

White Earth Reservation Becker, April 18/72
Rev Saml Hollingsworth.
Rev Dear Brother.

Yours is received and
your timely assistance I most
wish that we could see you face
to face to express to you our joy &
gratitude the repeated tokens
of love you have extended to
your unworthy brethren to the for
mest - though Mountain River
& Lake intervene between us
that we cannot hear & see each
other face to face. But our
hearts & prayers have met to
gather at the throne of grace & the
great spirit has heard our
prayers. To us it is a great
comfort to know that we have
a strong praying pale face friend
living towards the rising of the sun
who think & espay God for the life.

to bless the Red men and their
strong prayers have been answered

My people believed that the
prayers of Hapahs are very
effectual - because they have
beautiful words to talk to the
great spirit and understand
them better than they - But
to day we have learned that
God is no respecter of person
but in every nation he that feareth
him & worketh righteousness is accepted
with him - This Christian

privilege now we enjoy makes
us feel better - our big chiefs
our women warriors & children
love better - now we love to talk
about the great spirit & we love
to hear talk about the Great
good man called Jesus

A yes we feel very thankful
continually that the great spirit have
 pity on us & to bring us into his church
we love to learn & to hear his beautiful
words

more & more. Now our children all
walked to the Church to hear talk about
the great & good man called Jesus

This is indeed a new life a new
path towards the great spirit far better than
the war path which our fathers have gloried
in it. Now every sabbath our little church
^{bell} rings to call us to go & worship the only one
true God. So our stone towns get
an hour each taken away for ever.

Not long since a ~~Brown~~ Warrior who
I have Baptized, brought me his stone god
which his great grand father worshipped.
He said - whenever he went to war he had
always carry this god with him. This said
he had always preserved him while
the bullets were flying round him & bottles
& he had always kept close to him.
Now said he - pointing it - poor god no
help & no ~~god~~ - to day I cast him away
for ever. To day I worship the only true God
who had preserved me truly - and
this indeed a very encouraging to see
my people fall in with us in our worship
one by one. Truly this is most wonderful
ful

how these poor heathens, turn their attention
to religion & worship to the great spirits
Truly their hearts are daily
open for the great spirit's words - They
have never tired the more they heard
the more they desire to hear it -

Fifteen hundred more of our brethren
are expected here in a few weeks
all of them are heathens - My Christian
chiefs are making preparation to meet
the emergency - the bad influences
that they will bring with them - how we
have here with us some Yankees living
with our women making bad impressions
whether Sunday make no difference
with them - It seems that we never can
get rid of those unprincipled men in our
country - In June we expect our Bishop
& the Commissioners from Washington to pay
us a visit - when we shall have a
general council - There will be many of
the wild women too far from off to meet these
commissioners & with the Bishop. We are coming
to ask for missionaries & for among them I should be
glad to have the Commissioners hear the widows
pleading for missionaries - Again dear brother
I thank you for your great kindness God bless you
to my prayer

I am happy to inform you. that
your name sake is as firm
as a faithful Christian police
man - We have taken notice of
him and all his fellow chiefs &
warrior speak highly of him once
he has been brave while in the
service of a bad master - and
we think he is more braver
warrior & more bolder in the
service of the great spirit

To our services he is very
punctual - he said the other I
want to be in the church a time
so that I wont lose ~~anything~~
I want to hear every sentence
& every word said - He has a
good wife and a good help
mate in the new life which they
embraced - Our church will
be too small - and on some sun
days many had to stand up for
want of room - I have engaged
to make four more seats

We have a great hope to increase
of our small christian company
during the coming summer.

Merry home already promised
to join us in our new life

We are trying to live faith-
-fully to our high callings.

All we rejoice greatly for the
great christian privileges we
now enjoy - We thank the church
to have remembered us in our
dark days in coming boldly to the
~~four witnesses~~ of the Red man

Had not the Church taken
hold the work to save us - where
would we have been to day - God
be praised that such a church
existed in the world - a church
so bold so fearless & so faithful
in her Master's cause - now we love
her sanctuary - her prayers & her
- our litany - Again dear brother
we thank you for your assistance
& prayers God bless you abundantly
as our prayers -



Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



www.mnhs.org