

J. M. J.

Deadwood the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1882

Very Rev. and Beloved Father: [Sons]  
My most sincere and hearty congratulations to  
St. Gertrude's day.

I am very healthy and I think getting along  
very well. Next Sunday I will have 13 children to  
make their first Communion as we expected the  
Bishop to come to the Hills by this time. He writes  
to me to day that it is impossible for him to come  
this year and I am very much disappointed at this  
because I intended to arrange matters at his  
presence here so as to have a Sister's School here  
opening as soon as possible.

As to the debts Rev. J. Shea tells me that he can do  
nothing to help me and so I have to see to it my-  
self. I think I will have every thing all right  
by New-year.

Recommending myself to your prayers  
I am

Your most obedient servant & Son: R.  
O. Brown c. s. e.