Expecting to start, for camp once more, tomorpow morning. I take my pen to address a few lines to my dear absent family. I very unexpectedly recejved thy letter No. 30 this aftemoon (just six days from writing) containing fat hers very welcome letter. I seid "unexnectedly" and I will give my reasons. I expected a letter some days ago but the mail was lost in attenpting to cros the Canadian river, and I had made up my mind that I had sustained the Ioss a letter, but it is mane the less welcome for not being exrected. from thay and Fathers account of meeting affairs you must have got un a muss for certa in. I hope it will guiet down before I get home if I ever do. It really seems as though there is no peace for that meeting, and thou knowest, dear heart that I could mever reconcile myself to the manner of its establishment, but thought it might be for the best, but if it bursts out into a volcano now, may after spending its force and getting vent become more calm after a whil I do hope Father Gregg will watch the stepping stones very closely, and not let that which is excited easily to rise into dominion, but possess his soul in patience. Many times the Master woriks in silence without requining words to defend the innocent life, even when the wild winds and waves are such as causeeven the strono men to tremble, yet He is able to sey"reace be still", withbutt the words of man, and it will be effectuel in producing a great calm when a few unouerdede woris would but increase the agitation of the elements and perhans shivreck be the conseouence. I was very olad or Fethers letter, Thourh I know it is hard work io" him to write. I surpose of sourse they see my letters or hear them read. I have thought that wes he case and a s. I wite to you so feequently, that as they could read them or hear thempead, that I have omitter witting expressly for them.

I expect if I Iive to get home to bring both Fathers 9 Iitie resent. F. Batteys from an Indian boy expressly for "Mhomissy's old Fatherl. Oh well I will tell thee what they are, they are nothine but e coumle of "cetwes" to we.1. with. Hy heeIth continues much as I have heretofore written, toolugh iust now a Ifttie improved, thorroh I do not get, mid of tho constant nein in my stomsch. Deeches are nf alite a sime on the trees and other tinings corpespond. Iettuce, Ranishes and ontoms from the ganden arewdaily on am table at the Agency, and here thou trrote of snow stoms in Iowa. It hardly seems that we lave hed vinter at 27I. Crass hes been oreen all winter, but vorv little ice and snow at any time and when we have had snow it has not remeined for fine snece of ? devs. I have suffered verv littie from the cold and would not at 2.71 weee my health hed not been so noor. T have trevelled considerebly $I$ Ione camped elone at night on different occasions, and slept as wesl as I should heve done in my om house so much am I figvored to pise above fear when occasion nemenda. I cennot shrink, but would not like to travel alone for my ovm satifieation or nlessure. (unrnotected) perheps i uroote in my last of the precious compeny I haה while camped alone on Beaver Creek some 20 miles from any known human being.

I was so slad to read in thy letters, oI late particularly, of thy renewed if I mey so speak, concern to nress after a holy ife. Faint not my love, the the clouds co lower, and the cold stoms overtake thee, thepe is one whose everlasting arms are underneath, and. He fill support and sustain through eveTy riisI and tmptation, as oun tmust is fully peposed in His all-protecting power. He will be more than a husiond to thy widowed heart, more than a father to those dear lambs. I can trust all in His alı-powerful arms. But it is getting late and my paper is full so with my love to you all, I cemain as eva er thy husband and your father. I am much o'bliced to Hemman and Vina for the eir kisses though their lins were too far gway before $I$ got them to feel wamp - T. C. Battey

