

Wrote to son & wife
Agnes & Charles William
by parents
Ann & Charles Rendall

Delaware Sat March. ^{The} 11th
Nine 1904.

My Dear Children,

Just a few lines
to let you know we are
still alive and have kept
moderately well, while
some others around here
have been called to the
spirit world, you perhaps
have heard old Mr. Wood
died about three weeks
ago. also Edw. Carno,
daughter, age 18, years old.
We'll feel like saying with
the poet mercys hitherto
has spared but have

mercies been improved.
let us ask are we
prepared should we be
This day removed: it seems
to say to us be ye also
ready for in such an
hour as ye think not the
Son of Man cometh.

Well dear ones it seems
a long while since we
have seen you but now
as spring is almost here.
hope we shall meet
oftener. my dear Charlie
we received your kind letter
some weeks ago. I write
this especially now for
your dear Papa. he went
to Delavan this morning
to see if he could get the
money he put in the bank
but it was in vain

your Papa wished me
to ask you to come home
if possible, and go to
Winnebago, with him,
as he thinks you understands
the matter, and as the
bank here has nothing
to do with it, please
come as soon as you can
make it convenient.

hoping to see you soon
with much love with
will say goodbye.

affectionately your Parents,

Candd. Kendall,

(over)

Dear Brother

When you
come home please
don't forget to bring
me those "Leaves"
the latest ones

Ella.

[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 as Delavan Stat.]

March 4th, 1904

My Dear Children

Just a few lines to let you know we are still alive and have keep moderately well, while some others around here have been called to the spirit world. You perhaps have heard old Mr. Wood died about three weeks ago, also Andrew Carson's(?) daughter, age 18 years old.

Well, feel like saying with the poet

mercys hitherto has spared

but have [page 2] mercies been improved

let us ask are we prepared

should we be this day removed.

[from the poem, See Another Year is Gone]

It seems to say to us be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh
[from Matthew 24:44].

Well dear Ones it seems a long while since we have seen you but now as spring is almost here hope we shall meet oftener. My dear Charlie we received your kind letter some weeks ago. I write this especially now for your dear Papa. He went to Delavan this morning to see if he could get the money he put in the bank but it was in vain.

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Affectionately your Parents,

C. and A. Rendall.

(over)

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[this last page addition is from Charles William's sister Ellen, and I believe she may be asking for the latest copies of the Leaves of Healing from the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, IL. Charles may have been visiting his brother, Joseph Benson, who would have been living there about that time.]