

White Earth Reservation Dec 13th 1876



Rev Saml. Hollingsworth
Christian friend & brother

We are truly glad to inform
you & the noble ladies who
have done so much for us in
the way of clothing - I have been
away from home over three
weeks - Three days after I
came home the box arrived

I was almost over ^{exhausted} waiting
to find me a frock or overcoat
to fit me - Truly was disappointed
I am so unfortunate man never
to find me a frock or coat to fit
me - Last year a lady from
Montford sent me a suit of
clothes - & to my great sorrow none
of the clothes fit me so I had to give
them away the coat & vest to my son
& the frocks to one of our chiefs

This year a lady sent me
heavy beaver ^{cloth} suit - the best &

Coats were altogether too small that I could
not wear them at all - to my great sorrow

If you ever saw the great war
chief Dr Living & it is about of my
size & weight I am 230 lbs.

As to our Missionary humble work
it has been continued on without one day
interruption. My four people are more
& more interested to the services of the
church - The more they understand of the
the more they appreciated deeply.

The war that had been waging
against us by the Romanists priests
is nearly subsided & to their great
own injury for which they are working
& nearly all the families which they
drove away from ~~us~~ have returned
& which is more satisfaction to us
is that nearly all the first class &
Educated ^{Romanists} have joined to our church.

During the past year we have
increased to our membership both
whites & Indians to the number of
fifty five. - To our school is

doing remarkable well & it is the most
astonishing to see them once hear their
children to hear them repeat
the Lords prayer the Creed and
the commandment either in
their own language or in English
the Chh. Catechism

They are familiar & it is most
pleasing to me the children sitting
near the ^{Lord} chancel to hear their
response loud & distinctly with
cheer & before their parents

Hear them sing in English
or in Ajioway O word Christian
salvations - ^{off time} this is our great promise
in our Chh. I know as well as
you will rejoice with me when
I think & look the first year I
came here nine years ago I was
a lone no house to shelter nor cover
my children - I went to work with
my own hands & built me a log
house & it was not finished very
late in December & and in this winter

were I held my services during the
winter but in the ^{summer} season of the
year under the shade of trees.
Under these trying days - many a
day I went out to do my little
work without any thing to eat.

Talk about ~~the hard times of~~
the pale faces ^{have} ~~home or warmed~~ ^{endured}
their missionary work among their
own brethren. Your humble
this poor family have ^{ate} ~~also~~ with
a corn to satisfy our hunger.

In looking back in my dark
days & hours ^{now} to see a fine small
church in our midst & with 468
Christians around me. These now
devout Christians nine years ago
were all pagan worshippers of
wood & stone. Our hopes of going
to the Great Hunting Ground far beyond
the setting of the sun after this life has
all been done a way with. Now
our Hope has been changed for
better & a happier & everlasting joy.

5 about I say when I think of
of it I cannot express my
greatest joy & happiness for what
the Lord has done for our poor
souls - It is all joy & happiness

Two Sundays ago I had
the pleasure of recalling before
my people the Lord's dealing
with us - When a bondage
of sin & when the pale faces who
^{saw} ~~saw~~ our heathen conditions
here again & again said that
there was no hopes of our
recovery to a better one - No
wonder the pale faces did so
discourage & gave it up to do
any thing for us in the way ^{of trusting} to
the Great Spirit - The pale faces
were all Jews & excluding us
the offer of free salvation - But
now a greater portion of the pale faces
began to see like St. Peters of a
truth I perceive that God is no
 respecter of persons but a even

in every nation - He that fears the Lord
is accepted with him - & this is
most true - God is in great money
hath petted us & received us
too I say I feel most thankful
that the only P. E. church had
venture out to the poor excluded
baga bonds & wigworn of the forest

I say every house of the
poor Red Man have one recounted
the prayers of the Chp. I hope &
pray ^{that} the prayers ^{may continue on} that had been
until he reach to the ^{end} of the
line beyond the Rocky Mountains

I hear that the General
Government is about to Remove
all the scattered Chippeways
living in all States into our
Reservation & if so they will be
10 or 20 thousand Chippeway or ojibways
into our Reservation - our Reservation
is 36 square miles "the paradise of
Minnesota" so the pale faces call it.
But there is only thing that will

Mur or retard of our soon becoming self supporting people - is the Grass Hoppers that infested our County every third year -

Many of the pale faces here run away from us on account of them. - Last year one of our Chief & who is a beginner raised over 300 bushels of wheat - & this very man ploughed & ploughed said that he was determined to raise over thousand bushels - & when his crop of wheat was waving to the highest pitch the grass hoppers did & cut it off to the ground only got 19 bushel out of his vast field of wheat -

The new beginners or the Christian Indians have given up the chase & now turn their attention to the pursuit of farming & must be their future dependence - If cut off what must be their condition our winter support has been lost a waste & much suffer

ours was cut off clean - for two years
we have been living on the fruit
of our labour My son who had
plenty of flour to spare last winter
was able to supply the whole
year - His little ^{house} which was left by the
grass hoppers Fresh & Clean 40
bushels took it to our mill & the
mill both saw & ground well burnt
down & with his wheat. I told my
son & other family to take you thanks
clear - and have been away from
home 4 weeks brought home 12 deer
will last in a few weeks so many
hungry mouths to feed - Again my
dear brother we thank you most
truly for your valuable box of clothing
I indeed I hardly know what
we can do - had you not remembered
us in Muncy with your clothing - Had
you seen these two chips that come in
shivering with cold from chh - I know
you would pity them - Again I thank you
of the noble ladies who have contributed
to our assistance

But Remember my noble friends we
know that we never can repay you back
for what you have already done for us
for these four or five years & of those
kind & noble ladies here assisted you

The pictures you sent & the view of your
city is indeed grand. & more particularly
of your fine chh one of the Chief said
when he saw the interior of your chh. O
what a beautiful & grand. No wonder that
the palanquins & the strong Christians to go
in to such a beautiful chh would
naturally help us to talk to the Great
Spirit from our poor hearts"

Another Chief said if we can
only have the worth ^{of} half of the seats would
be enough to build us a good chh

Another Chief said - please
tell the Recor & the noble ladies who
have remembered us with ^{these} good clothing
who tell them we need these clothing

I almost can hear these good ladies
say - because we love you. That is
is what I thought

you know said to others our
Missinay repeat shown to us
many sundry ago to have plenty
to be strong in faith to keep faith
within us He named three Faith
Hope Charity - charity he said was the
strongest of the two - Love Love - now
this is the reason I suppose why the
good ladies & their Rector remembered
so said to others = another one
said when you write to them please
in shape hands with them all - Dear
Brother & to the ladies - Remember we never
can repay you for labour of love the day
is come when our Divine Master will
pay us as much as ye have done & unto
one of the least of these my brethren ye have
done & unto me

Yours unworthy brother

J. J. Emmegeth

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your faithful minister



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