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Mr Gideon Paine

My Brother As the time is drawing near when there may perhaps be an opportunity of letters passing from Fort Snelling to Lac qui Parle I take my pen to write to you. After being detained more than five weeks in the neighbourhood of Lake Pepin we found means of coming down on the ice to Dubuque and arrived at Galena on Christmas day. I then bought a small wagon and 2 horses which brought us to Kinnepin Jan 1st. We rested there for several days and one of my horses having become lame James Dunlavy kindly offered to tend me his and keep mine till I should return. We received much kindness from the good people there and they gave me nearly 70 dollars towards publishing our Dakota Books. From there to Indianapolis we travelled thirteen days through mud and frequently snow or rain. There I rested on Saturday and preached on Sabbath and the good people gave me 50 dollars towards the books. Jan 25th just three months after leaving home through the good hand of Our God upon us we arrived in this city and the night of the 26th we slept in Ripley. While passing through here I made some arrangements about the printing, and having taken Mrs W. to see our relatives I left her at Father's and returned to this place on the 11th ult. to superintend the printing. The last half sheet of Wovapi ~~oyawa~~ and Joseph Oyakepi kin was struck off on Tuesday and the 1st & 2^d Chapters of Mark today. I have taken great pains to have the printing done handsomely and correctly but having no person to assist me I doubt not there are some typographical errors and some that are not typographical. Still I hope that on the whole you and Mr Riggs will be well satisfied with it at least you will have less cause to be dissatisfied than Mr Remilla & I for your book will be more uniform and nearer to the copy than that translated by Mr R & written out by myself. The printing is ~~likely~~ will detain me here so long that I shall have very little time to be with our friends & relatives.

Though I have much desired it I have not yet seen any person from White Oak but have heard in general that Mr & Mrs Shiggins

relations there are as well as usual. Mr Riggs' Father as well as his younger brother now lives in Lardinia.

I have not seen nor been able to hear any thing from Robert Hopkins. The last that I can hear of him he was at Hillsborough, whether he has gone for the purpose of teaching a coloured school but a letter addressed to him at that place soon after my arrival at Ripley neither brought him nor an answer. Some of his friends think he has altered his mind in respect of being a missionary and I am wholly at a loss to know what I shall do in respect of getting some person to assist Mr Shiggins. I hope the Lord will direct me and provide whatever is necessary.

I have been begging for the Poor-Lokotes and money for publishing our Books when can I have the opportunity. Hope I have got nearly money enough to pay for the books contributed expressly for that object. Last Sabbath I was at Ripley and a subscription was taken up in favour of our mission. I did not see the paper but was told it will exceed 100 dollars. There is much complaint of the scarcity of money though almost every thing sells for double what it did a year ago. Except my visit to Ripley I have not been out of the city except to the Walnut hills for more than three weeks. I stay at Dr Wade's. My health has been good but the stove coal smoke in poor air confinement and excitement of mind from attending meetings and the incessant noise is fast wearing me away. Still my time passes quite as pleasantly as I expected and I find many good people here but city churches have not yet given me leave to beg them in behalf of the brethren and I do not know that they will. I think it probable before long I will require me before long to move my boarding to the Walnut Hills and quit attending the meetings in the city.

There has been lately considerable sickness among my relatives in Adams Co but contrary to expectation I found ~~my~~ father alive and nearly as well as he was a year ago. My oldest nephew James Brinson of Robinson B went down the River last fall and it is reported that he died on a steamboat on his return.

Brother Robert P. has bought part of a steam saw mill in Ripley & is about moving thither. Brother Morrey has sold his store and bought

farm in the neighbourhood of brother Roberts and is about moving to it. These families were as well as usual.

Brother Andrew's daughter Margaret died last fall while he was at Lynch. A letter received from him since I have been in the city informs me that his family were well except his wife who as usual was suffering from Rheumatism.

Brother George at the latest date was still at Lima but not expecting to continue there.

It is likely the printing will detain me here till the middle of April if not longer. I shall try to have our supplies for Lac qui Parle shipped at the usual time. For ourselves I expect we will return by land to Yutema. I wish to start back if I can in time to arrive at home Lac qui Parle in June but think it very doubtful whether I shall be able to do so.

If you do not receive this till you come to the Centre send it to Messrs Riggs & Shiggins if you have an opportunity of so doing for I have not written to them.

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Recd April 19th.

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