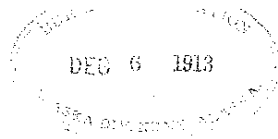


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Kotzebue, Alaska.

November (6th) 1913.

Mr W. H. Shields,

District Supt., Nome, Alaska.

My dear Mr Shields.:

Altho a little disappointed that we are to wait for your visit to us we are glad we have it to look forward to. We shall surely be glad to see you when you do come.

So far the work has opened up nicely and I like the Natives very much indeed. Some of the time I have the very uncomfotable feeling that my daily bread had not been earned but I try to remember that all things must work along natutally and logically and when the Natives know me better and I know and understand them, we shall be more, mutually, dependent.

I regret that two other workers have been appointed for this place and if they are not actually en route I should like to ^{suggest} they be delayed until the need for their assistance is a little more evident.

So far we have had but one hospital case, altho we have had several to whose medical attention was added the carrying of meals suitable for their invalid condition. There will be, I anticipate, a great deal of the time that we should have little or no work for Mr Tabor. We have here in Kotzebue several ^{Native} people whom I believe we could employ to help us at the the times when we needed them and that would obviate the necessity of

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having them under salary when not needed.

When we had a very serious case on hand I do not think Mr Tabor would be able to care for it at night and either Doctor or I would have to be there, also.

Please do not think we wish to block any plan which you may consider wise for us or for the work and you may have reasons which we do not know for this decision. Whatever is decided we shall try to do our best to make it work out to the best advantage for the Natives.

Probably your wife, after the manner of wives, frequently reminds you that a woman can spend all her time on her house and household affairs and then not have them as she would like to have them. So it is with me. When there is not village or Hospital work to be done I can always try to get caught up on the loose ends. However I am very good at slighting that part and if Miss Hawk needs me I can and do always give her an assistance in the school which she wants. If she were a less capable teacher I might have occasion to regret such an offer,

Mr Shields we want a reflectorscope or Magic Lantern very much. There is not one floating around Nome which we could get hold of, is there?

Last week Mr Snowden sent us down a Government reindeer as he said Dr Barbour had had them last year for the Hospital. We paid for half of the

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 animal and I hardly know just how to do about the remainder. I thought, *other half.*
 after it had come, we should use ^{it} and then not send in a voucher for the
 patients' board. I do not know. . . Saturday I had some ^{girls} ~~girls~~ do the wash
 ing for the hospital and I paid them in meat, as we have no special laundry
 appropriation. Also there is a young man, a chronic t. b., a case too
 far advanced to be benefited by Hospital treatment. I think I shall send
 him some meat as the family are very poor and he really probably lacks
 food of the high nutritious value which he needs.

Please at all times deal with us very frankly and trust
 us to try to understand your meaning.

I am very glad that you are to be in Nome this year for
 Christmas with your wife and those twins, of which I have heard so much.

Wishing you a very happy time with them,

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Your cordially,

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