

Rev. Amos A. Phelps }
I feel you must see
a Christian in every man
I wish you would visit
often & give me my supplies of love & comfort
Yours truly
Rev. Amos A. Phelps

White Earth Reservation March 18th 1871

Rev. Saml. Hollingsworth

Rev. & dear Brother.

as I was returning home from the
visit of our Rector Dr Knickerbocker
two hundred miles away from us. I
called on to our P. Office seventy five
miles from home - found your letter and
your check 30 dollars. Your loving letters
and their contents often cheered our
heavy hearts and again light our paths
anew to our high calling - soon after
my return from East I found in our
settlement nine hundred of the wildest
savages had arrived. They had traveled
many hundred of miles & many days
& nights to reach us. They started
from - what is called Little Mountains
from or beyond the great River of the North

You ask - dear Brother
or who sent for them to come to such a distant
your home? - Why dear Brother. They
came to inquire the White Man's God.

They heard that our little men had
become a Christian settlement. They
got the agent to write a long letter for
them to the President asking & begging
his assistance to send them teachers
or Missionary to tell them about the
great & good Man called Jesus
said they - The principal men came
to me & ask me to write a long letter to
the Bishop for them & asking his assistance
to send them Missionary - as the head
man said - we are dying in our great
sins & our children. I wrote a long
letter to the Bishop for these poor heathen
Chiefs - I was moved with their pitiful
cry & could not resist the urgent call
I offered myself and ask my Bishop
to let me go among these wild men
of the forest. I was ready & willing to go
wherever the Bishop might send me - even
if it is to the Rocky Mountains. But the
Bishop

has written to me and said - My dear
Brother I cannot let you go nor spare
you & leave your great work your
home already aching - But said
he - I will ask the Eastern friends once
more to seek means to procure one
Indian Missionary to go among these
people who are asking for missionary

I told the people in the East - that the
American church is creating deep
interest to my people and to the other
tribes of Indians in America - every
where the voice came to us - "Come
over & help us" - come & tell us the
great & good man called Jesus

Yes - dear Brother in my own
settlement my people are awaked with
more deep interest in the religion of the
great Spirit - When I look back - the
once condition of my own people - When all
the other churches were afraid to venture
out to the heathen land - Our church she
is ever bold - step in with the faith of the
apostles brought us the good news & tell us
about the great & good

mon called Jesus - to day I am
so happy & glad I have a Christian
community - the English common prayer
book has been translated into our language
so your prayers is our prayers - Blessed
be God I never can be thankful enough
and amidst with all the ~~circumstances~~ ^{advantages} of
this life God has been pleased to bless my
feeble work in the conversion of many souls
God has been watching us & bless us &
from the hearts of the Christian people ^{which often} focus
to cheer us with their means & prayers
when often there was not a meal to be found
in our humble house - the good spirits of the
earth us means to make us feel happy & to trust
him more & more - I am still a lone I am
as busily engaged to my work I have my daily
School & a night School for the adults my
two services on each sabbath & my week day
service besides - so my dear Brother I have
no time to prepare my Sunday discourse - but
I hope to have helpers in a few months my
daughters have been to school at Poughkeepsie
N.Y. under Mr Wright's School. My son George
is with the Bishop preparing for mission among
his own people - so dear Brother I hope to have
helpers by & by - again dear Brother I thank
you & the dear children who have often cheered
our heavy hearts God bless them in ~~our~~ ^{my} prayers



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