

Deering, Alaska

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Apr. 30, 1913.

Mr. W. C. Shields.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter from Shismaref, I wish to thank you for your pleasant visit at Deering - it was a cheer to us.

As to your seeing the work here, I think it was my fault that you did not see more of it.

I can not do much "showing off," may be not enough.

Anyway, I think some things showed their worst when you were here.

In spite of the inefficiency of my assistant and my own ill health, much has been accomplished the past year, as I find in reviewing the work for our Annual Report.

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My Assistant has been a good ~~deal~~ ^{COPY} better than no help, but she is not equal to Ashugak. (Mrs. Taber)

I do hope you are in Nome and that you will get to leave on the first boat.

The boys and girls learned the "Alaska song" and sang it very nicely for our "Last Day Program" which consisted of many songs, some recitations and concert exercises, a wand drill by five girls and Arithmetic Class Contests, a very interesting time.

Thank you for telling us about the music for the Alaska Song.

Sincerely,

Martha Hunicutt

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