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Dear Friends ,

You ask [for] a letter describing my Christian experience and motives for seeking missionary service.

All thru [through] my childhood days I looked forward to someday becoming a foreign missionary. I knew older people on the fields and always followed with interest their letters to my parents. While taking my Academy course at Macalester I wanted to volunteer but mama asked me to wait until my Senior College year before deciding fully, and I complied with her wishes. Father went into the Indian work on the Sisseton reservation (Good Will Mission) when I was only thirteen. We were there nine years and three of those years I taught the Primary Room. I loved the work there among the children but wanted to finish my college education so stopped teaching the year Papa resigned. For two years I gave up the idea of foreign mission work feeling that I wasn't called nor able to go. I passed thru a severe ordeal last Thanksgiving that made me feel I had done wrong in giving up the purpose of foreign work. So now I have placed it entirely in the Lord's hands and am waiting for his guidance. I believe if there is a place for me on the foreign field he will open it up thru you.

I love work among children, I have hoped to get into some girls' school, either as matron or teacher.

Public speaking is very hard for me. I can't seem to overcome fright on such occasions. Personal work is also difficult but I have tried hard to overcome this timidity and have partially succeeded. I hope I have influenced a number of my friends toward Christ.

I didn't bring my church letter to Huron—It is in the Indian church at Good Will. I'll write Rev. Mr. Eastman the pastor to send you a letter concerning my membership there.

Sincerely,
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