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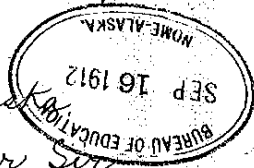
Deering, Alaska.

Sept. 11, 1912.

Mr. A. N. Evans,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,



Your favor of Aug. 28 was received yesterday. Also your telegram of Sept. 3 was received and answered.

I began teaching Sept. 2 three hours each day.

Many of the children were unoccupied and desired school, and I thought I might as well be at it.

We can not do the painting and putting on of asbestos paper and strips until the supplies come, and hence

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may need to dismiss school a few days while painting in the school room is being done. I hope this early beginning before hearing from you is not trespassing.

Ashugak is greatly pleased with her letter appointing her to assist me. We like to work together. We can help each others deficiencies. She is fine with the little children and in helping me to a good understanding of the life and needs of the people. But I see that your telegram of later date than the letters may recall

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her appointment here.

I hope that some one may go to Buckland.

I am sure it would be a great loss and backward step if the Eskimos are left without a teacher and missionary.

Ashugak and Agrook could be some help to them, though they would not be able to make very satisfactory reports to you, and would not be capable of managing the reindeer herd successfully, I fear.

Dr. Foss advised Mrs. Hare to leave and have some treatment for her arm.

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She telegraphed last week asking the Missionary Board to send some one to take her place, but they answered that they had no one to send. So she fully expects now to remain here this winter, even if not very well.

Sincerely,

Martha Hamnicutt.