work for Women", in which is a letter of Miss Dixon's that Mrs. Ainslie censures severely.

We are all pretty well, except rheumatism.

Love to all from

Your aff. father
P. L. Riggs.

Beloit, Wisconsin.
April 10. 1880

My dear Daughter Martha,

Your good long letter of the 5th I find here this morn'g.

Yesterday I spent in Chicago. Edna has been wanting to go down with me and yesterday I consented. We got up at 4, and made home at 11 last night. She had two hours sleep on the car coming home. This morn'g she slept until 9 and appears to be all right. It was a hard day for me, but I feel better today than I have usually done after coming home from Chicago.

I paid up all my bills, and owe nothing now on the book. The binding was one cent more than I expected, owing, as they said, to "Mary and I" on the side which they did not understand when the bargain was made. It was 14 cts. The painter also measured their work so as to bring it out about \$15 more than I supposed.

But I paid all up - amounting to a cash outlay now of about \$780 - with 500 bound books

and about 1460 unbound. I shall still be able to furnish them to the children in Chicago at 60 cts. not including the expense of package or boxing. I have a Box of 80 or 90 sent up here. I can account them to you for 62 cts here. When they come up I will make up a small box and send Mr. Morris as freight partly in a dog, as my donation for the Church and as many as you may order on your own account.

If you want to send by mail it might be cheaper to have one mail them for you. The postage is 10 cts. Yesterday I mailed 29 in Chicago - one to you and one to Mrs. John Kenville. I thought it was due Mrs. Kenville to show her the consideration. Your copy is my Christ gift which was planned for last winter. So far I find I have given away

33 copies - (not including 2 dozen to be sent up to the church) and I shall probably give away as many more, to editors of papers chiefly.

I should like to give away - give away. But I shall have to make some limit - as I must make it pay back at least my borrowed money.

The Box I propose to send you I will not send until I hear further from you. I can send you a whole man as well as not. I think as you do that the cheapest is the best for most persons - it is the firmest and whitest and smoothest. I use this kind because it is not so fine and so is easier on my hand. In the package I sent you by mail I believe I put a quire of this kind. I can spare the large envelopes, any number of books - that is up to 8 or 10. As it may be two weeks before that box can go, and perhaps another two weeks before it can reach you, I will mail another copy of the book to you at 72 cts. You can probably make your money out of it. It is to retail at \$1.50.

In regard to your addition building I want you to do what is best notwithstanding what I have said. I have a strong repugnance to deficiency bills. Alfred sometimes has done it, but it goes against me. I think however you may be able to build as you proposed and finish off pretty well with the allowance. And

I have a partial from Mr. Ainslie asking me to send a copy of
this Primer made of every - something the note from you to
the April Wood Center to
Woman's Society - which I have
done. Mrs. A.
thinks Miss B.
will like to help
you.

if purchase there is a small balance remain-
ing from something else, it may be used to help.
With Mr. Morris' work on the building I have
no doubt you will get along.

The other day I had a letter from Louis
saying, as I understood him, that they were going
to abandon the logs and build a frame. I wrote
to him that they must stick to our plan. That
we could not and would not contribute money
to be used in going from one plan to another.

Perhaps I was a little severe on him, and it may
be the best thing for them to do to build a
frame. That depends upon how much expense
they have already put into their log building.

I wish Mr. Morris would help them with his
judgment. The \$80 in Mr. M's hands for them
should not be used until they get on some plan
that they will make successful. We have no
right to throw away donated money.

Love to all
aff. P. R. Liggs.

Beloit, Wis.

April 12. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

This is a nice morning. Edna's mother has been sick since Saturday morning. Mrs. Callin came over on Saturday and again on yesterday, and put things to rights somewhat. Edna and I have done the cooking. This morning I got the breakfast and Edna and her mother are now washing up the dishes - dirty dishes accumulate - She is much better, but not strong yet.

Since I wrote you on Saturday I notice that you say your Woman's Society have contributed \$10 since Oct. to the Mis. Society. I supposed it was more than that but I don't seem to have the means of saying exactly. I have received by me in January reported by Mr. Morris \$7.20. The last time Mr. Morris reported I have not entered the items separately in my book - although I reported them separately to Alfred. Perhaps it was only \$2.80 and the girls \$3.

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Did you mean I should account to Alfred for \$10 from the Mayan Woman's Society, or wait until Mr. Morris reports it? Of course I can do it on your report as well as his, only I should not want it done twice.

Mail 1. Susan Gray Cloud reported to me \$10 - as in the April paper. This is the same \$10 I suppose.

Saturday I took two packages from the Post Office, with each 66 cts. postage on them. They seem both to have come from Pittsburg. I have hardly a doubt they were intended for you, though I have no letter and I may be mistaken. If I don't hear from the sender to the contrary, I will put them in your box. They are mostly articles cut out and bound but not made, as it appears. In one of them were three small dolls. Edna wanted one and paid 20 cts for it. Saturday Mr. Hobart handed me 15 cts - said if he had been in the Book store when I bought the copy books he would have charged only 75 instead of 90 which the young man took. I asked them to

discount on them but they said they were not allowed to do it. So I charge that in my account.

April 14. We had a thunder shower this morning, but hardly enough of rain to water my strawberry plants I set out yesterday. Monday I received Mr. Morris' postal card about carpenters. Since I wrote to him Mr. Carris has got into work and a good prospect of continuance, so that now he would not care to go away from home. It will be better for Mr. Morris to obtain men near by. Will not Ottumville be the place to buy lumber this summer? It is 10 or 15 miles nearer than Keosauqua.

April 16. This morning it is raining a cold pitiless rain. But it will be good for the grass, which is now becoming quite green. Mr. Morris' letter came yesterday. As soon as it becomes dry enough I will put up some pie plant roots and send you. It seems as if Mr. Morris really ought

to be at the Golden Wedding of his
Haukakaipi. But it looks as if he
could hardly be spared from home long
this summer.

The two columns of Pastoral support
cash and goods was well enough for them
to make for their own satisfaction and the
stimulus of their people, but in the Pres-
byterial report they will all go together
- as they ought to do. Moreover no cents
are put in any of the columns except that
for the General Assembly. I am glad the
schedule is made out so minutely.

The packages I spoke of, I now learn
by a postal, were not sent to any one, but
I will all the same put up the most of
the articles in the Box to you. They come
from the First Presbyterian Ch. Pittsburg.

I have a very interesting letter from Isabella
at Ripley, which I will inclose to you. If you
could get it into the Family letter it would
be well. We are all well,

Aff. your father P. R. Riggs.



Beloit, Wisconsin.

May 10. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter came last Friday. I have just put up for mailing another pair of shoes for the little Lady. They are one half size larger than the others. I hope they will be all right.

They cost the same - 75-cts. You will have learned before this that I sent a copy of "Mary and I" to Mr. and Mrs. Morris on my own account, and will not expect me to send one on your account. This is their "Golden Wedding Day" - rather a rare thing!

The sudden change in the weather, from very warm to quite cool, on last Friday, has given us all colds. Edna is about half sick with hers. But really the days are charming, and every thing grows magically.

I herewith send to Mr. Morris an \$80
treasury check, which according to
my account, reduces my indebtedness to
him to a little less than \$10. He may
not have been seeing this now, but per-
haps will be before the first of July.
And I can send it now just as well as not.
Not a great deal has come in from my
book sales yet, but enough to make the
carrying of my indebtedness easy.

Thursday last I went to Chicago
with Mary Diggs and Cora and Mabel and
saw them on the train for New York, which
they were to reach Saturday morning. I thought
I should have staid over, but finding Mr.
Holmes still in his Book Store, I arranged
with him to order the binding of another
500 copies. He thinks what he has
on hands will be all out by the time
the binding is done. My stock is reduced
to about one dozen. Owing to the pros-
pective "boom" on the Indian question in
the General Assembly Mr. Holmes is

expecting quite a sale of the book
there. Isabella did well in Cin.
at the Women's meeting - sold 7 and gave
away 3.

By a Postal from Isabella which
came Friday, we learn that she and Mr.
Williams and Emily and one twin were to be
in Greensburg, Ind. over the Sabbath, on
their way up here. It is funny - I
wanted her to be here while Mary Diggs
was. But now Mary has come and gone.
I wanted them to see Dr. and Mrs. Peck
who are going to Katagan, and wanted to
see the Williams folks very much. But
they are gone east. Well - they take their
own time and we shall be glad to see them.
The Ladies here have made quite a lot
of nice clothes for Isabella's little girls.

I judge from Thomas' letters that
he must have imparted some enthusiasm
to the people up there in the work of
church building and repairing. I hope he did
good and got good.

Let me know whether the Box of Nibbs
has been received, as when the little Box
sent from here reaches you.

Love to you all.

Your aff. father,
P. A. Riggs

Deloit, Wisconsin.

May 13. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter of the 6th came yesterday. In regard to the offer of young women by Mrs. Clarke there is nothing more can be done at present. There may be some call during the summer. Dr. Alden in writing to Alfred says they have been disappointed in three or four men recently failing them because their wives or intended ones were unwilling. At the same time there is an uncommonly large number of young women offering themselves. Perhaps some may have an ulterior hope drawn from such a case as this — We have just learned that Miss Clapp, who went out last summer, and who has been for the winter with Miss Dramont in Mr. Williams' house at Kalzan, was to become Mrs. Goodrich at the Annual meeting!!

Mr. Clapp was here at the Minister's Meeting on Sunday and yesterday. He is desirous of seeing Mr. Williams and Isabella. They spent the Sabbath at Greensburg, and are to visit at Hanks Lake and be here on Saturday.

About the book, Mr. Holmes has undertaken to act as publisher. I gave him liberty to do as he would if the venture were his own. How many copies he has given away to newspapers I do not know. Quite a number I presume. I told him I had given to the Advocate, and I would send one to the St. Paul Pioneer Press and to Minneapolis. The one to St. Paul I have not heard from. That to Minneapolis I sent to Mr. Mill and he had a notice of it in the Minneapolis Tribune.

I also authorized Mr. Ward to give a copy to the Congregationalist which was done and a good notice has appeared. I have not seen it, but so others say. At Cincinnati I have sent books to Sutton and Scott for Isabella.

After I had made the offer to Mr. Holmes he seemed to think I had better leave the trade field pretty much in his hands. And I have done so. I could not well do otherwise. How the matter will come out I don't know. Mr. Holmes proposes to have a supply at Madison during the General Assembly. I think a good many copies should be sold there, if the thing is rightly managed.

I find that Alfred and Mary are a good deal put out about Mary's not being mentioned in the History. It is a very serious omission. I can see how I should not remember to notice their marriage, because I knew so little of it, not being at home when they came up to St. Anthony. But there were other times when I might have spoken of her.

I can only plead guilty, and say she is such a quiet little body as not to force herself into notice. If only my attention had been called to it —

Yes — if a new edition is demanded the whole will have to be reset. Then some defects can be remedied. If If — that is quite an "if" — the 2000 copies are disposed of profitably and more are needed. Alfred raises the question of pasting in a leaf. But that would draw attention to the omission and make things worse, in my judgment.

The "Blue & gold" will cost 2 cts or 2½ more a copy, for the binding. There is to be a variety of colors but better material and not quite so sumbu. We shall see.

I am just making up the last of my copy for the June Lipti page. My Paper on Protestant Missions I have about completed — and will send it up to St. Paul before I go away.

These last few days I am more rheumatic than usual, but still able to get about. We have all taken colds. I sent the little shoe some days ago — also an \$80 check to Mr. Morris in a letter to you. Love to all.

Aff. your father P. R. Lipp.



Beloit, Wisconsin.
May 31, 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

When I came home from Madison last week I found two letters here for you. The list of books you sent for I will send to Holmes, and have him send you. According to my memorandum I have you charged with 17 copies of "Mary & I." The one I sent you first from Chicago is not counted in. After I came home I mailed a second copy to you - did that reach you? Then you sent a list of 10 which I mailed. And then I think you will find 18 copies in the box I sent - of which 6 were yours. If I have made no mistake that is the way that matter stands. Isabella says Mrs. Drake refuses to have one given to her, and chooses to buy one. Mrs. Worcester has one - bought of Isabella.

I have just received a Telegram calling me

up to Madison this afternoon to meet
a Committee - of which I am one they say -
appointed by the Assembly to confer with the
President & Congress on the Indian question.
Ehnmami is here. He did not reach Madison
until Thursday night of last week. But I
got him a hearing in the Assembly. He made
the Capitol of Wisconsin ring. I understood
that Henry & Lucy are to be here on Wednesday.

In that case I will start probably on Thursday.
Isabella has gone down to Rockford today
to meet the Ladies of Love & Seminary. She
will not go back to Ohio until next week.
Robert will probably go with her as far as Chi-
cago - and then go on to New York. It is time
for me to go to the train.

Tuesday June 1. I went up to Madison
and met the members of the Indian Committee -
only four of us were there. I reached home this
morning at 4 o'clock. Of course the night
was not one of rest. Mean time a letter

had been received, saying that Mrs.
Paige - Annie's older sister in Missouri -
was nigh to death, as was supposed. So
it was thought best that Edna and her
mother should go right off - and now they
are gone. Mrs. Carrine came over and is
keeping house. And we have ^{had} Mr. Sinclair of
Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Lewis of Clinton, Iowa
here for dinner. They will stay until morning.
So with getting our folks off and other things
I am about wind up. Robert takes charge
of Mr. Sinclair for the afternoon.

Did I tell you that I am arranging to
have 4 pages set for the last 1000?
The pages are 199 - 202. This gives a
good chance to supply the omission. I
have already sent down the copy.

I have now had a cheap copy of The
Mantles of Christ which I mail to you.
The list of the other books I send down
to Holmes.

We are to have a meeting to night on
the Indians. Ehuamoni will speak and
probably Mr. Sinclair, and may be others.

Mr. Monis' check and statement are re-
ceived all right.

Your see my hand is hardly as firm
as usual. I will stop and rest.

Yours lovingly,

P. R. Riggs.



Santee Agency, Neb.

June 10. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

I reached here last Saturday morning, just as a great rain storm was commencing. Since Monday morning I have been waiting for a Boat. Every hour I go up on the hill back of the house, and look out towards the river to see if there is a smoke. The Yankton and Sioux City papers speak of several boats which are loading for the up country and will be along in a few days. So I wait. In the mean time I have made up my copy for the two last pages of the July paper and sent it off. Also yesterday and this morning I have spent on an article which I will offer to the Missionary Thrall on "Missionary Exclusion", called for by the order of the Department shutting us away from Devils Lake and all other Agencies where we have not already established missions.

I inclose a note to James Garvie. I wish you or Mr. Morris would talk with him. He has the privilege of going back for another year, if he & all the rest of you think it is best.

I am a little fearful that waiting on the Government Saw mill is going to throw you back both on the house and church, so that you will not be ready for the meeting in September.

While at Madison I talked with Dr. Wilson Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. He gave me encouragement to expect that we can obtain from that fund \$200 each for the Good Will and Buffalo Lake churches. But that can not be received until it will finish the church in each case.

Tuesday evening of last week I had a meeting arranged in Deloit to hear Ehnamani. I asked P. M. Sinclair of Cedar Rapids to come down with me from Madison. He was there and made the first speech. He was so pleased with Ehnamani's presentation of the Dakota work that on our way back

to our house that night Sinclair told me that I might draw on him for \$500 for use in mission work. I asked him if he had any objection to having a part of it applied to church building. He said he had not; but preferred that the major part should go to forward the native mission work. And so I think you may count on \$100 from that source for the Good Will church building. I wish they would hurry it along.

I see that arrangements have been made for extending the Hastings & Dakota R.R. up across the Reserve. Where does it cross it? Down by John Sniville's we suppose - if not lower down - as it is spoken of as 14 miles across. If so it will not be quite so near the mission as I hoped.

I left Isabella and Robert at the Home in Detroit. They won't leave together, I suppose

on Tuesday of this week. Isabella wants stop
some days in Chicago, and Robert go on to
New York. So the Deloit home is shut
up now. Edna and her mother had gone to
Lathrop, Missouri ~~too~~ to see sister Almira
Paige die probably. I have a letter written on
Friday last. An operation had been performed,
such as Mrs. Prof. Emmons died of. Almira was
living and the doctors hoped. That was the
case then. I shall not likely hear again until
I reach Sully.

Some are gone from every house here - Mary
and Cora and Mabel from Alfred's - Miss Ship-
ard from the Girls Home and Henry and Lucy away
from the Boys Home. Alfred's Houses are
going up - two enclosed already.

I hope you are all well. Let me hear
from you frequently at Fort Sully.

Love to all from

Your aff. father,
P. R. Diggs.

I hope they have rec'd you.
Love to all from
you aff. father
S. R. Briggs
all were here.

Peoria Bottom
Fort Sully D.T.
June 19. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha.

Your letter of the
4th I found here on my arrival. Whether I
can write a letter on this very warm day is
not manifest. But I will try and put down
some things. A week ago this Saturday noon
I left Alfred. Mr. Benton brought us up -
the two Indian boys and myself - to Nebraska
opposite Running Water, in the carriage. The
steamer Benton had passed up before we knew
of it, until it was past - and was lying at the
war house at Running Water the end of the R.R.
Taking in fright. So we got on board. One
of the boys was sick, and Alfred was very desi-
rous of getting him up home. He was not sup-
posed to be so sick but what he could bear
with only a little extra care. But it was
not so. He grew worse rapidly. Sabbath
evening the Captain wanted me to put him

ashore at St. Randall. I declined to do this as it would require me to go with him and stay while he lived. The Captain said his boat was not a hospital and a sick boy would annoy the passengers. I had a ~~little~~ berth in a stateroom for myself but only a cot in the cabin for Sam. He coughed a good deal especially at night. After Sabbath night some one had to be up with him all the time. And poor boy, after that he could not lie down but sat up for four days and nights. Wednesday morning we were at Crow Creek and the Captain and Clark both came to me to have him taken off. I was in doubt what to do. But I learned that it was quite difficult to reach the Agency from that point on account of water. When we had reached a point above Thompson the Captain said he would land for the purpose if I would take him off. I said I had started to take the boy up to his friends and I wanted to do it if he did not die on the way. At the same time

I said I would keep him aft of the cabin where the annoyance would be the least possible to others. Then the chamber maid proved to be quite a help. When I asked her for a basin and towel to wash his face, she got them and said "Allow me". She worked and comforted him up and did many good services to him in the two days that followed.

From the starting I had given him a little whiskey two or three times a day. Thursday morning I was quite discouraged myself. I thought the boy was dying. But Mr. Felt formerly of Sioux City came to see him and said he should not die. So he went and made "egg-wog" which brightened him up. Then he seemed somewhat cheered up by the idea that he might reach home before another morning. That was my prayer all the way up that he might live to see his friends. But I had many doubts and every little while I would find myself asking the question what shall I do if he dies. But the Lord granted my request. Thursday night

at sun down we left Pierre and at midnight
we were opposite this river. The Captain
thought he could not get his boat to this
shore on account of sand bars. He concluded
however to try and succeeded. Having heard the
whistle there as the boys father and others were
on the shore to receive us. I never expect
to be gladder, until I reach "the farther shore,"
than I was that night, when I delivered the sick
boy to his father and mother still alive and
able to converse. My prayer was answered.
And I was worn out entirely. I would not
have believed that I could have borne the terri-
ble strain and constant service of those five
days and nights. There was not much sym-
pathy manifested on the boat, but there was
some. After reaching home, the boy lived only
twelve hours. We buried him this morning.

I am resting. Last night I slept well. But
yesterday morning I felt that I was ten years
older than I was six days before. Thank
God it is over. The boat might have made
the burden lighter. But I don't complain.

I hope they have rec'd you.
Love to all from
you aff. father
P. R. Kipp
all were here.
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Percia Rolston

July 3. 1880

This is the day kept for the Frosts in many
plans - perhaps in most plans. It is the great
day in Minnesota - the celebration of the 200th
anniversary of the discovery of the Falls of Saint
Anthony by Hennepin. They have been making
great preparations. Doubtless it is a very large
gathering. Here it is raining. And quite likely
it rains elsewhere. If so many will be disap-
pointed. But here we are not disappointed. This
is what we have been wishing for. The ground
is dry. Only the other day we had quite a rain.
But it has all disappeared. Yesterday I drove
Miss Collins to some Indian houses, and found
it quite dusty. This morning at 4 o'clock
Jimmy Paddock started to the Post to get
plough shares sharpened, and the mail, if there
is any. He stands a good chance to get wet.
Thomas and Mr. Ward are putting on wire for a
fence around a cattle yard. They have wired

the field fence. In the field is some good corn - promising squash and pumpkin vines - also melons and sweet potatoes. But the common potatoes and beets are about eaten up. There is a very poor show. It is not the Colorado bug, but an earthy looking one that flies readily. There are millions of them. There is no way of fighting them that any one knows.

I am not doing much - not trying to do much. I was very much fagged out. But I am coming to feel a little more life - but stupid and sleepy yet. Some days the heat has been very willing. So I mope around. When Thomas leaves I shall have to take more responsibility. It was expected that Isaac Kenville would come down to day and be here at the Communion to-morrow. But the river is high and the crossing difficult. He will probably not come. I am writing for the sake of doing something.

July 5. 1880

This is a nice morning. Last night I was tired and tired about a good deal. I preached yesterday morning and baptized two boys in Spotted Deer's family at the Communion in the afternoon. The oldest boy - about eight years was called "Arnold" for the one who died. That brought up the question of Paul in I Corinthians 15th - "What shall they do who are baptized for the dead?" and we hunted up its meaning. It was a custom different from this which prevails with the Dakotas.

On Saturday both Cornille and I had letters from Robert in New York. I will send you mine. He is probably now on the great ocean.

There is a report here that Ella Shunville was very sick and her father was sent for. I hope it has not been true. But it will not be strange if it is.

Thomas is preparing to start to Simla
but when he will get away is yet un-
certain. Perhaps this week and perhaps not
until next.

Love to all

Aff. your father,

P. R. Niggs

Beloit, Wisconsin.

Nov. 3. 1880

My dear Daughter Martha,

Well I am alone in the house. Yesterday Isabella and her children left us, and Edna's mother went down to Chicago with them, to be gone until Saturday. The rest have all gone to school. Cornille had some difficulty in getting the house work done up in time to go. Mrs. Carrier comes over and gets dinner and supper. So that we shall get along very well. Harry's shoes are so well mended up that they should wear a good long while. Then his new boots will last him through the winter. In that line he is well supplied.

I have purchased for him a couple of pairs of drawers and one under shirt - (he had one) and so his needs are supplied in that respect. Isabella is to send him pants and out. We will not have his cloth made up at present.

I think I have already written you that I sent a copy of "Mary and I" to Mrs. Drake. The Nov. paper is going to be late, later

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latest. The proof has not come up to me yet. Alfred has more on his hands than he can get along with. He did not get his last copy sent on until the 28 or 29th of the month.

Do you hear any thing from Miss Grant or any one else? I hope some one will be found to go to your help.

Yesterday we voted for James A. Garfield. The election was quiet here. A little more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Meloit vote was for the Republican ticket. There is a great deal of hurrying to and fro now to find out the result of yesterday's work. But we shall not know for several days. The weather is fine. No more pleasant day for an election could have been desired than yesterday was.

I suppose Mr. Morris is at home again. Now if he will get ready those blanks-applications for aid from the Board of Church Extension as soon as possible, it will be well. At Saint Peter, I saw H. L. Wilson Jr. son of the Secretary, who is assistant Secretary of the Board.

He said it would be well to send on the applications without delay. Lastly I have been thinking of asking for \$150 for the Buffalo Lake church and \$250 for yours. But if it is thought best to put the Good Will at \$300 and the other at \$100, I shall be quite satisfied. When the blanks are properly filled and signed, Mr. Morris will send them to me and I will forward with my indorsement.

One of our neighbors, Mary Wharton, is to be married to night. Cornille and I are invited over and will go, as in duty bound, I think.

Friday morning. We went to the marriage. The room was crowded and hot until the ceremony was performed. After that there were air drafts, and I took cold. I realized it at the time, but could not well come away.

Now I have a miserable cold in my head.

The newly married folks started off the same night for Mr. Trombani's farm in Iowa.

I suppose we are to have another wedding
on the other side of us - at Mr. Bushnell's - in
a couple of weeks.

I had a card from Anna last night. It
is funny about the napkin rings. What
Anna authorized Freddie to buy for you.
Freddie sent them to Anna. A part of them got
broken in going. Anna sent them back as
unfit to send to you. But said I might
send them up to you if I thought it wise.
In returning her five more are broken. Only
4 of the dozen remain. I would not dare
to send them farther. Somebody will suffer
loss.

I have asked Mr. J. F. Williams to
send you a copy of Historical Collections.

Except myself we are all pretty
well. Love to all,

Yours truly

P. R. Rigg.

Proia Bolton

Fort Sully D.S.

July 21. 1880

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Cornville & Miss Collins & Theodore left us this morning as the day was breaking. The Black Hills was expected last night. So they got ready & waited. Towards midnight all lay down with their clothes on - so that a little after three this morning, when I happened to get up & go out, & called out the boat coming, they were all ready to start in 20 minutes. They went up 4 miles to a landing, & embarked about five o'clock. The boat was going to Sully only & then down. They will pass down here this forenoon. The family seemed small at the breakfast table & at worship - only five. Miss Louise & Winyan & Mr. Ward & Jimmy Padlock & myself.

Your letter of the 10th came last night. The article for the Word Carrier will go into

the September paper. I sent off the copy
for August a week ago. Our July paper
only came last night.

In speaking of Boxes that have not
reached you, you say nothing about the little
one I sent from Detroit. And so I suppose
that has been received.

Of "Mary & I," five hundred were bound
at first. Then, soon after the 1st of May,
a second 500 were bound. On the 1st of
July, Holmes reports 2,44 on hands. Was
there any reason why you wanted to send
Mrs. Drake one from the second 1000?
I have some at Detroit of the second 500.

From your article I am right glad
to know that Ella Sewall is better.
We had heard her that they had been
sent for - but did not know the result.

There was an opportunity to send to the
post office this morning, but I had not finished
this. It will stay until another time.

July 22 You inquire about Mrs. Paige.

She died I think on the 9th of June - about a week after Edna and her mother reached there. It was a case much like Mrs. Prof. Emersons. An operation was performed and she did not rally from it. Her brother Theodore Parker from Ohio reached there also. The burial over Edna and her mother came home and stopped a day or so at Martha Starr's in Lipton Iowa. They reached home on the 15th of June - just in time to say good bye to Robert as he was starting east.

He sailed on the Saturday July 30. We have heard nothing from him since that time. If he met with no mishaps, he is probably now in Germany - though he may have stopped a week or two in England.

Yesterday before 11 o'clock the Steam boat Black Hills went down. She glided swiftly by. We waved our handkerchiefs, but could not see any answering sign. They may have been asleep.

I have been reading Harris's Life of Christ.

It is a wonderful story of a marvellous Life. A couple of weeks ago I read "The Light of Asia". But it does not compare with "The Light of the World".

Your tomatoes must be farther on than Thomas'. They have just now commenced to blossom. The potato bugs ate up some of the tomatoes also. They write that they have been eating my potatoes since the 1st of this month ^{in Detroit}. Those I planted about the middle of April.

More than any thing else I should like now some of the abundance of carrots there. They are very fine they say.

I had a letter from Anna a week ago. She is mourning that she can only get 6 cts a dozen for eggs.

It occurs to me that I would not have any thing more to do with Hermann. Why not open your communications with the Big Stone Lake route? By the way, I should like to know what facilities there are for getting up ^{that way}.

Probably I shall go around by rail.

John P. Williams writes me that they commence this Theological class on the Monday before the meeting - that is, I believe, the 13th of September. I should like to reach there sometime in the week before, if I can.

It seems lonely here now. But we shall become used to the small family.

You do not say any thing about the addition to your own house. Is that going forward as well as the church? I hope it will be a decided benefit to Harry to have the responsibility of the garden. If his ambition can only be turned in that direction of work it will be well.

The July number of the Word Carrier is a very good one. June was first rate also.

I bethink myself that I must write to Alfred.

Love to you all from

your aff. father,

P. A. Riggs.



Beloit, Wisconsin.
Dec. 1. 1880

My Dear daughter Martha,

I have been thinking for sometime of commencing a letter to you. But work has been accumulating upon me of late. I have two or three letters asking me to give facts on the question, "What can we do for the Indians?" or facts to show that Indians can be elevated by the Gospel - etc. Generally I send a lot of Word Cards. I have really gotten started in preparing copy for the new Grammar and Dictionary. To save all the writing I can I cut up two books. In four days work I have completed 20 pages. At that rate it will require some time.

I believe I have written to you since I was in Chicago a week ago today. I then paid for your Advance for a year \$2.20. I also purchased a doz. napkin rings to take the place of those bought by Fannie as smashes in the mail. I don't know how that matter

stands. Anna gave Freddie 75 cts to buy them with. Cornille has paid him what he invoiced over and above that. Now I have a dozen more - cost 72 cts - subject to your order. They are said to be rubber composition that wont buck easily. I suppose they will go safely by mail. But whether you care enough about them now to have them sent that way I dont know.

Harry is quite well. Monday evening after school he went skating for an hour and came home with a lame knee. But it seems to be well now. He and Freddie have each taken a cord of wood to saw up, and commenced on them this evening. That will take some of their play time. Usually they both have some studying in the evenings.

Edna wants to tell Mary Theodora that to-morrow will be her birth day. She wants to have a party, but her mother thinks that not best. She still goes to school - Kindergarten - having staid at home only one day for the cold. After the Quartermaster comes we will not send her any more this winter.



I was glad to hear that Miss Minnie Jewett was making trial of her ability to give you help. Of course you can use the salary for the young lady in employing temporary help. I hope she will fill the place. Just now Cornille is drilling Harry in the parts of speech. She and the two boys are seated at the extension table - Edna and I are at my table, and the mother has gone out.

Friday night, Dec. 3. Your letters to Harry and me came to day. I presume the Boston account of Periodicals will come out all right. But this sending on the bill of them after it was paid seemed curious. I will keep the evidences of settlement, so that I can use them if necessary. The bundle sent to James Garvie came by Express yesterday. The charges were \$1.50. Garvie came today and took the bundle home. It will be a good thing for me as well as for him. He was getting

short of clothes, as I could not well invent money
for him. Their Board bill the past month has
gone up to \$2.12 a week, which is higher than
I can afford to pay. Harry and Freddie
seem quite enthusiastic over the wood cutting.
I presume, however, this enthusiasm will have
pretty much oozed out by the time each has
finished his cord.

This evening a letter has come from Robert,
dated Nov. 11th. He was going to spend a
week with one of the Professors in going to the
Hartz mountains - thirty miles away - to inspect
mines and furnaces. He thinks the German
servant girls are very black and dirty - don't seem
as if they ever washed themselves.

Alfred wrote me that the appropriations
were made as we asked for them except one
item at Sally and some at his place - which
they wanted more light on. So I presume ours
have all passed. I see the Woman's Board has
adopted Mrs. Penwile.

Much love to all from
your aff. father
P. L. Riggs.

Beloit, Wisconsin.

March 10. 1881.

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter of Feb. 25th came yesterday. Our mails here have been pretty much stopped for more than a week-past. So that we did not hear from the Williams, until yesterday. I will send you a part of Mr. Williams' letter. Isabelle wrote a Postal on Monday night at Cedar Rapids. They were expecting to start on that night and, if prospered, reach San Francisco on Saturday. It seems that they very narrowly escaped a burn up. Your letter to Habilla I sent on to Mills' Seminary in San Francisco where they meant to go. Perhaps it will be in time for your wishes to be carried out, or perhaps not.

I have several things I want to write you about:

First - Last December Alfred informed me that all our Simonton budget had been granted. But it now turns out that he was mistaken that the Teacher's (Lady's) salary was held in abeyance until the place was filled. As I drew for it this quarter I shall have to acknowledge my mistake. And as it strikes me the

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

best way out of the difficulty will be for Mr. Allison
to make out an account of expenditure in that line.
What you have paid Missie Jewett as a fair allowance
for her board, & also if there is any other kind help
that would have been sent by a Lady teacher. Then I
will ask them to appropriate that amount. Of
course it should not exceed the \$75 already drawn for
the Quarter but may run up to it. I think we
will make it all straight in that way. Alfred
writes me to say that Dr. Allison has been corresponding
with you about a young lady.

Let Mrs. Renvill's double pay for this Quarter
stand. I will send the \$75 coming to her for the next
Quarter to Mr. Allison. The \$5 extra paid to Mr.
Renvill I will take care of. That I believe will make
them ^{the} square as before in all.

No I had not put the maples in ring which I brought
into your account, but will do so. - 75 cts. I think
as send them up by mail. The expense of the others
that were broken lies between Anne & Cornelia.

Whether Cornelia can help you in way you speak of.
I don't know. I will talk the thing up with her. If she
should be able, what is the amount that you have to be
thus involved?

Some time ago I sent up the Papers which Dr. Wil-
son sent to me to have filled out by the Good Will
of Buffalo Lolo Church, before the appropriation is
sent over. A letter from the lady in Chambersburg has
been sent to me by Mr. Kimb, about that Box. But at present
the only thing to be done is to wait.

Beloit, Wisconsin.

Feb. 12, 1881

My Dear Daughter Martha,

This is a real snowy
blowy day. Freddie and Harry did not come home
until after nine o'clock. They slept at Prof.
Blaisdell's. Last night stormy as it was, we
went - Hattie and Mr. Williams and Edna's mother and
and took supper at Prof. Chapin's. Mr and Mrs.
Clapp were there. So it was rather a unique gathering
of friends of the North China Mission. They have
been looking for a day to have the picture of the
Twinies taken, but they are shut off. There is
no likelihood of its clearing off to day. They plan
to start at Monday noon and spend the night in
Cedar Rapids. It looks so stormy now that
it won't be surprising if the deep snows delay
them.

Since I came home I have been
so occupied that I did not look at your commu-
nication for the paper until yesterday when I was
making up copy for the week, and so I did not

realize the ^{dying} ~~effect~~ you have had. Did I write you
that Anna Jane Lawrence said she did not know
me? Perhaps it was not strange. I met her in
the school room with a lot of others. She was
looking well. The inclosed account will,
I suppose, be understood by you. I have paid
to Isabelle the \$7.50 and charged it to you.

Since this year commenced I have not given Harry
any weekly allowance. He has not needed it, as
he earned something by work in the Callbook Office;
and I preferred to ~~not~~ do according to your pleasure.

Beloit, Wisconsin

April 18, 1881

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter came on Saturday.

I had put off sending down copy for May Board Carlin longer than usual, but had just sent it off when yours came. This morning I sent down your "See you" and the two smaller articles, with intention to put them in the place of another article that can wait. Your other one on Joe Keokuk I am not certain what to do about. But I think it will be best to strike out some of the first part which might not be well received by him and his friends, and put the piece in the June paper. I reconsidered Mrs. Knolly's account of some meetings held in Brown's Valley twelve years ago, on the ground that as it was it might give offence to persons living.

I hope you will soon be able to make arrangements to have either Miss Grant or Miss Thompson with you.

The idea of having a white man as his wife come to your assistance is hardly to be thought of. The man would have to be a minister to be acceptable to the Board for the place. And that is the kind of man we want to get.

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I think it will not be but to aim at having a much larger school than you have had for two winters or more. Quite likely some additional buildings may be necessary, but not much. We cannot make all our stations as expensive as the Centre is.

Just now they are worse shut out on the Missouri than when they were snow bound. The high water cut off all mails. We have not heard from any one for weeks.

Here in Detroit our snow drifts are fast disappearing. I bought a spading fork to day as will try to plant some peas & potatoes in a few days. Harry & Freddy are working an hour or two a day at filling woods. I give them 5 cents an hour.

Last Friday night Edward Matthews & Cornille as I accepted an invitation to President Chapin to listen to a "Convergence" by Mr. Prescott, the father of the author of Little Women. It was a Mr. Emerson Mr. Hawthorne Mr. Thoreau Margaret Fuller as his daughter, & was quite enjoyable. He gave another Convergence in this College Chapel on Saturday. All the sad deaths do not mean among the Indians. On Sabbath one of our Physicians has died of cholera. A young man a popular doctor

Carlisle Banacks

Carlisle, Pa.

January 14, 1882

My Dear Daughter Cornille, This is Saturday evening. I came home from Washington this P.M. Edna and her mother remain in W. They were not yet tired sight-seeing. They have rented a furnished room for a week, and ~~eat~~ ^{get} their meals at restaurants. They pay \$5 for the room. This makes them independent to go and come where they please, and the cost will be much less than at a hotel. I think they will come home on Wednesday next. We left here Sunday afternoon. It rained hard when we reached Washington at 8 1/2, and so we went for the night to the main hotel. The next morning after breakfast we left that and found a place to rooms. Then we all went to the Smithsonian. Looked around awhile in the Ethnological Museum, and then I went to business with Maj. Powell - talking over matters. He promises largely but the printing don't come yet. Noon came and he sent out and had a lunch

brought in. After that we went to the Capital.

I called out Senator McMillan and he called out Senator Daws - and while I was there Mr. Dodge of New York chairman of our Committee came. And so it was arranged that we were to be received the next day at 11 by the joint Indian Committees of both houses in the room of the Senate Com.

Then we went into the galleries of the Senate and stood awhile in each, and by way we went to our hind room. That night at 8 we all went to Judge Strong's where all of the Committee who were in town had a preliminary meeting.

After talking over "my" Memorial for two hours they voted to change it a little - not much but so as to require that it be reprinted. Then it became this Memorial. Mrs. Dodge was there. The next day (Thursday) was field day.

At 11 we all went to the room of the Senate's Indian Committee. Only 8 members of our Com. of 11 were there. But we had with us the Board of Indian Commissioners and about a dozen Secretaries of Religious Societies - Dr. Kendall, Dr. Lowie and Dr. Stuby of New York, Dr. Mount of Boston

Those only I knew. Well I was asked to make a talk simply because I was an Indian man. The Chairman, Senator Dawes, put me in a very embarrassing position by quoting to me a section of what purported to be a treaty with the Simlons, which gave them all I was asking for. It so non-plused me that I had to say simply I was not aware such a modification as that had been made of the Treaty of '67. The fact was I did know all about it. For I helped frame the very section he read.

But I could not recall the matter so as to show how Dawes was at fault. That part of the Treaty had been wiped out by the Senate nine years ago, & Dawes had the window in the page before that he read. How unfortunate I was! How chagrined I was! How humiliated I was! & that before all that company!!

Well - I had to stop writing because it was getting dark. Now Winnie has brought in a lighter Winnie

chagrined

is a Dakota girl that Mrs. Pratt has for waiting
maid. A right good one she is.

At one and a half o'clock we were to have
audience at the White House. There all that company
gathered again. President Arthur and Secretary Kirkwood
and Commissioner Price were all there to be addressed
together. At both places Judge Story read our
Memorial. He reads well. Has a very silvery voice.
Mr. Dodge of course introduced the man and called
for the speeches. Every one was pointed to the Pres-
ident and the Heads of the Department. Unexpectantly
I was called upon to say something again. Dr. Pender-
land had moved that the Petition of the Six
Michel Renville and others be read with our Memorial.
And so it was at both places. They said I succeeded
better at the White House than at the Capitol.
Gen. Armstrong from Hampton was there. He and
Capt. Pratt were both called out. We had a dozen
short speeches. At the close one man said it
was like a Methodist Camp meeting. That little
paper of the immortalized Six took wonderfully.
One man said it was like a Pauline Epistle.
So the whole affair passed off well. What will
be the results?

Then as the Board of Indian Commissioners had followed us in our meeting they invited us to go to this. But Gen. Hemming was urgent that Capt. Pratt & I should go down to Hampton. So to Hampton we went, taking a boat at 4 o'clock that evening and reaching Fort Monroe at 7 Friday morning. When we landed we found a colored man waiting to take us 2 1/2 miles over the shell roads to the Institute. We were there for breakfast. The morning was wet. I went to the spring exercises of the colored students and talked to them. Then to the Indian department. Just after dinner all the Indians, or rather all the Sioux which are a majority - were gathered in the chapel and I talked to them in Dakota. The buildings there are expensive - having cost about 1/3 of a million. The place must be beautiful in nice weather. I was treated around for several hours, first by one teacher and then by another. I had quite a talk with Helen Ludlow who writes the illustrated Indian articles for Harper.

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Several of the lady teachers that I saw are young
and bright. They receive from \$6.00 to \$8.00 salary.
Gen. Armstrong's wife is dead. He has two little
girls. I saw Mrs. William Armstrong. Her husband
she says is running the Sandwich Islands. He is
Prime minister to the King and went around the world
with him.

So the day passed. I can't tell you
half. I became weary and lay down. At five the
colonel came was there with his ponies to bring us to
the landing. We had a little time and Capt Pratt
said he must take me into the Fort - as this was
a Fort that was a Fort. So we went through the large
parade ground - saw the beautiful live oaks - climbed
up onto the parapet and looked out over the water.

It is surrounded by water. The land side the moat
was deep and walled. It must have required a vast
amount of work. Then we went through the great
Hotel man by with its pavilions. It has cost
millions they say. Now there are only 3 or 4 hundred
guests there. Sometimes they have thousands.

We waited. The Washington Boat did not come.
The Baltimore Boat came. We took that and this morning
we were in Baltimore. Capt. P. went back to W.
and I came home - as I promised to pencil in Carlisle
to morrow.

Carlisle Barracks

Carlisle, Pa.

Feb. 1, 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

We have entered upon a new month with a deep snow. Yesterday it snowed and it snowed until a whole foot fell. But they have a plenty of boys here to make roads. Our fire is not warm this morn. It came so near going out that it takes a good while to come up. That is the habit of coal.

Yesterday I attended the monthly examinations of the school rooms for a sense of duty. There are nine different rooms and as many teachers. I only got around to seven. On the whole I think they are doing good work. The reading of the big boys (young men) was the most unsatisfactory of all. They do not pronounce English well. I was the most entertained by Miss Simple's class in History. The six Pueblos men who are here on a visit were in the schools in the morn. But the only thing they understood was the gymnastics.

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When Dr. Means was here I spoke about the appropriations for Thomas' station. He said when Thomas got a man that the Committee approved they would make appropriations. From that I gather that they will not make any for Henry. There may be something in the case that I don't understand. And I did not care to talk it over with Mr. Means.

Last fall I told Thomas that, in the event they made no appropriation for Henry, I would help make ~~make~~ up for him. So I have now written to L. that Henry had better come down the first of April. That will be six months for which we ought to make up \$350. Would you like to put in \$25? I think Isabella will help.

I can give \$100 right well; and I will do more if necessary. My expenses here are not more than I expected - perhaps not so much in some things - but in January they overran my salary \$35. That was chiefly owing to our Washington trip. Every thing is made very pleasant for us here so far, but when the spring comes we shall be glad to get back to Detroit, where the expenditure will be less.

I have a letter from Mrs. Caroline Morris.

She tells me that Harry's grandfather Morris left for him a Hebrew Bible and Lexicons. She wanted to know if I thought Harry would ever want to use them. If probably not, she would give him other books instead, and give the Hebrew to some other grandchild. I have advised that if any one else is ready to study Hebrew before Harry, he had better have the books. If that should work any injury to Harry boy, I will give him my Hebrew Bible.

I have some good letters from Itaballa that somebody else ought to read. I will enclose one of them. You can send to others.

Agent Cissney took umbrage at my translating and publishing that little paper of Michael Russell's.

I think he mistook the point of it and bore so with him. We regard it as a good campaign document.

Much love to all, from

Your aff. father,

P. H. Rejz

Carlisle Barracks

Carlisle, Pa.

Feb. 13. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter completed on the 8th came this morning. I must have written you or Mr. Morris in regard to Dr. Mead being here. He came here on his way home and staid over night. I said to him if the committee will appropriate an additional \$100 Mr. Morris will be able to carry on his school to the usual time in June. And this morning I have a letter from him saying that they have done so and he has informed you of it. So that matter is arranged.

In regard to Henry, my thought was that whatever you could give him - if it is \$25 - that it should be taken off what he owes you. I made the same suggestion to Isabella. I want Henry to work out of debt if he can. Only a few days ago I had a letter from Thomas with up at Steady Rock. He had taken Clarence Ward and his wife up there to work. I say; What they will do I do not know - Henry and Lucy -

They talk strongly of remaining on Peoria Station.
Should they do this I can give them my garden to
care for. There are many good reasons why they
might expect to do better with the Peoria market
than at Yankton." You ^{know} I. has pre-empted
the land and the Board only own the houses.

I wish Henry may be guided wisely and then
they will make up for the part, "redeeming the
time", or as the Greek reads, "Seizing the oppor-
tunity".

You must have had a nice gathering - and
a good time eating so many biscuits and dough-
nuts. I should have quite enjoyed some of the
latter myself. Our dinners here are somewhat
elaborate. For the desert we have to wait until
all the plates are removed and the crumbs brushed
off. It is all very nice, but I think we shall
enjoy a little less formality at home, when we
are there.

Mrs. Newville writes me that Ella seems to
be still declining. I fear she will not stay long
with them. And how will they be able to live
without her?

Just now Edna has a very bad cough. We have had a good deal of damp weather here of late. One day last week she was out playing with some girls, and I found her seated on a great big snow ball. About last Friday her bad cold commenced to show itself. She has eaten hardly any thing since, and we have all slept rather poorly. I hope she will work through it soon. Our snow is disappearing fast under rain and mist.

As I had written over several times about our visit to Washington I asked Cornille to send you what I wrote her, simply to save my eyes and arm. My eyes do very well, but I have to use them a little more than is quite comfortable and my right arm is sometimes quite rheumatic.

The printing in Washington drops. My winter work is not to be a success. I fear when April comes I shall have to report not more than half done what I had planned. I keep urging

them and get large prizes and small perform-
ances. Well.

Tuesday morn. Feb. 14. This is a bright morning.

The snow will go away fast. Last night Edna was pretty sick. The doctor came in to see her in the evening and gave her some powders. She had taken a couple when she commenced purging and vomiting. After that was over she commenced crying with the ear ache. Her mother was up with her a good many times. Finally I got up and held her by the fire for awhile. Towards morning she went to sleep. But she was up and went to the breakfast table but ate nothing. I hope she will be all right again soon. The health of this school is good. And still there are 6 or 8 in the hospital generally. Two girls have died since we came - one Wichita and the other a Chyenne. Two boys they have sent home because they were sick. Two girls have gone home because they could not learn. But I think they are doing well. There is a great pressure brought to bear on the to teach ~~the~~ English. Every Saturday night is what is called an English speaking night.

Last Saturday night the Captain asked the girls how many had spoken Indian for the week. About a dozen hands went up out of 80. The boys did not have so good a showing. Only about half of them had spoken "only English".

Last night a Sioux young man came into our room. I asked him what the young men did about talking to each other. He said they talked a great deal by signs. Signs are not Indian.

The teachers here generally are very pleasant. Miss Temple, the chief of the staff, is an admirable woman. Capt. Pratt is now away at Philadelphia arranging for a good exhibition to be given there of this School on the 2nd of March. He will take over a car load. He had all his arrangements made to have 50 congressmen come up to visit the School last Saturday.

But they backed down for the present.

Much love to you all from

Your aff. father,

P. R. Rights.

Carlisle Barracks
Carlisle, Pa.

March 8, 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Yours of Feb. 24 and

March 1, came the other day. I got it
right about the time of Ella's death, though
your account of it was a little doubtful.

I sent a notice to the March Word Carrier. I thought
likely you or Mrs. Jewell would write a more
extended notice. Mr. Jewell has sent me
a good statement in Detroit, which I have
sent on hoping to get it into this month.

That ought to fail - but there is no telling, they
have let the thing run so far behind time.

I used to scold about it but find it is
no use. I have scolded some about the slow

way printing has gone on at Washington, but
that has done no good either, and so I have
concluded to be as gentle as a lamb, but
inside - well I won't say what is there.

Mr. Jewell suggested that he would like
to have some notice of Ella in other papers.

3423 I think I have written all that I need to at this time. Don't work too hard. That don't pay.
Love to all.
Aff. yours father
D. R. Rye.

And so I have translated his letter and sent it to the Advance.

What time is the meeting in April? Mr. Merrill has been kind enough to get me a pass on the North Western - that is has had it renewed for this year. That would take me to Owatonna and back free. I presume I shall be able to get a half fare on the Milwaukee and St. Paul. Then from Owatonna to Minneapolis and back would cost me only about \$3. I don't know but I can afford to go. I will see about it.

In the last Word Carrier you have doubtless seen that you have a very large school. Did you know it before? I put it 28, which I got from your letter or Mr. Morris'. Alfred read the proof. He wrote me saying that Mr. Morris had written him that there were over 80 boarding scholars. And so he (Alfred) changed the figures about making 82 instead of 28. What Alfred could have been thinking about I don't know. I wrote to him asking if he thought you kept them out on the prairie.

I must tell you that last Thursday I went down to Philadelphia with Capt. Pratt and his Indian scholars. He took down 29. Wessy Perceote, Nellie Roberson, Jennie Lawrence and Louis Ferguson of the number. We were walked around the city for three mortal hours in the afternoon. I got very tired and others also. At night the fundings came off. There were 3000 people in Horticultural Hall. It went off well. I had 8 minutes for a speech. I don't know whether Capt. P. will get much money thereby or not. They did not take up a collection, which was probably a mistake. He invited large donations. After it was over Mr. and Mrs. Finley came on the platform to see me. Also D. Wilson Moore. He would have me go with him to the Continent and in the morning I went home with him. Mrs. Moore has had 8th child only a month old. But what is singular they say they come just as one eight come - a boy and three girls and three

boys and a girl. I asked Mrs. Moore if she took lessons out there.

When we were on the way down Mr. Moore told me that his conscience had troubled him ever since Rob. was there, because he did not inquire about his plans and his finances and offer to help him. So after dinner he took me into the church to see the building and then gave me \$100 for Robert. That was nicely done!

This morning I have walked down town and back to get a Bill of Exchange for him. The Bank here has to send to Philadelphia for it.

Monday I took Edna and her mother over to Harrisburg and started them for Ohio. Now I have a postal from them at "Coshocton," which place they reached yesterday morning. I find, Mrs. Denman, I think, was to come for them at noon. They will probably go on to Greenville today or tomorrow. I am to go down to Mr. Moore's and spend Sabbath week. Then I shall plan to start from Philadelphia on Monday the 20th, picking them up at Mansfield Ohio. I hope we shall reach home on the 22d.

I think I have written all that I found to at this time. Went work too hard. That don't pay. Love to all.

Off. your father

D. R. R. R.

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Beloit, Wis.

April 1. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

This is such a gem
of a day that one does not care to stay in the
house. I have been out nailing up boards
that were pulled off the fence by the boys. That
is quite a nuisance. They climb over the fence
and break it down or pull off the boards on
purpose. Still things are in better condition than
I feared they might be. Freddie's presence here
has kept things pretty straight. And so the other
day when he counted up that he had burned \$5.60
of coal during the winter I said to him, "Freddie
I present you with that for taking such good care
of the premises."

I have been trimming up raspberry vines
for an hour, which has quite tired me out. So
I sit down to note a few things. Mr. Renoise
sent me his letter for the Advance, but I doubt
whether they would willingly publish it in that
form. Besides I do not want either myself or

Mr. John D. Renville to appear to be antagonizing Mr. Cimsy. Moreover Alfred had written to me that Gen. Howard's letter ought to be corrected.

I said to him, "You had better do it," and he had promised to write an article for the Advocate. All that before Mr. Renville's letter came. And so naturally I turned it over to Alfred to use the facts or statements as he judged best. That I think is the preferable way of meeting the thing.

Michael Renville may well let the matter rest. Nothing that our Indians wrote has had such a publication as that little paper, and nothing perhaps has done more good. It was read in the Capitol and in the White House. It was printed in the Advocate, in the Eagle, in the N.Y. Tribune and in the Southern Workman, that I know of.

Alfred writes me that the visiting Committee are to leave Boston either the 4th or the 11th or the 18th of April. That is not very definite. I presume they will let you know more definitely. Alfred writes, Mr. Ward will go to Simsbury with them but not to Northam.

Beloit, Wis.

April 29. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

I have been looking for a letter from you or Mr. Morris telling me if there is any change in the train time to Brown's Valley. I don't seem to be able to connect well using my Pass on the North Western to Minnecota City. And if I go on to Owatonna I can't connect with the Friday morning train up to Morris. If they have only changed at Morris and go to Brown's Valley Saturday morning it will suit me.

The inclosed letter came by the way of Anna. Cornille has read it, and so it will have made its journey's end at your house.

Alfred wrote me on Sunday of this week. The Norton gentlemen were there and expected to start to Sully on Wednesday. To be at Sully over tomorrow (Sabbath) and longer, and reach your place before the next Sabbath. I shall try and be there a week from to-day.

We are all quite well. I have been working in our strawberry beds this morning. Fiddie planted some corn. The ground is cold - but may be it won't rot. The peas I planted a month ago are holed this morning. They look nicely. The other day I met Mrs. Dr. Cary in the Post office. She was up at Minneapolis.

She told me she had seen you and your Indian women and was very much interested. Dr. Rice wrote me from Minneapolis and spoke of being much enthused by seeing the Dakota women.

So I think you must have made a good impression.

Hoping, if the Lord will, to see you all soon, I remain

Aff. yours,

P. R. Riggs.

Beloit, Wis.

August 24, 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha, an Correll -

Your letter of the 16th an Correll's of the 14th came fortunately on Friday night of last week. I was glad to hear from you both that all was well so far. I somewhat expected that I should have heard again here. This forenoon I went down to the Post Office, but found nothing. The days are hot; the country is dry. The streets are very dirty. The grass is somewhat brown. A good rain would be a good thing. I reached home last night about half past 8, coming from Milwaukee by the Janesville route. This brought me home more than two hours earlier than by the other road - the old Western Union. I waited only about 5 hours in Milwaukee, staying mostly at the depot, only going out to get my dinner and to have my hair barbed. Met Prof. Holman and wife there.

As you would suppose I have been on the
lounge the most of the day. But I really
came through very well. After a little rest
I shall be all right I trust. I was with
Agent Cissy four days from Saturday morn-
ing until Sunday coming at Minneapolis - and being
with him is not very restful to me. He talks
quite too much. And yet he was very much
devoted to my comfort. David Kenwick brought
us down to Milbank and conveyed an invitation
to me from a Miss Armstrong and her mother
to come and stay there. They are Presbyterians and
with many others had intended to be up at
Brown Earth on Sabbath, but it rained steadily
and prevented. They keep a boarding home and so
we both went and spent the night pleasantly.
In the morning they would take nothing. I said
you will have to take something, and so gave the
copy of "Mary and I" which I had along with me.
Miss Armstrong said she was glad to get that.
So was this Miss Armstrong who sent down a

nice quilt of the Brown Earth women's manufacture
for which the ladies of Dr. Sampson's church sent
the \$25. It goes into their missionary museum.

Yes, I know you took a great deal of
pains, and I hope pleasure and comfort in filling
up that room for me. It did not need
any words to say it. And I had for 51 nights
and days ~~had~~ the pleasure and comfort of occu-
pying it. If the Lord will, I hope to come
back and occupy that or some other one again.
Be assured that I appreciate the love that
prompts to such acts. On my own part how-
ever I find an increasing disability to do
even small services in return, and so the feeling
of burdenedness comes over me.

Edna and her mother I found pretty well.
They are getting ready to day to start to Iowa
tomorrow, to be gone ten days. I think they
will run on to Kinton for a very short visit
and get back here about a week from next
Sunday.

I think they were too ambitious about
Edna's hands to play. Her right wrist gave
entirely out ten days ago and she had to stop
by the Doctor's order. The tendons were strained.
We shall not have her take lessons any more
until she is stronger. Of course Prof. Allen
would say it is a great pity she could not
go on - that she has remarkable genius, and all
that.

Well we shall hope to hear from you both.
May the Lord be gracious and give help in every
time of need.

Yours lovingly,

L. R. Higgs.

P.S. I have a wonderful long letter from
Mrs. Annie. She says, "Don't go to the Pers.
Board of Home Missions." In her mind that
represents Sheldon Jackson. She sent to me
the \$1 she meant for you. I place it to your
account.

Beloit, Wis.

Oct. 1. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

I am home again

but not in a very good condition. My rheumatism (if it is rheumatism) in my shoulder, took a severe form last week. Perhaps I took cold on the cars. We had to ride by freight trains from Calmar down to Cedar Rapids. At Monticello we should have been in two hours before the passenger left, but were not. This made it 10 o'clock Tuesday night when we reached Vinton. There I was three days that it hurt me to breathe and I could not find any way to lie at night. But I used Anna's Arnica plentifully and the pain was assuaged. Still it is not well. Saturday I got a box of quinine pills and will try them. Mr. Warner had been called to see his father who is very sick up at Heart Prairie in Wis. So Anna was running her farm alone. What an array of hens she has! Mary Elani appeared to be well. I went with Anna down town and had her buy paper envelopes and pens for Mary. Also a money purse.

My expenditure for her on the way was:

Rail Road fare \$15.10; meals by the way \$1.60.
Then paper etc .65 and 25 put into her purse.
This left \$2.46 of the \$20, which I paid over
to Anna. As we travelled by mixed trains
Mary's trunk did not go with us. But it
was checked to Cedar Rapids. When I came
down there Thursday night I saw Mr. Thomas
Skua, who engaged to look for it and send it up.

I went to meet, that night and saw Miss Anna
Skua. I did not ask her, but from what
Anna told me as the drift of her own talk,
I think she would like right well to go up to
your help this winter. Of course you know better
than I do what help she can give.

My shoulder is much better now, but I cannot
either write long or do much of any thing else
without its making a protest.

No, I did not find a thousand dollars here for
you, but I found \$5. And I find another letter
here from a woman who has seen the Evangelist.

She thinks if I will write "an interesting letter"
and urge this Society, they will do something.

I shall say to her that I don't undertake
to write "an interesting letter", nor to urge
them to do their duty. "They have done as
the Prophets".

Saturday forenoon Freddie and Mary dug
and put in the cellar one bush potatoes - a nice
little lot of about 8 bushels. I don't know
what to do with our apples, to save them.
They could be cut and dried, but that means work.
Many of ours are wormy and will not keep.
Anna has better snow apples than ours and would
like to send you a barrel or two - or more if
you could take care of them.

You are probably starting towards home by
this time. So I will send this off to meet
you there.

Edna and her mother are well.

Love to all,

Yours aff.

P. L. Riggs.

tom-foolery. They are turned over to the Presb. Board of Home Missions. Mr. Means has nothing further to do with them. I reported them to Synod as turned over. The Board has no property in them and has nothing further to say about them.

I have just returned from the meeting of the A. M. S. at Cleveland. It was not part of my plan to go on. But I returned home on Saturday last pretty well worn out, and found a letter from Alfred asking if I could not represent them. No one else could go, and somebody ought to go, under the circumstances. So I got through with my proof on Monday and started Tuesday, reaching Cleveland Wednesday morning in time to get a part of a night's rest at a hotel. I staid through the two days, and took a night train and came home yesterday afternoon. I simply heard the general facts of the transfer excited, but learned nothing about the particulars. In fact I supposed Picton would not be included. Secy. Plumb in his paper said the Am. Board valued their mission property at 36 thousand dollars. That looks as though they may have put

one church in also. There was manifest, in the meeting, quite a feeling of satisfaction in view of the proposed transfer. If Mr. Morris and you think it best not to be placed under the A. M. S. it is well to say so now. It is likely the arrangement will be made during the next month.

I have to report to you \$20 received for your proposed school building, from another W. Day and wife and two friends. That makes \$25 in my hands. So all you have will not be from Presbyterians.

As I came through Chicago yesterday I paid the subscription to your Advance for 11 months \$1.75. The reason of paying for 11 months was to bring it into accord with my subscription which commenced a month earlier than yours.

I will lay this away until Monday to finish.

Monday night Oct. 30. This afternoon I spent an hour in looking at chairs. I think you can do better here than in Minneapolis—that is so far as I saw there. There is a cheap arm chair, not so good as I like that Mr. Hurston offers

to you for \$2.50. That is perhaps not so good as
you want. The chair that he recommends is
a platform spring rocker. I send a pamphlet.
It is not the one on the front - but that shows
what the spring rocker is. The one he has is
double cane seat and double cane back - a
very substantial chair, and very easy to sit in.
(price \$8.50) One in ash is \$7 and one in black walnut is \$7.75. (price \$9)

If you can go up so high I think you would
like this. I looked at Camp chairs. He
will furnish good ones with rounded patent seats
at \$1 each. He says those are cheaper and better
than the carpet seats. His nice secretaries
with rolling fronts are away up to \$30. With
darks - plain - he has from \$9 to \$12. You know they
open by letting the front down. I do not think
you would want one of them. If you take a fancy
to the chair, let me know.

Harry will need another pair of pants. He tore
one of his knees and his grandmother patches it to day.

If I get him a pair it will be all right I suppose.

Cornille writes me "My will cover the amount of
our expenditure for Rob". So whom shall I send?

It is raining nicely to night.
I want to send to the right one. S.D.W.
You are all pretty well. I
The treasurer of the Assoc.
Who is all pretty well.
5-4-23



Beloit, Wisconsin.

Nov. 6. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter, the last date of which was Friday last, came this evening. That was coming right along.

I do not think it would be at all proper to write any thing to the A.M.A. about the School at Brown Earth at present. They are not in a condition to know what they could undertake until they have completed the arrangement of the transfer. That is the way it looks to me. I should not know how to present the matter now. Besides I really think that school should be carried on by the government or be a district school supported as any other public school is. I suppose Agent Crary was fully committed to the establishment of that school. But certainly in the present incoherent state of things we can't make any move towards starting

a mission school there. We must know that we have some ground to stand upon  before attempting to enlarge. After coming home from Cleveland I wrote to Dr. Sturtevant to him the facts about the churches - that they were out of the count, etc. But I have not heard from him yet. I presume I shall not until negotiations are completed. I said to him that I thought the most natural place for the station at Sisseton would be with the Presbyterians. To day Rev. Chapin was speaking of the transfer. He suggested that if that was thought the best course in the end, that I might still be made with the A. M. A. - that is after they come into possession of the station property. I think it would be well for you and Mr. Morris to make answer to the circular saying that you are willing to continue in the work under the new arrangement, provided the A. M. A. shows an earnest intention to prosecute it. No - I see it would have been quite out of place for Mr. Means to have sent a circular to me.

 It would have indicated that they had backed down from their proposition which I had accepted. Honorably they could not do that. I have made no arrangement about a chair yet. When you wrote you had not seen the Portal Edna's mother wrote you. You know what Rob's chair was and will be able to judge whether one like that would suit you. I am quite sure that the Secretaries I looked at in Minneapolis were not Rollers. No did they let down. But the writing board was drawn out, and the upper part was doors and drawers. I think the writing desk would be quite convenient, but it is not as nice a piece of furniture as the Secretary. I will look at some of them again. In the paper I sent you, ~~to~~ you will see many styles of folding chairs. That probably had not reached you when you wrote.

Harry has gone down to night to get his hair cut. We will look after his clothes. The weather here has not been cold yet. When

Saturday comes I will go down with him
and purchase some underwear. The tenth I will
bear in mind. I shall not go into Chicago
probably until sometime in December.

I have ploughed \$25 to Mr. Morris' credit.
That is \$25 on the new addition. I am not
sure that I shall be able soon to redeem my
pledge for the other \$50. I don't get any dona-
tions to me as I please. But may be they will
come after while.

I am sorry to hear that Charles Crawford
has gotten into difficulty. And yet it is not
strange that he should with a kind man like
Campbell. I hope for the sake of the church
he will put himself right even if it is at a
pecuniary loss. I wish Mr. Morris would say
that to him from me.

Tuesday Nov. 7. To day we vote. I shall vote
Prohibition, even if it does put the Democrats
in power. There is a good deal of bitter
feeling here against Mr. Nicholls and others
who uphold License. We are well.

Love to all.

Aff. your father, J. R. R.



Beloit, Wis.
Nov. 16. 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

I have been waiting to hear from you further in regard to Chair and Writing desk. I have looked in the three furniture stores here. There seems to be nothing different or better than I have described. The Secretaries are too high to be looked at. The writing desks \$12 and \$15. I think to go so far one would need to be boxed. That might not be needed if you bought in Minneapolis. The freight from here might be right \$2, but I do not know. It would be double what it ought to be from Minneapolis, or more. That is worth considering.

Some time ago I sent by mail a blank book. Perhaps you will not find it as good as you wanted. Postage and all it only cost 19 cts.

The other day I received a letter from Cousin Chambers Baird of Beloit O. with a dollar for

the Lapi Page. He wanted to take it
because they had become interested in
reading your letter in the September paper.

I wondered how they saw it—when I recollects
that Mrs. Belle Porter Hall said she would
send the one I gave her to her mother, who
lives just across the river there. So you
may congratulate yourself on having earned
one dollar for the Word Carrier. That we
know of.

Last Saturday afternoon
I went with Harry and bought drawers and
under shirts and a pair of pants. He has probably
told you about them. The under garments were
of better quality than I expected to buy for him
but when I compared them those we took appear
to be the most economical. Besides as being
mostly wool, they will meet his needs better
as he has no overcoat. I think Harry is
waking up to the work of learning to spell
more than I have known him before—he is
inquiring about and looking up difficult
words.

Nov. 18. Last evening's mail brought
me a letter from a Mr. L. Edwards of
Pittsburgh who had some money on hand,
belonging to his dearly father, and sends
\$75 for your Girls School. This makes
\$100 that I have now on hand for that object
and all sent in answer to Mrs. Ainslie's letter.
Has the sum increased at your end?

Last night was Schaefer's Union.
George Fink and Robert Chapin were on the
debate. The boys and Edna and I went down
to the Opera House, where the meeting was.
The house was well filled. Edna and I came away
at 9 o'clock, in the middle of the debate. The
boys came home about 15 minutes after 10.

It has been raining for several days, but it does
not grow cold. Likely you may have snow when
it rains here. It is bad for rheumatism. But
we all keep ourselves well.

I hope you all keep well. Much love
to all from your affectionate father,
P. L. Riggs.

Beloit, Wisconsin.

(Dec. 7, 1882

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Your letter of Nov. 27th has just come to day. It seems to have been a good while going to the Post Office. I went down Town this afternoon and had the chain shipped. It was to be marked Mrs. Martha L. Morris Browns Valley, Minnesota - by the St Paul Minneapolis and Manitoba R.R. It is the $\frac{1}{2}$ y chain. I hope it will go up safely - I sent by freight.

The dollar that Mary sent for the type marker I refund to him and charge to you. I have today sent to David C. Cook for the $\frac{1}{2}$ Alphabets and ordered them mailed to you. As I have just been getting a lot of paper, I send you a few quires by mail. No, I think I had no \$5 for you specially. I have received \$5 + \$20 + 75 = \$100 all however sent in response to Mrs. Ainslie's letter and for your Girl's School. Today I have received \$9 from a lady in St. Louis in answer to the same

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But she says it may be and in such ways
as I think but for the minor work, Mr. Davis
will certainly need some money to run his school
this fall before the 1st of January. I do not
hear any thing yet from New York or Boston on
the matter of the trade. Last Monday I had a
talk with Surg. Powell of Chicago. He is all in
the dark yet. The ladies in Chicago want to
know whether they are to support Miss Collins &
the others next year or not. Powell told them to
wait. So we must wait.

While, as I said above, I have received no $\$4$
for you personally, I have a V for you. Please accept
it as a Christmas present, and draw on me for it
in any way you choose.

Yesterday Mrs. Annell's brother Benjamin
and his son were both brought up from Chicago here
for burial. They died within a few hours of each
other. We buried them in the blizzard that was
raging. I have written Mrs. Annell about it.
This morning was very cold - thermometer going down
to 12° and 20° below. The statements differed largely

I meant to have gone to Chicago to day to

read the Doc. Safir, but was scared by the cold. I may go to-morrow. I will remember Harry's trunk. He will need an overcoat and mittens. The latter he can supply himself with. And if you order me to get him an overcoat I will do it.

Why what a hour full you must have! I did not think of your putting Louise and Charly C. together. Why did you not keep Louise in the old quarters?

Friday noon. Dec. 8. I started to go to Chicago, although it was cold; but found the train was three hours behind time. This would bring me in to C. after time to do any proof writing to-day, and so I backed out. I send to have them send the Proof up here.

I found, or thought I found, that I could do as well in trunks here as I probably could in Chicago. So I purchased one at \$4.90. I hope it will prove a good investment.

How the coal burns up these days! You say, How the wood burns up! In Harry's room they failed to get the house comfortable and so the school was dismissed at a little after 11. Edna stays on. Perhaps her room was warmer.

I have today received a letter from Capt. R. M. Pratt of Carlisle. He says, "We are full to running over - 380 - though we don't wish any of them away". That is more than I supposed they could take with their present arrangements. It looks as though Education was becoming popular among Indians.

I forgot to say that I sent your letter to Mineral Ridge, Mahoning Co. Ohio. It may come back to you.

Good be you all.

Love to all,

Aff. your father

P. R. Rigg.

Beloit, Wis.

Jan. 18. 1883

My Dear Daughter Martha

Your letter of Jan. 9.

came some days ago and I have been attending to the matters as I have been able. I am real glad to be in circumstances when I can do some little things for you and thus take a wee bit of your load. My rheumatism has been pretty rampant for some time past, but I am able to be about the house and to write some of the day. Some days I venture down town and more I don't feel like it at all. I sent to Mr. Chapin \$1.50 for your Miss. Herald and the Life and Light. I sent to the Century \$3.50 for that - which was what they offered it to me by circular. I have written to Lothrop and Co. to send the Pansy to Mary Theodore. In one of their catalogues it is put down at 50 cts. They will tell me what it is. I have written to the Illustrated Ch. Weekly for their lowest terms and also to the S.S. Times.

I have sent to Chicago for the Life of Mrs. Puntiss. Yesterday I mailed a pair of shoes to you with the machine mules inside. I brought the shoes up here to have Edna's mother judge of them. I had a pair of the heels taken off. I hope they will reach you safely and be found just what you want. The shoes were \$2.25 - mules .25 and the postage on them 19 cts. In sending money of late I patronize the Express Co. It is a simpler system than the P.O. Money order and costs less. Any thing under \$5 you get for 5 cts. It seems to be absolutely safe and very satisfactory. The Express orders are taken in the banks or at the Express offices.

Harry showed me your letter the other day. Some weeks ago I had a talk with both the boys. Faddy said at that time that he had decided to be a Christian and talked of uniting with the church. Harry did not say so much as that. I advised Faddy to correspond with the folks at home. And so he did not

offer himself at that time. I think quite likely I expect too much of boys. But it seems to me a new life begins ^{with} much show itself in the life without. Both the boys have some very bad faults, as I tell them. They have both been in the habit of teasing Edna. Sometimes I have been obliged to shut right down on them. Then they have been in the habit of greatly exaggerating things - Faddy more than Harry. 'Well if they profess to be Christ's disciples I want to see them making successful efforts to ~~correct~~ correct such habits. And I think I do see in both of them a manifest purpose to do it - and some progress. Harry I think shows more tenderness of conscience than Faddy does. I do hope that they both may come into hearty loyalty to the dear Christ. On the matter of uniting with the church, your counsel to Harry is good. I have no better to give. Perhaps some more light will come before March.

There was a time - and a good long while - when

I thought it was a real disadvantage to
Henry to be a member of the church. He
chafed under it. He did not act like one.
But after all it may have been that which
helped him. It requires a great deal of wis-
dom and patience to properly deal with boys
in that period of life.

The snow is quite deep here now.

Two days ago I had a letter from Rob. He
had been to Frankfort between Christmas and
New Year to see the Robinsons. They are
to stay two years longer, until Genevieve com-
pletes her musical education.

Much love to all.

Aff. your father

P. R. Riggs.

Beloit, Wis.

Jan. 9. 1883

My Dear Daughter Martha

Yours of the 2^d came yesterday - a good white on the way. I am glad to hear that your chain arrived safely & that every body is pleased with it. The freight was ~~not~~ ^{as} much as I feared it might be, going alone as it did. I have today written to Chicago for "The Boys of '61" for Harry. That was his choice.

I do not know about the book. We are now having a very cold snap. This morning the thermometer ranged from 21° to 34° below zero. Mrs. Bushnell says this was 29°. I know it was terribly cold. I was up several times in the night to urge up the fire, but Edna's mother's plants - some of them - froze notwithstanding. Whether my rheumatism is increased by the increased cold I know not, but I am almost laid up with my back.

Thomas has been here and gone. He came Saturday night and left yesterday afternoon. He spent two days in New York in conference

wrote the Executive Com. of the A.M.A. This was between Christmas and New Year. He found that they had decided not to take up any quarrel of the Board with us. That probably settles the matter about the 6 churches. Dr. Means has recently waked up to the fact that while he has traded away the 6 churches to the A.M.A. he has no power to deliver. So he has opened his big guns on me. He affirms that our action as a mission as well as that of the churches was all null and void because the Prudential Committee did not sanction it.

Providentially his letter, in which he makes such a tirade on me, although written on Dec. 23 did not reach me until Jan. 2. And so I refused to make answer as his jurisdiction had ended.

But in the mean time his letter came near making me sick. I took occasion to tell him what I thought of him - that his administration ~~was~~ of our mission had been a series of blunders from the beginning - and that he ought to resign.

If I was in the habit of using the word "idiot" as the boys do, I would say that J. O. Means is the greatest idiot that I know of.

Thomas thinks Dr. Means' sharp communications have been a means of grace to him. It has not been so with me, I am sorry to say.

Leaving that - Thomas went over the appropriations asked for by us, and they wish to resubmit them to us before the A.M.A. act upon them. I did not take a note of the Simonton matters. I believe they stand as we put them last September - viz. Mr. Morris \$850, Young lady \$340, School expenses \$500, well \$75 other repairs \$100 or \$200 I don't remember which. Mrs. Renwick \$300. J. thinks they are disposed to deal generously. The matter of a building at Simonton will be for further communication.

As soon as I am able to make out the applications for the churches for aid from the Board of Home Missions I will send them up to Mr. Morris Mr. Renwick and David Gray Cloud.

To your question about organizing Women's Societies for Home Missions I will answer - that as now constituted and working they are Societies for Home Missions. I think it is the best way

to say against them. And the while the main
work is done for the better mission Society
let a contribution - of a few dollars per cent
be made to the Board of Home Missions. The rules
of the Presb. Board of Home Missions require that
some contribution be made each year from each Ch.
aided by them. That would not bind the Women.
But I think it will be well to be in that
kind of relation with the women of the white
churches.

I will send the books you desire. You
may have seen that the price of "May & I" has
been reduced to 1.25-. The other book is the
same. Almost all the copies of May & I in
my hands belong to Isabelle & Thomas. I bought
a couple of dozen from Thomas yesterday at 72 cts.
So that I shall have to charge you that much
with postage. The Gospel among the Labrador I will
send to you at \$1.00.

This is the Week of Prayer, and I am sorry not
to be able to attend night meetings. But I fear I
can't.

Much love to all. I am glad to hear that
Miss Warner has sent you her chegon.

Your aff. father
P. L. Rogers

Beloit, Wis.

Jan. 26. 1883

My Dear Daughter Martha,

Yours of the 20th with note of the 23rd is just received. I hope Mr. Morris got home all right. Freddy has a letter from home saying the boys made their last Sabbath morning half stowed. Mr. Morris probably saw Thomas in St Paul as he was there a week ago to day.

I have now arranged for all your Periodicals except the S.S. Times. I addressed a note to that paper but have received no reply yet. The Tansy goes at 75 cts. the M. Ch. Monthly at \$2. The Century is \$3.50. I have not any receipt from the Miss. Herald & Life & Light, but presume that will be all right. I was down town to day and saw some baskets that I think will suit you for collection baskets. They are of various sizes - the largest size about 10 inches over at 40 cts. the next about 7 inches 30 cts. - and one smaller at 20 cts. Tell me which size you would like and how many. I think the largest is larger than the Herald & the next size smaller.

I now suppose you are right in regard to the Mission Board that you were invited to cooperate with. I was misled by the fact that you & Mrs. Revell are placed on the Synodical Ladies Committee of Home Missions. I do not think you could hold any other relation to the Committee of Foreign Missions than you have held all along. That is what you do for the Native Miss. Society being reported to the Synodical Ladies Society. That is all they should ask.

I will attend to your Lapi Oage subscribers.

Saturday morning Jan. 27. Harry went down town this morning and has just returned bringing "The Life of Mrs. Panton". I had begun to fear that the letter, in which I inclosed a \$3 check, to the Heart Society Chicago, was lost. But here it comes, charged at \$1.76. Now we shall send the book and then send it on to you.

I hope Mr. Morris will have met Thomas in St. Paul. He will have heard much from him in regard to the working of the A.M.A. You can hardly expect any funds from them for a month or more to come. So that Mr. M. will

have to carry on his school on borrowed funds. When they do appropriate they will, I suppose give \$400 for the school for the year 1883.

I think it is quite likely if Mrs. Aintlie had asked for \$1500 it would have all come. But there is no use in lamenting over the fact that the future could not then be foreseen. How much will you have in hand now? I remember I have \$109. Thomas wants the A.M.A. to send some one out in the early spring that they may have the knowledge in hand for the proper extension of the work.

I think if we can show \$800 or \$900 in hand for your building the Society will hardly ~~hesitate~~ hesitate about appropriating the rest that is required. It will be well to have the matter in a forward state so that it may be urged at the proper time. Until they have made the ordinary appropriations they will not be ready to consider extraordinary ones.

It will be well immediately to call the attention of the A.M.A. to the fact that the

department is ready to contract with the
in regard to your school and others.

Monday morn. Jan. 29. The weather here has
moderated amazingly from what it was a week
ago. Yesterday was a beautiful day. We all went
to church in the morning. But my poor lame back
did not permit me to go again. In the evening
Edna's mother and the boys went down to the Pres-
byterian Church to a union Temperance meeting.

I read several chapters in Mrs. Prentiss. I did
not know before, or if I did, it did not make any
impression upon me, that Mrs. P. was a daughter
of Dr. Edward Payson. That accounts for the
spiritual in her nature.

I will close this up and send it to the
office by Goodwin.

Much love to all from

your aff. father,

P. A. Briggs

Dear Sister Martha.
Sept. 19
Your letter came
last night - glad
to hear from you.
So far as appear-
ance go, Rob is
in no danger of
present. But we
cannot tell other
time may bring.

Yours D. L. Sept 18. 1883.

Dear Anna -

I am still here, and hardly
know when I shall get away. We were so
late in getting here last week - that it
seemed hardly worth while to hurry off
quite so soon this week. And I have been
trying to find out when Robert will go -
so as to have his company as far as I
can. But he does not come to any deci-
sion as yet.

It was very hard - on Sabbath. I hardly
know why, but I lost control of myself
and cried until my head ached furiously.
I should have liked to hear what
was said about our dear father - and yet
perhaps it was well I did not - for I

might not have been able to bear it.
Miss Webb and Miss Hunter came
up across country. They started off
first yesterday morning. Dr. Gilbert
for many of the Advance, was here
for several days. He wrote the letter
from Chicago - in the Congregation-
alist, that told of our fasting. He
went down to Pierre with Miss Webb.
Thomas took Alfred and John Wil-
liamson down yesterday afternoon.
Thomas is not back yet. They have
all been very kind to me - and Thomas
seems very anxious to have me stay
as long as possible. But I feel rest-
less and would like to be going on.
Still I don't want to make them
too much trouble about getting me
down to Pierre. It is a long drive. I
thought we never should get here on
Friday night. We went on to Henry's
that night - and staid there Satur-
day night also. I meant to have
gone back this morning - but it
rained, so Rob - did not go up as he

expected. It is a mile and a quarter
farther on. Lucy's baby is lovely -
and they call her Anna. She is very
good, and Lewis is very pretty. Henry
certainly has developed remarkably
in helpfulness - about the house
and with the children. I think that
he should ever have changed so. It makes
my heart ache so - to hear Rob and
Thomas defend smoking. I do not
know what to say. Thomas has not
said anything about it here - but
Robert was arguing for it a little
while ago. I am not good at an ar-
gument - and never was.

I hope you feel better. I do some-
times, and then again I don't. I can
stay so near the oranges these days
that the effort to control them makes
me feel very weak. Or if I give
way to them I am used up. When I
think of it, I feel as if I could not bear
to go back home and realize that our
father would never come there again.
Every summer for fourteen years
he has been there more or less.
But I try to remember how happy

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he is - how free from all pain and
care.

If I can get away from here
Thursday afternoon or Friday morn-
ing early, I shall be able to get to
your house about next Tuesday.
But if I cannot leave until after
the Sabbath - it will be towards the
end of the week before I get around.
So you need not go to the train to
meet me any time! I think now
I shall stop over a train at De Smet -
where Katie Boardman & husband are -
then stop a day or perhaps longer -
at St. Peter to see Aunt Jane.

This is a pretty place in some
ways - but the hills on all sides make
me feel as if I was in prison as
it were. I do not like it so well as I
do our place.

Suey says she is pretty well. They
have the greenest kind of water melons
here. And the ladies have set a
fine table - too fine for precedent.

Love to you all. Dear sister I think
of you much - and hope indeed you
may grow strong again.

Sec. Powell of the A. M. A. was here
two days last week. I wish she came on
with him. But we did not know it

Jackson, Preston T.

St Paul March 22 1935

Mr. W. M. Babcock.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the Lao-gui-Parle Missionary Centennial perhaps it may be of interest to have the addresses of surviving children and grandchildren of Rev. Stephen R. Riggs.

In a letter from Stephen Riggs Williams, 300 E. Church St. Oxford, Ohio last June he gave the following information:

"Thomas Riggs, Oahe So. Dak

Henry Riggs, Grafton Mass.

Cornelia Riggs Truesdale, Bluemont, Va.

There are but three of the "Mary and I" family left.

My sister Emily lost her husband in India and has been a widow more than 30 years. She is working in the Oberlin Library.

My sister Mary lost her husband Dr Hemingway in China 2 years ago, and has 2 daughters with her now.

My sister Anna is also a widow, her husband Prof Will Eckles died in Washington about 10 years ago, and she lives and works there.

My sister Margaret, the other twin married a Presbyterian minister John B. Ferguson and they are in the Irvington Presb. church Indianapolis Ind.

Mr. Williams is a son of Isabella Riggs Williams, was born at Kalgan China and has been connected with Miami College Ohio many years. His mother died at Kalgan in 1897, and his oldest sister Henrietta died there in 1898.

Yours sincerely

Preston T. Jackson.

1722 Summit Ave.

The book "By the Great Wall Letters from China" gives a wonderful picture of Missionary Life.

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With papers of 1886 and 1887

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Simon Stiniapi
Duri Majawakinyama
Kastin Majakraginapi
Ganteleca Okapi
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Lahanpepa
Kamukankodi

Pesum Makataholihewin
Piyaitankewin
Ewe Kohnpataninwin
Sedan Kijinjwin
Sawin
Mazapakpitkewin
Ojepatewin
Kihlisa
Kiwakewin 19.

Oyokahinwin
Marpiya Koblocwin
Wanna Wammayakedan 3.

[1937]

Friend Morris,

I am reading Granfather Anderson's story narrative. Have got to where he has returned from "Cut Thumb's" war party and do not find, so far, to change my mind about his trading post on the west of Big Stone Lake as told me by Mother and the father of the "Seven Brothers", Isaac Gray Earth's grandfather.

I can see, all through the narrative, a strain or thread of the big L. I have found that this is a characteristic of those old narrators. I noticed it in your grandfather's "Mary and I", which, no doubt, you have among your books, perfectly truthful but a little embellished, you know. I don't remember whether Dr. Riggs mentions the destruction of his mission building or not, he wasn't there, of course, I happened to be and I think the story will interest you.

This mission was situated on the east side of Hazelwood Creek, about half a mile distant as it seems to me now, and consisted of a good sized church, a dwelling occupied by Mr. Cunningham, teacher, housekeeper, and about ten children, with barn and other necessary outhouses. Your grandfather's dwelling and office and the little schoolhouse.

North	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	South
	School	Dr. Riggs	Dwelling	Church	
		West			

All these buildings faced the west.

When Little Crow's Indians were camped on the flat west

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of the Creek I noticed the buildings and, having a longing to visit my old haunts - I was a pupil there for a year or more - I asked Hazen Moore, a cousin, to ride over with me. He did and we went over. Tying our horses to a fence, we went into the church. Nothing was disturbed and a lump came up in my throat as I thought of my kind teacher (SS) Martha Riggs as she used to sit at the organ and we sang "Precious Jewels", my favorite S. S. song. The organ was open. Then we went to where we lived. Much was demolished and books were torn and strewn over the floor. From there we went to your grandfather's residence and found the same "wreckage" there. The little school house was not disturbed. Just then the church bell began to ring and looking over there we noticed about half a dozen horses and some young Indian men. We hurried over and got our horses and rode away. Just before we got to the Creek, Hazen said, "Look back." I did and saw that the church was on fire. We stopped, after crossing the creek, dismounted and saw first one building wrapped in flames.

We hadn't learned yet what had been the fate of the Riggs and Williamson families among which was sister Sophia (Mrs. Weatherston) and wondered if they were all dead. Little Crow's outfit were camped there for several days but I didn't go over to the mission grounds again. But, back from my detour.

I don't believe Grandfather ever saw a dancing Indian eat the raw guts of a dog. Some one has told him of the "Hosakayutapi-okolaki-ciye" (the raw-fish eating cult) and he has simply changed it to dog entrails. ^EEven in this "fish-eating" dance which I have

witnessed the fish are drawn and scaled so, as I said before,
these old narrators put it on pretty thick sometimes.

Wm. M. Robertson
Martin, South Dakota