Wrote to Son & wife. Agnes C. & Charles William By parents, Ann & Charles Rendall Delacon State Meline Felo. J. My Dear Children. your interisting After received, was Thinking of writeing a line To before. but someway kept delaying. Well dear Once we congratilate you with a new daughter. The roush our Grandson, and this Brides much Joy. and a long and prosperious tife, yes dear Charles, and Aggie. The shall be to see you whenever you can come, also Illow and Wife. The rest of the trays. of course, when convenient. take you are all well. Roberts. talks have very bad colds. in fact see all seem to have.

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heard from Mary not long sence she thought famess eyes news emproveing and That Dearl was same beller, me hear Mr. Fredrews is very sick da you hear from Them, also that Mr. Thomas Willson was towned a few days, may we all be ready when The call shall came to us is my prayer with best wishes and fondert love to all. nee are ever your affectionate Farents, E. and V. Rendall. [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 here as Delavan Stat.]

Feb. 5th, 1900(?? – see note below)

My Dear Children,

Your *interisting* letter received, was thinking of *writeing* a line to you before, but someway kept delaying. Well dear Ones we congratulate you with a new daughter. We wish our Grandson, and his Bride much joy, and a long and *prosperious* life. Yes dear Charlie and Aggie, we shall be pleased to see you whenever you can come, also Alton and wife. The rest of the boys, of course, where convenient.

[Everything written above seems to point to the year in question above being 1900, since this Feb. 5th date would be 1 day after Ann's grandson Alton's wedding to Bertha. Perhaps Charles and Ann could not make it to the wedding, so she was sending them a letter of congratulations the next day.]

Hope you are all well. Roberts folks have very bad colds. In fact we all seem to have.

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Your Papa and myself went to church yesterday. Heard (?? ??) preach an excellent sermon. Wish you could have heard him. Thought to myself, the spirit searcheth all things yea the deep things of God. [*I Cor 2:10*] Said he believed in God, and in the universal church of <u>Jesus Christ</u>. That there were Christians amongst all the different branches of the true church. Well Charlie, we cannot all see alike, are [or] all have as much faith as another, but let us enjoy the benefit of what we do have, and the Bible tells us if we lack wisdom to ask of <u>God</u> who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth none [this word seems to be "none" but should be "not" as it is in the scripture – James 1:5]

It says also we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not that we would be unclothed,

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but clothed upon, that mortality may be swallowed up of life. [II Cor 5:4]

We received a letter from your cousin Frances Hallett, a day or so ago. Two of your cousins have died since they wrote last year. Uncle Josephs daughter and Uncle Williams daughters Husband. They were both married and left families to mourn *there* loss. We are anxiously waiting to hear from Ashland. Jamie wrote *there* babe was very sick and did not weigh as much by two pounds as when it was born. Do hope we shall soon hear she is better. If we only had the faith that your Brother, and some others have. Why can't we. There is the mystery. but let us as your dear Brother, Apsey [*Job Apsey, the firstborn*], used to say to me, hope for the best Mother.

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Heard from Mary [*Charles' sister, married to James, with daughter Pearl*] not long [*ago*] since she thought James's eyes was *improveing*, and that Pearl was some better. We hear Mr. Andrews is very sick. Do you hear from them. Also that Mr. Thomas Willson was buried a few days ago. May we all be ready when the call shall come to us is my prayer. With best wishes and fondest love to all.

We are ever your affectionate Parents, C. and A. Rendall