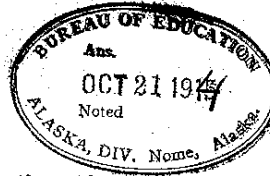


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Mr. Walter C. Shields,
Dist. Superintendent,
Nome, Alaska.



Dear Sir:

I am sending you on this mail the financial report of the Nilima children, also the belated reports of the reindeer herds. I am sorry that they were not made out sooner but it was simply out of the question to get them done this summer. There were a good many times this summer when I failed to find time for either eating or sleeping with any regularity. I went at one time for two days and three nights straight without stopping to sleep, and that was on top of some three or four nights of about four hours sleep each.

Between lawsuits, the regular mission work, and the building of the church: it sometimes has been a question of whether I was going or coming, or again at times whether I was not doing both at the same time. Now the greatest rush is over. The village has dwindled to about its usual winter size. The church building has all the outside work done and a part of the inside work is under way. We had been holding services in it some time before Miss Hawk returned.

Miss Hunnicutt and Miss Stratton have been with us for a couple of weeks and have been a great help. As soon as it is safe travelling they intend going up the Noatak for at least a part of the winter.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter that I wrote to Mr. T.L. Brevig, Feller, Alaska. If this is not sufficient and the ^{U.S.} attorney can let me know of anything further that needs to be done and that I can do, I will be glad to do it. I have resigned as Commissioner, but as yet have not heard from judge Tucker since sending him my resignation and Commission.

I am sending not sure that I ever answered your question regarding the two half trips that were made with the mail last spring. It was on account of the bad condition of the trail we fully expected to send mail back next to the last trip, but the carrier said he had orders not to take

So none was sent.
The Kivalina carrier reached Kivalina on Oct 17, 1914.
Having left Nome on Oct 12, 1914.
I am sorry I cannot give you more details but they are
very confidential. I am sure there was