

*Kotzebue  
to White.*

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 14, 1913.

Mr. E. L. White,

Kotzebue, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have an idea that you are now in a position where you can do your best work for the natives both for their spiritual and worldly welfare, for after a year's experience a person has more than theory to work upon and I know you can now see the practical side of your work.

We are sending a doctor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, to do our medical work up there and as principal of schools, Miss Hawk. I am sure you and your family will get along splendidly with them for they are very nice people. Mrs. Nichols and Miss Hawk have had wide experience in the work.

I would be grateful for a personal letter from you relative to your work, such in the form of an annual report. Of course, I would use it only in my personal files.

Could you tell me anything regarding Mrs. Riley's (Nilima's first wife) trouble with her husband. Did he leave the herd and stay at home with her and so make it necessary for her to get an apprentice, and if she got an apprentice, what remuneration does he get besides the deer he is entitled to? How do you get along with your own apprentices? Apprentices, I find, are

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human and need food for their physical bodies as well as the rest of us. It takes very careful management to get an apprentice through with the amount allowed for a year by the Government. He must be given his supplies monthly or he will run through them in a short time and be destitute for the rest of the year. It is also well to show your apprentices that you are very much interested in their work, records, death of the deer, and everything pertaining to the herd, such as the date of the death of the deer, who it belonged to, and many other little things which will come in handy to know when you make out your statistical report.

I trust that your wife and daughter are in good health and enjoy the work and environment.

Very respectfully,

Acting Superintendent.

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