

Monday Sacque Parle September 1st 1839

Dear Brother & Sister

Yesterday evening we had our hearts cheered by receiving a letter from you. It was the first I had heard from any of my friends since I left. We are sorry to hear of your being sick, but we hope "the joy prepared for suffering saints" will make amends for all. When I left home I understood you were very much opposed to my coming. I did not wonder at it. I was surprised the opposition was not greater. When Mrs W. first mentioned to me about coming I thought it was not worth while to say anything about it but the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to come & I thought I would speak to my friends about it & they seemed to think more favorably of it than I expected. Then I committed the whole to my Heavenly Father & prayed that I might be led to do right & that if it was his will I should come. He would give me all that strength I needed. I think we had as uncomfortable a journey as could ever be expected. But Sister you are mistaken when you supposed we were over the worst of the road at Galen. It's true the steam boat was delightful, but coming up the St. Peters was very trying. the hot sun by day and the cold damp ground at night. It was some time after I came before I felt as if I was over it, but I am very well now. I am sure they needed some one here. Perhaps I am not the right one, but I hope I am. I have written to some one how I spend my time. I expect to assist Mrs Biggs in ^{teaching} the Dakota children before long. I am trying to learn the language but I make slow progress. I hope however that I shall learn faster presently. It seems that the wicked one is making vigorous efforts to keep his hold on this people. They feel that their religion is in danger. Last week seven men danced two days & two nights to the sun & moon without eating or sleeping. They had the bone of a buffalo head and a stone painted red with swans down on them and the bone of a swans wing for a whistle. Thus they kept dancing and blowing on the bone gazing just below the sun when the sun was down they would dance to the moon till it went down then they would rest but not eat nor sleep.

Mr Riggs & Doct. W went see them dance They were dancing away with as much earnestness as if they thought to gain some great reward one of them is husband to one of the church members & has talked with Mr R. & express'd a desire to know the will of God & said he pray'd to him alone. & now to see them turn round & worship the sun & moon is very distressing. There have more attended meeting for some time than had since last winter Dr Renville & family have attended regularly since we got home Some of the Indians say they would come to meeting but they don't think they can quit their evil ways they seem to think they ought to be very good before they come to meeting Mr R. & Dr W preach day about & the day one preaches in english the other preaches in Dakota Mr R. can pray in Dakota the Dr never does They both get Mr Renville to pray once

I am very much afraid they are not all Christians who have joined the church here but I do hope some of them are truly pious.

When I wrote Amzi I told him there was — one man who wished to join, owing to some circumstances they have not conversed particularly with him yet. I do not know whether he will be received or not If we had reason to believe he is a Christian it would be heart cheering to have him join. He is husband to two of the church members Katharine and Rachel I do not know what they will say to him about having two wives if he joins the church They nearly all have more than one wife some of them four or five one of the church members left her husband because he got so many wives & yet it is believed she loves him & feels him her husband but she thinks it better to live single than to live with a man who had five wives

Some of the Indians are really good looking & seem to have pleasant dispositions. I think the Chief looks so much like Samuel Foreman if he was dressed like him you would think it was he or very much like him. The man who wrote you that letter is a very good looking man but it was he led out the rear party & now he seems to be like the man spoken of in the New Testament "When the unclean spirit &c He really seems to have an uncommon share of evil about him

Sept 23rd 1839

Dear Brother You express a great fear that you get to Heaven. The saviour said "Fear not"

If we belong to the little flock we are just as happy as those who are now in heaven we live in this world we have to fight with sins & doubts & fears But be of good cheer come the world "Behold we count them happy"

I have heard of the patience of Job & know even the end of the story that the Lord is very faithful & of tender mercy

"Is any among you afflicted let him pray" If ye be without chastisement whereof all are partakers then are ye bastards & not sons"

What doth God chastise us for? for our profit that we may be partakers of his holiness

You say you hope the Bible is true verily one jot or tittle shall in no wise fail until all be fulfilled You desire to have the faith of Abraham can faith save you was not abraham justified by works in

by works truth is made perfect I hope for one God but your love is not perfect for perfect love casteth out fear

Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy

God resisteth the proud & giveth grace to the humble

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time casting all your care upon him for he careth for you Be sober be vigilant for your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour

The faith knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect establish strengthen settle you to him be glory & dominion forever & ever Amen.

We are all in good health we had a daughter born on the 18 of Sept we call it Mary Anne Kogley We have just got through with our last potatoes & turnips are not harvested yet Today Mr. Peleg & Kicker are to start to Gavessie Desirax In great haste you be Alexander Gilliland Hager till death

after directing your letter to Fort Snelling Post Office
all on them I am always very glad to get a letter from you
and it will be a faithful record I have been exceedingly
busy concerns since I have been in this Country I have often
not wrote things which would be more interesting to
my friends I still hope I shall have more leisure for
will be I know not nor do I care so best I can fill up
present duty So fare well till we meet in heaven you
to write again what we do we must do quickly

A. G. Higgins

Benton Harbor Mich

Mr Eli Higgins
Benton Post Office
Highland County
Ohio

Oct. 1846 Dues of the Traverse des Sioux Station

From Mr. Sibley for 23 lbs charcoal \$2.30

Expenditures etc of the Friends of Slavery
Plan for 1844.

1844 Jan.	To amt charged for articles purchased at Boston	90.00
	By articles received from Boston	90.00
	To amt charged for articles purchased at Ci.	66.75
	By articles received from Ci	66.75
	To Dft given to Bro J. Riggs on Doct. Ward Ci	45.80
	By articles purchased at Portsmouth	45.80
	To Dft given to M. Throox on Boston	30.00
	By articles purchased by M. Throox of St. Louis	30.00
	To Dft given G. Steele or N. York	300.00
	By Gibbys Bill - May 29	47.15
	By G. W. Ponds Bill	83.10
	By purchases etc of G. Steele	20.62
	By cash of G. Steele	20.00
		532.55
		903.42

1844

To Aunt Charged Post over	532.55
By Aunt Recd Post over	403.42
By Aunt paid for Horse at States	50.00
By Orders given to various persons ups to Lsp - on Steele	87.55
By articles recd by Pittyjoh as charged to our ac't at States	5.75
By Stails as his cost unknown.	3.38
	say 2.00
	550.10

By aunt further on J. Steele's Bill ups to Oct. 1 st .	.10
By Plank - on the same	7.40
By Portage on the same	<u>7.41</u>
Oct 20 To Dft given to J. Steele on New York	14.91
By order on Steele to Pittyjoh	68.00
	632.55 633.11
To price of Corn Mill in Boston	
By Mill	

1845-

Feb. 23	To Dft given F. Steele	100.
	By acc't charged to us by F. Steele at the commencement of 1845 -	7.45
	By various articles purchased of F. Steele up to July 5. including postage	39.41
	By Cash rec'd of Steele	36.00
	By Do paid Doatman	30.00
May 17.	To Dft given on New York F. Steele	50.00
	To acc't. rec'd of Langisparle & paid Longs i cloth'g	11.50
	To acc't. charged for articles purchased in Boston	38.00
	By articles received from Boston	38.00
	To Dft. to J. Riggs on Doct Wm	51.74
	By articles purchased at Portland	51.74
	To Dft to M. D. Riggs on Doct Wm	
	\$ 65. less 11.50 charged above	66.00
	By Purchases made for us at Gardiner	65.00
	To Doct. Wm's Dr Bill	54.99
	By purchases made by Doct. Wm	54.27
		391.91.34 1.37

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To ant chs Prot. over	391.01
By ant Rev. Prot over	341.37
To Dft & to Mr. Knop	60.00
By purchases made by Mr. Knop	67.00
To Dft given to Mr. Logby	10.00
By the sum cash on hand	10.00
Deduct charged twice	<u>437.01</u> <u>401.37</u> <u>11.50</u> <u>439.51</u>
Balance due us at Mr. Sturte's (about)	38.14
	\$ 439.51

Expenditures etc of the Bureau des Sciences
Station for the year 1846.

Dr. Cr.

To acc't charged on purchases made in Boston as per Bill	80.00
By Drft of said articles	80.00
To acc't charged by Doct. Ward for purchases	52.99
By articles purchased by Doct Ward	52.99
To cash paid freight by Doct Ward	3.85
By freight on the same	3.85
To Dft given J. Riggs on Doct Ward 49.18	
By articles purchased by J. Riggs	49.18
To Dft given M. Riggs on Doct Ward 32.00	
By articles purchased for us by M. Riggs	32.00

1846

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May	To Dft on H. Hill to J. Gauthier	50.00
June	To Dft on H. Hill to Mr. Jacobs	30.00
"	To Dft on A. Muir to W. H. Libby	40.00
Sep.	To Dft on H. Hill to J. Gauthier	50.00

£ 347.25

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Brot. over.

Dr. Cr

To Rent on the preceding page	387.25
By Rent on the preceding page	217.25
By Stove	23.
" Cows	24.
" Flour	29.30
" Corn	10.62
" Postage etc	7.46
" Storage etc.	3.00
" Freight up Miss.to	2.87
" Freight up A.River	41.22
" Blacksmithing etc.	4.50
" Dress pattern & basket	3.31
" Powder	6.50
" Plank (say)	9.00
" Part of passage to G.	3.65
	\$ 167.93
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This is also
entered in
1845

To Dft. given T. Loughy -	387.25	385.18
By purchases made by T. Loughy	10.	
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	\$ 397.25	395.18



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