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are not in Kotzebue at the present time, although they may be on the way. I have heard that they are in Deering. If they do not report before it is too late to do so, shall I go to Deering to see them before meeting you in Selawik? I would take my medicines with me and give a talk to the natives there.

Yours very truly,

H. N. T. Nichols, M. D.

Govt. Physician Kotzebue.

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Kotzebue, Alaska,

Nov. 23, 1913.

Mr. Walter C. Shields,
Nome, Alaska,

Dear Mr. Shields:-

I am using the enclosed record card for keeping an alphabetical ^{file} record of all cases treated by me. There were 250 of these sent me from Seattle. I have seen as many as that number of people already. I need more of these cards. A supply of 1000 would not be an excessive number; for when the natives come to Kotzebue in the early summer I will have a big run of cases. 250 will last me some time. If you do not have a supply on hand in Nome small packages would be more likely to come through from Seattle by mail than larger ones. I will need ~~times~~ as many blank filing cards of same size for additional data that the space under "History" is too small for.

When coming through Nome en route for Kotzebue I took from your office two little note books "Department of the Interior 1-907", not knowing at the time what use I would put them to. I keep one in my pocket or medicine grip constantly, & record in it every case that

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comes to me before giving out any medicine. I will need several more, will use three before the ice goes out in the spring, & will use several during the rush in the summer. A note book of the same size that opens at the end instead of at the side will be equally convenient. The red line rulings are unessential.

If you would like monthly reports on the enclosed $10\frac{1}{2}$ in. X $15\frac{1}{2}$ in. report blanks I will soon need additional blocks of these blanks. Only one was sent in the shipment of supplies from Seattle.

It will be impossible for us to make official inventory or requisition ^{in the medical booklets} the first of the new year unless inventory blanks are provided. There were none in the shipment of supplies from Seattle, & there are none left over from last year.

There was sent me from Seattle one block of quarterly medical report blanks. Is it your preference that I should report quarterly on them instead of monthly on the others? Is it the wish of the office to have a

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quarterly summary in addition to a monthly
~~one~~ report:

About meeting you at Selawik for a
three weeks trip on the trail: shall I bring
~~with me~~ from Kotzebue three weeks rations
for myself? (I do not know how Dr. Barboer
did about this when you took him with you).
Kotzebue is a very much better place to pro-
cure provisions in than Selawik could be
in my opinion before seeing the latter place.
Shall I take with me on the trail a considerable
amount of physicians supplies in addition
to ~~the~~ what I constantly carry with me in a
hand satchel? I could fit up a 50 lb. or a 75 lb.
or a 100 lb. case of non freezable medicines to
take on the trip if you think there would be call
for it. I shall carry ^{anyway} toward 25 lb. ^{of drugs} in addition
to what I take in my hand grip. I suppose
there is a school medicine chest at Selawik at
Shukhuah, but there are none at the reindeer camp
or at Kiana, or Ahsik.

About conferring with the Tabers in
regard to the "general care of the hospital." They

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