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## Fragments of correspondence from Jennie Brown Dunham, ca. 1922

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Sample 3-  
~~into~~ of savagry, I believe in  
the sight of God they might  
be far whiter in spirit than  
many who have boasted of  
fame and fortune, and a  
white skin.

My God!  
when I think of some of the  
things, many things that  
were done to those poor souls  
in the name of civilization  
for greed of gain, my blood  
turns to fire. Who wonders  
they hated a white face?

You speak of their being  
drunken. Who put the  
bottle to their innocent lips?

The superior white man;  
who took all their faith and  
trust and bartered it for a  
few trinkets, that they might

profit by their <sup>Sample 6</sup> ignorance?

I tell you Mrs Eckstorm  
I believe the curse of God  
has followed the white race  
for what they did. Money  
we have in America; but  
Bible says, "Ye cannot serve  
God and Mammon". And  
to day the political & social  
life of our country is in  
an alarming condition.

Possibly you do not so  
fully see it there as I do  
here. There are signs  
all over the country that  
the Indian race is beginning  
to come back into their own.

If they are strong enough  
to avoid the evils which  
are dragging at the very  
(over)

fear of the white race, they  
generally will be a  
valuable asset to this  
~~Community~~ Country, &  
it said to our shame -

[Important of time!]

by Dr. Louis Hatch. Do you  
know where I could get it  
to read? Would it be in  
the large libraries?

~~X~~ I had been considering  
whether it would be possible  
or feasible to start a branch  
agency - if that explains it -  
to sell their Indian baskets  
in Mass? Do you consider  
the word of honor of an Indian  
of honest value? Do you  
happen to know anything  
about Newell Tomah & John Ranco  
(who made the canoe trip to  
Plymouth) and would it be  
advisable to help Ranco? I  
will tell you why, if you  
could answer the questions.

P.S. When I look at <sup>13</sup> the number of my pages  
I think you may wonder if I am expecting  
to write a book — I must close.

I also think my pen picture of myself is  
very inadequate, — like a society editor here  
who in reporting a wedding, had the printer  
say — "The bride was attractively ~~glad~~ clothed in a  
white dash." As you say — printers mistakes  
are often very annoying.

Of course I am  
past the age of beauty, but it is the spirit &  
personality that truly counts, that endures, &  
I hope I may not be entirely lacking in that.  
With cordial good wishes, and a hope that  
I may hear from you again. Mrs. Jennie Brown Dunham