

its development. How about your visiting the neighboring villages next winter by reindeer to establish new chapters of the club. If the Doctor approves then the District Superintendent might consider it!!!!

I do hope that we can arrange things for you next winter in a more comfortable manner. You certainly will be sore at me if the Government does not come through with an appropriation and the Mission does not either on account of my confidence in the Government.

But I do hope it will all come out for the best. Mrs. Shields joins me in best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Nome, Alaska. May 13, 1914

My. dear Mrs. Nichols :

I believe this is the first time I have addressed an official communication to you and it is about time I begin, isnt it ? The last mail for Kotzebue leaves here tonight and the last mail from you will not reach here until tomorrow so if the Doctor has written me a letter I will not be able to reply to it until the first boat goes north.

How have your interesting and grateful invalid been getting along. I make a guess that they will drift back to Candle sooner or later. It is certainly a difficult proposition to handle. At Candle they will be a perpetual nuisance as they have always been.

Mr. Lopp wired me a few days ago that increases in our appropriation were doubtful and that it would not pass before June 20. So there you are. This work of ours demands a whole lot and then it is made as hard as possible to do anything just on account of the lack of a little money. But we wont give up hope yet.

Give my respects to the Womans Club . I am sure their meetings are attracting more and more of the upper circles of Kotzebue society, and that their rendition of "Good Night Ladies " is increasing in vim. But seriously, you have a chance to do just the work needed and I am interested in watching

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