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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary League of Northern New Jersey, was held in Trinity Chapel, Newark, on the 31st of October, 1877.

The work was begun by the re-election of the officers of the preceding year.

The Directresses to the different Missions were appointed as follows:—Mrs. Wm. H. Odenheimer of Diocesan Missions. Mrs. S. Tuttle of Domestic Missions, in place of Mrs. McNulty, resigned. (Soon after her election Mrs. Tuttle was taken seriously ill, and was obliged to resign her position. It was not until late in the season that Mrs. T. M. Tuthill was elected to fill her place; too late to prepare a general Domestic box.) Mrs. J. W. Russell was re-elected Directress of Indian Missions. Mrs. Nathaniel Niles of Foreign Missions. Mrs. J. S. Mackie of the Home Missions to Colored People, in place of Mrs. Boggs resigned, and Mrs. E. Vanderpool of Mexican Missions.

Their reports for the year are as follows:—Mrs Odenheimer reports that she has sent two boxes to Diocesan Missionaries, valued at \$212.00. Mrs. Russell reports that she has sent three barrels and one box to the Niobrara storeroom. One barrel and one box, valued at \$226.60. One barrel for the A. W. R. scholarship, valued at \$70, and one barrel to Mrs. Hemans, widow of the Rev. Daniel W. Hemans, at Bazille Creek, Dakota, valued at \$55. Two barrels were also sent from Grace Church, Madison, valued at \$83.80. Total value, \$435.40.

There has also been contributed for Indian Missions, \$200, for the following objects: Dakota Prayer Book, \$50. For Bishop Hare's work in Niobrara, from Mrs. G. M. Tibbics, Troy, N. Y., \$50. From Trinity Church, Bergen Point, \$40. From the Sunday School of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City, for the Mary Abercrombie scholarship, \$60.

Mrs. Mackie reports that she has sent three boxes to Mrs. Gal-

loway's Freedmen's School in North Carolina; valued at \$61 and two boxes to the Rev. E. W. Forbes, Newburn, North Carolina, for the schools under his charge, valued at \$153.28; total amount, \$214.28. Mrs. Mackie would take this opportunity of thanking, in the name of the League, the officers of the "Old Dominion Line," for sending these boxes free of charge.

The Treasurer of the League reports that there have been boxes and packages sent to Domestic Missionaries, by the Parishes connected with the League, to the value of \$1,775.29.

Mrs. Niles reports \$25 received from members of the League, for the Bishop Odenheimer Scholarship in Mrs. Hay's school, Jaffa, Syria. Twenty-five dollars from the League, towards the second endowed scholarship in Bishop Schereschewsky's college, China. For this object also the ladies of Trinity Church, Bergen Point, have contributed \$78.51. Grace Church, Madison, has given \$12 to the Mexican Mission. A package of illustrated papers has also been given for a box to be sent to China.

Mrs. Vanderpool reports that she has collected \$114.00 for Mexico.

The League has sent during the last year boxes and packages to the value of \$2,636.97. The cash receipts being \$800.47. The total aggregate of boxes and cash receipts is \$3,437.44, \$503.48 increase over the last year's receipts.

Our League is slowly but surely increasing, notwithstanding the great depression felt in business, affecting more or less all circles. We are now supporting five scholarships, and helping to support another. Each year the members of the League are more interested in their work of giving willingly and cheerfully. Another parish has joined us during the year, making in all twenty parishes now belonging to the League. Seven meetings have been held during the year on the second Wednesday in each month, in Trinity Chapel, Newark, the average attendance being thirty.

At the last meeting it was resolved that each parish in union with the League be asked to establish a children's branch, to be called the "Children's Aid," to co-operate with the League in preparing and contributing articles for children, for Christmas boxes.

Articles for the Indian children to be sent in September and October, for the Domestic and Freedmen boxes, in November.

This plan originated with the Niobrara League of New York, has been carried on very successfully, and has been adopted by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of New York and other societies. We feel hopeful of the success of this plan in our own League, knowing that it will give pleasure to the children in connection with us to contribute articles that will give joy to so many little ones who know nothing of the pleasure of receiving Christmas gifts.

In closing we earnestly hope that more parishes in our Diocese will join us the coming year, not being deterred by the thought that it will interfere with other Church work.

"If thou hast much give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little, for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

GEORGIANA PETERS, *Secretary.*

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE OF NORTHERN

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By Cash received from—

Balance of last year.....	\$31 96
For Dakota Prayer Book—Grace Church, Madison, \$23.85; Trinity, Newark, \$15.50; Trinity, Bergen Point, \$6.65; Mrs. C., Princeton, N. J., \$2; St. John's, Jersey City, \$1; St. John's, Woodside, \$1.....	50 00
St. Matthews, Jersey City, for Indian Scholarship.....	60 00
Collected by Mrs. Niles for Jaffa (of which \$6 is from St. John's, Woodside).....	25 00
Collected by Mrs. Niles for Scholarship in China.....	25 00
Collected by Mrs. Vanderpool for Mexico.....	114 00
Grace, Madison, for rebuilding Jarvis Hall.....	45 00
Mrs. G. M. Tibbits, Troy, N. Y., for Niobrara.....	50 00
A Member of League for church in Texas.....	25 00
Annual subscriptions.....	43 00
For General Fund, Grace, Orange, \$2; Trinity, Newark, \$2; St. Paul's, Paterson, \$2; St. Mark's, Orange, \$2; Grace, Madison, \$2; Holy Communion, South Orange, \$2; Calvary, Summit, \$2; Trinity, Bergen Point, \$2.....	16 00
Collected for a special purpose.....	6 00
Trinity Church, Bergen Point, Woman's Miss. Assoc. Freedmen's Missions	37 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ China “	78 51
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Indian “	40 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Foreign “	39 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Jaffa “	5 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ A Member for Salt Lake.....	40 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Young Ladies' Association for China.....	40 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ for Miss Fay....	30 00
	<hr/> \$800 47

MADISON, N. J., October 1st, 1878.

Examined and found correct.

ANNA E. NILES.

NEW JERSEY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

PAID—	DR.
For Foreign Missions.....	\$44 00
“ One Scholarship in China.....	25 00
“ “ “	78 51
“ “ in Emma Jones' School, China.....	40 00
“ “ in Jaffa.	25 00
“ “ in Salt Lake City.....	40 00
“ “ in Niobrara (Mary Abercrombie).....	60 00
“ “ in Miss Fay's School, China.	30 00
“ A Church in Texas	25 00
“ Jarvis Hall.....	45 00
“ Mexico.....	114 00
“ Dakota Prayer-book.....	50 00
“ Bishop Hare's work in Niobrara.....	50 00
“ Indian Missions.....	40 00
“ Freedmen “	37 00
“ Printing Second Annual Report.....	36 00
“ Postals and printing.....	10 00
“ A special purpose (gift).....	10 00
	<u>\$759 51</u>
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Cash on hand to balance.....	40 96
	<u>\$800 47</u>

H. E. NORTH, Treasurer.

BOXES OF CLOTHING.

SENT TO VARIOUS STATIONS IN THE MISSIONARY FIELD.

JERSEY CITY.

1 box to a Missionary in Florida,
 1 package to Indian box,
 1 package to Freedmen's box,
 1 package to Domestic box,
 Cash for freight,

ST. JOHN'S (FREE) CHURCH.

\$152 28
 20 00
 12 00
 37 00
 2 25

\$223 53

JERSEY CITY.

1 box for Freedmen, N. C.,
 Case for freight Indian Box,

ST. MATTHEW'S. CHURCH

\$93 28
 1 00

\$94 28

BERGEN POINT.

1 box to a Missionary in Ohio,
 2 packages to Indian boxes,
 1 package to Diocesan box,
 1 package to Freedmen's box,
 Cash for freight, Indian box,

TRINITY CHURCH.

\$175 00
 14 00
 3 50
 2 50
 1 50

\$196 50

NEWARK.

1 box to a Missionary in Nebraska,
 1 " " " " Michigan,
 1 " " " " Minnesota,
 1 " " " " "
 1 package to Diocesan box (Grace Church),
 1 package to Freedmen's box "
 1 " " Indian box "

ASSOCIATE MISSION.

\$165 82
 50 00
 100 84
 28 50
 6 00
 3 00
 8 00

\$362 16

NEWARK.

1 box to a Diocesan Mission,
 2 packages to Freedmen boxes,
 2 packages to Indian boxes,
 Cash for freight "

TRINITY CHURCH.

\$84 00
 50 00
 6 50
 50

\$141 00

NEWARK.

1 package for Freedmen's box,
1 " " Indian "

\$15 00

5 10

\$20 10

BELLEVILLE.

2 packages for Indian box,

CHRIST CHURCH.

\$38 00

WOODSIDE.

2 packages for Indian boxes,
1 package for Diocesan box,
2 packages for Freedmen's box,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

\$23 00

3 00

12 00

\$38 00

MADISON.

1 box to Dry Grove Mission,
1 box to a Missionary Bishop,
2 barrels to Indian Mission,
1 package to Freedman's box,
Cash for freight to Indian box,
Cash to Domestic box,

GRACE CHURCH.

\$105 00

60 00

83 80

10 00

3 00

4 00

\$265 80

ORANGE.

1 box to a Diocesan Missionary,
2 packages to Indian boxes,
2 packages to Freedmen's boxes,
1 Package to Domestic box,
Cash—a member for Diocesan box,
" " Indian box,

GRACE CHURCH.

\$95 50

45 00

11 50

6 00

10 00

3 00

\$171 00

ORANGE.

1 package for Indian Box,
Cash, a member for Diocesan box,

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

\$38 00

10 00

\$48 00

SOUTH ORANGE.

1 box to a Missionary in Michigan,
1 box to a Mission in California,
1 package for Freedmen's box,
Cash for freight on Domestic boxes,

HOLY COMMUNION.

\$205 49

150 00

5 00

22 00

\$382 49

MORRISTOWN.

1 box to a Missionary Bishop,
 I " " "

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

\$145 95

215 16

 \$361 11

PATERSON.

1 box to a Missionary in Virginia,

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

\$150 00

SUMMIT.

1 package to Indian box,

CALVARY CHURCH.

\$20 00

THE LEAGUE.

1 box to Mrs Daniel Hemans, from
 friends in

St. Mark's Church, Orange,

Grace Church, "

Grace Church, Newark,

Grace Church, Madison,

Trinity Church, Bergen Point,

Value, \$55 00

1 box from a member of the League,
 to the A. W. R. Scholarship—
 Niobrara,

Value, 70 00

Aggregate value of boxes,

\$2,636 97

Cash Receipts

800 47

 Total amount, \$3,437 44

APPENDIX.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 2, 1878.

MRS. C. G. CRAIG, *Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary League of Northern New Jersey :*

I have the pleasure of announcing the sending of our box for Easter to Bishop Spaulding, Denver, Colorado. It left Morristown on Easter Monday, April 22. The valuation of contents is \$210.90, and the freight \$4.26, being half rate, by kindness of Mr. Carr, our Morristown freight agent, making the total valuation of the box \$215.16. The list of contents I will send if you wish it.

Our Society has been most alive and flourishing this winter, more so, the ladies tell me, than ever before. This is the first year of my work in the parish, as heretofore our winters have been spent in New York and my work has been at St. Mark's Church. Early in the Fall I introduced what I had never seen tried before—the reading of some book at every session of the society, after necessary business had been transacted, and the members were fairly at work.

It has worked admirably in every way, doing away with conversation not always desirable, and interesting people intellectually inclined who could feel that they were doing something, besides sewing, with their time.

We chose "Charles Kingsley's Life." There could not be a more profitable, interesting or suggestive book. I say so much because I see from your two notes to me that you are sincerely interested in this work, and the plan of reading is worth offering as a suggestion to societies generally.

Another consideration: Some sensitive church members are apt to feel not welcome, or out of place, or in some way uncomfortable, when conversation is carried on among a few, and with a word of welcome to strangers, which officers should always give, the hour can be enjoyed. I sometimes read extracts from the "Spirit of Missions."

Mrs. Spaulding's letters have been worth many sermons in their effect: she tells us plainly what she has done with things and interests us in

individuals. I advise some one else to send them a Bishop's box next Winter.

Very truly yours,

MRS. GEORGE W. COLLES,

Sec'y Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, N. J.

[Extracts from Letters to the Ladies of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, acknowledging two "Bishop's Boxes" from the wife of a Missionary Bishop.]

April 8th, 1878.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—

As I have now disposed of everything in your very acceptable box, I thought I would wait no longer but write at once, and let you know how much good your articles were doing. The heavy overcoat I had designed for Mr. C., our most self-denying, hard working Missionary in the San Juan country, whose entreating letters you have no doubt read in the church papers; but, as he had one all ready, I could not induce him to take this, although it was far better. He is completely worn out with work, and has gone East to rest awhile. But, one day, Mr. L. came in, and I said, "Mr. L.: Do you need an overcoat?" and at once he answered, "Yes." "Then I have one, I said, if it will fit you; come up stairs and try it on." He did so, and it fitted beautifully. Then he put on the black coat and it fitted so exactly, as a nice clerical coat, that I could not refuse him when he asked if he might have it. He had received a box, but the clerical suit he asked and hoped for was not in it, and only some which were too large for him. He gave me the overcoat (the one too large for him which came in his box) so that I may find some one who can wear it.

The new shirts you sent are just what he wanted, and the white collars exactly his number. That you may know what sort of a man Mr. L. is, I will tell you that he has a very pretty little country church, which he keeps in the most beautiful order, taking all the care of it himself—being sexton as well as rector. When it needed painting he succeeded in raising enough money to buy the materials, and did all the work himself. As the church has a steep roof, the ceiling open to the top, this was no easy work, and his wife told me that she was in constant fear of his falling, and expected daily to see him brought home with broken limbs. She is a very great invalid, and able to do but very little sewing, so you may imagine how acceptable the shirts would be all made up. I

gave her, too, the nice, warm, ladies' cloak. The child's sacque, and some other things, I gave to Mr. and Mrs. B. of Jarvis Hall. You will probably see, before this reaches you, of the burning of Jarvis Hall and Matthews' Hall at Golden. The buildings were partly insured, but it will take a great deal to replace them. Mrs. B. has four little children, the oldest only eight, and besides the care of these, she assisted her husband in teaching, and took entire charge of the housekeeping, boy's mending, etc. But of all the things I gave, I believe none gave more complete satisfaction than the dark blue coat I gave to Mr.——. I wish you could have seen how nicely he looked in it. He is the Missionary at—— has never had a Missionary box that I know of, and I do not believe would ever think of asking for one. He is a very scientific man, and intensely interested in some wonderful "saurians" which he discovered at Morrison. He has lived in a little cabin since last Summer, keeping Bachelor's Hall, with very few comforts, I fear. He is a very fine lecturer, and was expected to lecture before the School of Mines, at Golden, just after he was here. He was asking about clerical suits, and said he really thought he ought to have one. He had on a very rusty black coat which I had given him, and which was the best he had. I took him up stairs to my precious trunk, and I wish you could have seen what a change that coat made in him. It fitted him beautifully, and I am sure he fully appreciated it. I did wish I had a vest and pantaloons for him—perhaps you may have some in your Easter box. I do not know when I shall hear the last of that coat. Mrs. B. said, when he lectured in Golden they all noticed the new coat. And only Saturday a lady from Detroit, who is boarding in his Mountain Parish, came to D. and called on me. She said Mr. —— had been there, "and what do you think! he had on a new coat and looked *so* nice, they all had spoken of it."

The valuable set of Littell's I am going to keep as a sort of lending library to the clergy. They are to read them, part at a time, and then exchange them here, and are delighted with the prospect. Please excuse this long, long letter, but I could not very well make it shorter. Be assured that you have the most grateful thanks of our Missionaries, the Bishop and myself. I must not forget to thank most heartily the lady who gave the valuable fur collar to the Bishop. I hope he may enjoy it for many Winters.

[Extract from second letter, acknowledging the Easter box].

May 26th, 1878.

Your last box was such a generous one that it will be almost impossible

for me to mention every separate article, but I assure you that every one has been placed where I thought that it would do the most good, and has been most thankfully received. I do wish you could see for yourselves the grateful faces of the Missionaries, as they received the beautifully made articles. Your box came at the very best time, for the annual Convocation met last week, thus bringing to D. most of the clergy, and it was such a pleasure to me to ask each what they needed, and supply them out of your bountiful box. Nearly every Missionary in the State has shared in it. The ladies' underclothing I divided among the several ladies who were needing it, and the night shirts were very acceptable to the gentlemen, the Bishop among them, for I gave him one, too. It is so seldom that they are made large enough. Those three beautiful dress patterns I gave to Mrs. W., Mrs. B. and Mrs. C., who all needed them very much, and were delighted with them. The pretty new calico, I gave to Father B.'s daughter. He is the oldest clergyman we have, and is still one of our most active Missionaries.

Mrs. B. sent me such a nice note that I will enclose it, as it is so much better than anything I can say. I will only add that I gave her the heavy beaver cloak, and then she said she had not had a new cloak for six years—many of her clothes being burnt, and she was very thankful for all you gave her.

Mr. C. came, early on Friday morning, back to his hard but splendid field of labor in the great San Juan country. He had been delayed by accident, and even then came without his trunk, which was on its way somewhere. I gave him what he wanted for his immediate needs, and he was very thankful for the night shirts and pillow cases for his "cabin." To Mr. W. I gave the handsome dressing-gown which came in the last box; as he had nothing of the kind, and, being an invalid, it was very acceptable to him. I forgot to say that a box sent to Mr. C. from New York, after hearing of his needs, never reached him. It may, however, not be lost, as it is such a long way down to his field of labor.

The books, games, etc., I will keep for Sunday School prizes. The marbles I divided among the boys, who were all made happy by them. I must not omit to tell you that the pretty box of ribbons was divided among us ladies, and all were as glad as I for them. You may be sure the box did not fail of its mission. The pretty brackets I am going to give to Mrs. B., who had nothing of the kind saved to adorn her pretty house. I kept them until after my reception, to grace my parlor. I must speak of one thing which pleased me exceedingly, which I have

never seen in any other box we have received, and this is the interest which the children have taken in it. It must have been a great self-denial in them to have given up so many beautiful playthings, to send to their little friends in the far West.

My own children are now playing with them on the floor, as I write, after being charged to be very careful, as they were for the Missionary children. Little six year old Ned says, "Well I'd like to know if we'er not Missionary children? And, I thought, sure enough, they were.

As I said at the beginning, I could not name every single article, but I trust that I have shown you how much good your box has done. May God grant you the richest blessings of his providence, and may your generous gift return in blessings upon yourselves.

Truly and gratefully, your friend.

To MRS. G. W. COLLES, *Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown.*

[Extracts of letters from Niobrara.]

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, March, 1878.

I received your very welcome letter with the money, and write to acknowledge it, and to thank you for your thoughtful kindness for me. I will write you when the box arrives two or three weeks hence.

I am now at St. Paul's School, and for a year past have provided for that Institution. The Rev. W. J. Cleveland, who is from Orange, N. J., took charge of the Institution in January, and since February has provided for it, so I am relieved of a great responsibility. Bishop Hare and Mrs. C., are expected to arrive this week, but Mrs. C. will not be able to take charge of the school and care for the little ones, so I presume I will still retain my present position—but enough of self.

The School is doing better than ever before, and we feel much encouraged. Mr. C. seems thus far the right man in the right place.

The boys do their work cheerfully and well, and are prompt at school, though I do not have any way of knowing how. They progress in their studies. A class is now reciting in English geography in the next room, and although I cannot hear what they say, I hear the voices as if they were answering, and the question has been repeated but once.

I will send a postal to Mrs. Duigan to know what she needs from your list.

[From the same.]

SANTÉE AGENCY, April 18, 1878.

The boxes which you sent us arrived some days ago, but I was not able to write before I came away. I thank you very much for the package you sent me. * * * For the rest of the contents of the boxes I must tender my sincere thanks, for our stock of many things was very low. I cannot particularize as I have not the list with me.

There is quite a change here as the lady in charge has returned to her home in Germany, and the teacher left here about five weeks ago, as her health had completely failed. We have just heard the sad news of her death from consumption.

The Bishop wished Sister Mary and I to come down for a few days until the new comers get a little acquainted with the girls.

The girls are very happy, and go on with their work nicely. One girl of thirteen was making the bread this morning while the others were doing the morning's work and putting the house in order.

At 9 A. M.—being Passion Week—we had service in Dakota, the Bishop reading part of the service. He is getting to read like a native. I was very much surprised, as I did not know he read anything but the Benediction. Do you remember anything of the Rev. Daniel Hemans—he native priest here at Santée? A little over two weeks since he finished his work here and was called to his reward. He leaves a widow and one little boy. The Bishop was with him before his death, and has written an article about him in the Anpao. I will send you one when I return. Did I write you about this little paper, "Anpao, or Daybreak?" It is in English and Dakota.

We wish to keep up as much as possible the interest in the work, and I have taken six dollars of the money you sent me to pay for papers to circulate. We wish a large circulation among friends at the East to keep the work constantly before them, and to help support the paper. At present the subscriptions only pay a little more than the cost of material, and the Bishop pays the printer.

Amos Ross was ordained Deacon two weeks since. He is a half-breed and does not despise work, for he has a school and works his farm besides. I am very sorry for the delay of this letter, and hope you may hear sooner next time.

Yours very sincerely,

Two Letters from a Norwegian Clergyman to the Ladies of the Associate Mission, Newark.

MARCH 13, 1878.

The box did arrive safely, and I most respectfully thank the ladies of your Society for all their kindness to me and my family. Every single article was good and useful. May God the Father in Heaven reward you, for I cannot.

I send you a small sign of my respect and gratitude by the day's mail—a copy of my translation of the Mission Service. Of course you cannot read it, but it is, so far, a curiosity, as it is the first attempt ever made to translate any part of the Episcopal Service into the Norwegian tongue. There indeed exists a translation of the English Prayer-Book into the Danish tongue, but it is of no use here in America. Besides that it is badly translated, and printed in such a way that it is hard to read it.

The Norwegians as a rule cannot read but large types, and the only kind used are those used in my translation.

I should wish to print my translation of Bishop Randall's book "Why I am a Churchman," but in these hard times I dare not make any appeal for money. An edition costs \$170.

Would you ask Mr. D. if he would do me the favor of sending me his Church Times when he has read it. It remembers me of Europe and imparts to me good instruction.

I also enclose my photo because I think you would like to see how the only Scandinavian Episcopal clergyman looks. My wife sends her best thanks and respects, hoping that God will bless you.

I remain, yours in Christ,

APRIL 13, 1878.

The box with the baby clothes did arrive in good shape, and I am very thankful to the ladies for this quite unexpected kindness, and your valuable gift was quite *apropos*. Bishop Whipple is expected home Saturday; I hope he has improved, but he is weak. When once he is gone it will be sorrowful days upon this diocese which he, so to say, has created out of nothing.

I cannot think of any man who is able to take up Bishop Whipple's work. The Church life here in the West is simply a very peculiar affair, and a man has to be trained to it before you can do any real work. The

people have a hundred pretensions, are very exacting, but do not want to pay anything.

The sects surround us on all sides, and the Church is of course in the minority; hence the missionary has to rely on the Eastern people. If they do not help he has to starve, or at least lead a very miserable life.

May God bless you all; this is the sincere prayer of yours in Christ.

A Letter from the Widow of an Indian Presbyterian.

EAST BAZILLE, Aug. 23, 1878.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—

Your most kind, loving and sympathizing letter, was received several months ago, but I am waiting till I have the barrel, then I will write, and tell you how thankful I am to you, and thanking those who feel for me in my great trial; may God bless them for their kindness. My dear friend—I do feel for you, too; John Graham explained it to me, how you have passed through such a great sorrow. We all mothers in the world, know what sorrow is, so we can all sympathize with each other in our great trials, for we are all sisters in Christ Jesus, so we can make it our own.

Tell all the kind ladies who are united with you in love for me, I can't say a word of thanks to them, for I am overflowed of joy, but only in tears—these tears are tears of joy.

I need the things badly, but the barrel is not come. Mr. F. wrote and inquired about it, but did not hear a word about it, so I went down to Yankton to the depot with Dr. Van Velsor and looked myself, and here I find the barrel.

Every thing was so useful to me, especially the little clothes. It is time to make such things, but I have none to make of. My kind friend, Dr. S., sent me five dollars for a present. I had these along with me to Yankton to buy such things.

My little son Joseph, is strong and healthy. He is not at all like his papa's health. He is six years of age: goes to school. He studies Dakota, but he does not seem to improve, but since he study English, that he learn faster than Dakota.

He never forgot what his father said to him in the last days; he said and told him of the glories of heaven, and how good people go there, etc.

Once in a while he came to me in my room and tell me over again what

his father said. He says he will try and remember his dear papa's last word, and try to be a good boy, like him. I hope God will hear my prayer that my child will grow up to be a good man and comfort to me in my weary life.

I hope you already heard that John Graham is well, able to walk round again. I read the letter to him—I mean your letter. He is pleased to hear from you. He says you are his best friend among the white people. I heard that our Bishop is to spend few days in the Mission; he made some changes of the Missions. All the girls in Emmanuel Hall will move down here to St. Mary's School, and the Santee boys will go up to St. Paul's School; then I suppose all the ladies will be here, too—Miss Ives, Miss Grover and other ladies.

Few weeks ago my little boy Joe, had two pictures taken of him. If I did not promise Miss Morris of New York City one, I would send it, to let you see it. I will have more taken when I have money—I don't know when.

Well, my dear friend, I believe I have wrote enough, so I have to close. I would like to hear from you often. I will try to answer you always. Good-night, my dear friend. I am an Indian friend, sincerely, friend in Christ.

TO MRS. J. W. RUSSELL.

