

Wrote to Son & wife.
Agnes C. & Charles William
By parents,
Ann & Charles Rendall

Delaware Stat. Minn.

Feb. 5th 1906.

My Dear Children.

Your interesting
letter received, was thinking of
writing a line to ^{you} before, but
some way kept delaying. Well dear
ones we congratulate you with
a new daughter. We wish our
Grandson, and his Bride, much
joy, and a long and prosperous life.
yes dear Charlie, and Aggie, we
shall be ^{pleased} to see you whenever
you can come, also Elton, and
Wife. The rest of the boys,
of course, when convenient.
Hope you are all well. Roberts.
folks have very bad colds.
in fact we all seem to have.

your Papa, and myself went
to church yesterday. heard Rev.
Keimner preach an excellent sermon
wish you could have heard him.

Thought to myself. The spirit
searcheth all things yea the deep
things of God. said he believed
in God, and in the universal
church of Jesus Christ. That there
were christians amongst all the
different branches of the true church.
Well Charlie, we cannot all see
alike, we all have as much
faith as another, but let us
enjoy the benefit of what we
do have, and the Bible tells
us if we lack wisdom to
ask of God who giveth to all
liberally and upbraideth none,
it says also we that are in this
tabernacle do grow being burdened
not that we would be unclothed

but clothed upon that mortality
may be swallowed up of life.
we received a letter from your
cousin Frances Hallett, a day or so
ago two of your cousins have
died since they wrote last your
Uncle Josephs daughter, and Uncle
Williams daughters Husband. They
were both married and left families
to mourn there loss. we are
anxiously waiting to hear from
Ashland. Jamie wrote there
Liber was very sick, and did
not weigh as much by two pounds
as when it was born. do hope
we shall soon hear she is better.
if we only had the faith that
your Brother, and some others have,
why can't we. There is the
mystery, but let us as your dear
Brother Dpsey, used to say to me.
hope for the best Mother.

heard from Mary not long since
she thought James eyes was
improving and that Pearl was
some better. we hear Mr.

Andrews is very sick. do you
hear from them, also that

Mr. Thomas Willson was buried
a few days ^{ago} may we all be ready
when the call shall come to us
is my prayer. with best wishes
and fondest love to all.

we are ever your affectionate
Parents, E. and D. Kendall.

[The following letter is from Ann Rendall, written to her son and daughter-in-law, Charles William and Agnes. Any misspellings in the letter are left as is (and italicized), double question marks (??) are inserted where the writing cannot be positively identified, punctuation and capitalization may be added or omitted to clarify meaning, and bold italicized comments in brackets like this one are inserted to add extra details.]

Delavan Stat. Minn.

[Delavan, MN was renamed in 1885 from "Delavan Station", which is probably what Ann has abbreviated here as Delavan Stat.]

Feb. 5th, 1900(?? – see note below)

My Dear Children,

Your *interisting* letter received, was thinking of *writeing* a line to you before, but someway kept delaying. Well dear Ones we congratulate you with a new daughter. We wish our Grandson, and his Bride much joy, and a long and *prosperious* life. Yes dear Charlie and Aggie, we shall be pleased to see you whenever you can come, also Alton and wife. The rest of the boys, of course, where convenient.

[Everything written above seems to point to the year in question above being 1900, since this Feb. 5th date would be 1 day after Ann's grandson Alton's wedding to Bertha. Perhaps Charles and Ann could not make it to the wedding, so she was sending them a letter of congratulations the next day.]

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Your Papa and myself went to church yesterday. Heard (?? ??) preach an excellent sermon. Wish you could have heard him. Thought to myself, the spirit searcheth all things yea the deep things of God. [***1 Cor 2:10***] Said he believed in God, and in the universal church of Jesus Christ. That there were Christians amongst all the different branches of the true church. Well Charlie, we cannot all see alike, are [***or***] all have as much faith as another, but let us enjoy the benefit of what we do have, and the Bible tells us if we lack wisdom to ask of God who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth none [***this word seems to be "none" but should be "not" as it is in the scripture – James 1:5***]

It says also we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not that we would be unclothed,

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but clothed upon, that mortality may be swallowed up of life. [*II Cor 5:4*]

We received a letter from your cousin Frances Hallett, a day or so ago. Two of your cousins have died since they wrote last year. Uncle Josephs daughter and Uncle Williams daughters Husband. They were both married and left families to mourn *there* loss. We are anxiously waiting to hear from Ashland. Jamie wrote *there* babe was very sick and did not weigh as much by two pounds as when it was born. Do hope we shall soon hear she is better. If we only had the faith that your Brother, and some others have. Why can't we. There is the mystery. but let us as your dear Brother, Apsey [*Job Apsey, the firstborn*], used to say to me, hope for the best Mother.

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Heard from Mary [*Charles' sister, married to James, with daughter Pearl*] not long [*ago*] since she thought James's eyes was *improveing*, and that Pearl was some better. We hear Mr. Andrews is very sick. Do you hear from them. Also that Mr. Thomas Willson was buried a few days ago. May we all be ready when the call shall come to us is my prayer. With best wishes and fondest love to all.

We are ever your affectionate Parents, C. and A. Rendall