

White Earth Reservation Sept 6th 1875

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My Christian brothers

Your very kind letter
has reached us safely and we
are indeed truly happy to hear
from you - To tell you little
of my humble & feeble work
permeate me first today - In
speaking & in writing to the English
language - It is one of the most
difficult task for me to do &
whether to those friends that
I have corresponded as an
evangelist my broken English

When I look back to
the once of my condition when
I lived in the wigwam and when
I have worshipped to wood & stone

and he bled after this life & go
beyond the setting of the sun. or to the
Great Hunting Ground. It is much
wonder how I became to speak
& write few words in English. Some
it is like a dream & what is the
most wonder that the Great Spirit
pities & have mercy unworthy
me and received me into his family.

Is this Great blessing - no words
can expressed the joy & gratitude
to my good heart and the Great blessing
are owe to the Great Spirit & to
us men can ask. Is this American
chd & her instrumentality we were
brought to know & the one true
living God the Father of us all.

Since the discovery of this vast
continent nearly four hundred
years have passed away - since
the landing of the Christians in this
continent & as it were at the door

We have today over 1500 heathens
these much be brought 2 fold
of christ - I am happy to inform
you that we have 4 young men
preparing for Ministry one is my
child who has been educated
at Fairbault ~~the~~ ^{the} Bishop's school
will be ready to enter their work
by a year from now. The three young
men are now studying there
been studying over two years
but they are really poor fifty
dollars for 4 months cannot in
the least support them - more par-
ticular to my son - he has a family
consisted a boy & wife while
the others are amply assisted
by their friends & friends from
the East - my beloved - when I think
of more humble work. & what little
I have done for my Master I look
for a head that when I am no
I have a son to take my place ^{more}
this often fills me with great joy & comfort

I ask God early that my son may
be more successful labourer than
his poor father - my clothing for
his poor family in the way for myself
& family would greatly relieve him
He is full of high very clim

On last February we took
of our most beloved child, our
child of our old age - This ^{near}
brought us to our graves, & my
wife nearly gone to heaven - my
sister & as well as the pale faces
living with us in our Reservation
had advised us to travel East
& about the time we got ready to
go East - The Government invited
me to be present ^{at Washington} with the Council
of the several principal chiefs of
the Mill Lake Bands of Chippewas
We remained East nearly two ^{months}
I have passed through Port Chester
two different times - and when we
was at Southport & the Rector of that
place told me that you was not there

As we did not stop we went to
New Milford Conn through the request
of Miss Boardman & remained
nearly a week with her & gave
us much pleasure. I did not
trouble for soliciting aid. but the
people each here asked me what I
needed the most? I told them a chh.
then again they asked what kind a chh.
wood-stones or bricks. I told them if
I had the money in my command I would
build a chh that I would like to have. which is
that said one of bloody? a stone chh. will
go on & build one with stone chh. By next
week we commence the great undertaking
trusting God to move the hearts of the pale faces & say
that every prayer must be turned there to lay
the foundation. This same Lady Miss Boardman
rec'd a letter few days promising us that
as soon as the work will commence that
she would give 500 dollars towards it.
This is indeed a very bold promise
I know she will do it. Our present little
chh is now too small to hold the continued
increased membership

During the past summer we have
had quite many distinguished visitors
from East. - our Bishop was here
from Long & held a very large class
confirmation. So my dear brother

our work have been growing & the members
increased ^{from the distant Bands} many chiefs have visited our
settlement & see their brethren & how they have
been moving ^{on} towards Christianity.

You ask me if any thing we
need the most to name it to you - our country
is a cold climate - There are two Indian
settlements 17 to 20 miles distant from us that we
^{visit} must every Sunday to reach these settlements
it is very large prairie to cross before reaching
the villages. This is a bold request I shall make
I shall need a second hand over coat and
second hand
a cloth dress for my wife she has always a company
me to Missions tour. What we need the
^{the most} coming cold winter are the second hand
of boys & clothings some blue belts. Flannel shirts
shirts thick for women old shoes caps for boys.

Back tick or quilts - two days ago I gave a poor
old man my two pair pants my old coat two shirts
& my old hat - that we are carrying two old
women - all the time from year to year -
To day my son who is studying for the Ministry is
obliged to leave his studies for few days perhaps two
weeks to go & gather the wild rice for food in the winter

of this mighty nation - we have
been living as a heathen dying
as a heathen & that without
God & without hope in the world

Had the chd sent his missionary
200 years ago among the poor Red
men To-day - his voice & language
of prayer would have filled this
land by a Red man - hundreds of
thousands might have been saved.

It is only few years ago
since your humble missionary
heard about the Great & Good One
called Jesus, who is the Lover
of all men - This was under
a good news - so good a news
to him - poor fellow - he never
doubted - but believed firmly

God's wise providence He ^{heard}
this ^{weak &} unworthy instrument to the
salvation of his own people - little
over seven years ago - since I became
fully ordained to my work & sole management

^{of 1846}
I thank God my dear brother my
work has been progress in the con-
version of souls. Go with me to the
chh every Sabbath day. you ^{the} many
wagons full of women & children
around by open going to the chh. which
are all this? who are these clean & glad
These are very same persons that
I use to see 10 years ^{ago} dying under the
influence of the Devil's Spirit or the
the fire water - The chh is full before
the hours of prayer - hear the loud
Responses by the people I thank God I
have to day over 400 Christian in-
dians by Communion the result of
my six years labor. I came here
poor without food & without clothes
I & my children slept warm in the
cold nights by my making fire the
whole night & to satisfy our hunger
we have ate the wild acorns for many
meals - but these things never moved
me from my work. To day we have
two Sabbath Schools one for the children
& the other for the adults -



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