

**18. G. Fritsche to Mr. John L. Fritsche, December 8, 1899**

[Translation]

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Dear Brother John!

I would like to request that you send  
me the dates from both of the notes  
5 which I issued you, so that  
I can order the things as  
I promised it. I have not noted  
the exact time. as we left that  
to write about.

10 Today (Wednesday) and soon  
enough tomorrow morning early at 7am I am supposed  
to be at the depot to take the train to Plymouth. John  
when one gets old, you lose even the  
desire to travel, especially in the early  
15 cold morning hours. But to what  
use? One must go early into  
unending trips. And what is  
against the traveling of a man, he writes,  
I am oft " One the one hand I  
20 am quite content that I can still work  
and travel. And when

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clerical Brothers in the district  
are very resigned to the work by  
1/4 year's rest. I counted my sermons  
25 (writing or preaching sermons  
always seems to me to be so  
so meaningful) in January  
and came to 31. Besides  
that there are some and other  
30 work. But where does the  
harvest remain, one asks himself often? In  
our entire evangelical knowledge  
seems to have fallen into  
a slumber this year and we need  
35 [...]  
in order to come to our senses.

Brother Julius wrote briefly  
He expressed himself quite contentedly  
about the mild Dakota winter.

40 He will probably find it necessary  
in the next letter to give an  
extended weather report.  
About his debts  
he now seems to be [...].

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45 They do have, if I'm not mistaken,  
nine debts for 160 acres of land  
that he bought for his boys.  
[...] I will probably  
go home about this time.

50 We are healthy enough, I  
will travel from Plymouth next Friday  
to the farthest north of my  
district, to Two Rivers  
and if it is God's will, I will spend  
55 Sunday there.

Many greetings to you and  
your dear ones. Your loving brother  
Gustav.