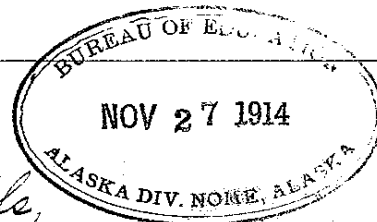


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Walter Shields,
District Supt. of Schools,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

Under separate cover I am sending my report for the months of September and October. I regret that it has been impossible to send these reports sooner but no one has gone to Kotzebue since we arrived, as the natives have been very busy building new cabins and making preparations for winter. Then, too, the ice has not been thick enough for one to make the trip.

As you will notice by the report for Sept. that we arrived on Sept. 21st and was unable to begin school before October as most of the natives were across the river and many things had to be cleaned and straightened before it was possible to begin school. The school building and grounds were in no condition to begin school until they were cleaned. All

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of which have been done and many minor repairs to the school building. In fact, two days, were spent by all the people in cleaning the entire village and making such other improvements as were necessary. The natives are very anxious to have you say our village is the cleanest and best in your district. They take very much interest in improving things. They are also more careful about their personal appearance. Mr. Ausley is teaching them the Barber's trade, and they have one corner of the work shop fixed up as a Barber shop and all the boys in school have their hair cut and many of the other natives. The women and school girls are very much interested in their Domestic Science work. They have already made a new dress and a new shirt for every girl and boy in school. They will receive these at Christmas.

Many new cabins have been built and soon more of the older boys will be in school, then

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I will have to have a night session as there is no room for more during the day session.

The reindeer herd has not arrived from Sealing Point yet, but we expect them early this month. Upon their arrival Mr. Ausley will immediately make a trip to the camp. Thus far there is no report to make concerning it.

As yet we have received no wood from the natives as we found approximately four cords here when we came. They will soon begin to bring in wood. They were unwilling to bring us wood for less than seven dollars (\$7.00) a cord. This we consented to give and we trust will meet with your approval.

Mr. Shields, we found that the roof of the work shop and Domestic Science room has been leaking during the summer and also since we came. We found the tools very rusty and the range in a bad condition on account of the leaking roof. We hope we can soon have material to fix it as there is no other place to keep the

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Government supplies, tools, etc.

The school work is going along smoothly and all are very much interested. It is, indeed, a pleasure to work with them.

We are holding church services three times on Sunday and once during the week. This they appreciate greatly. Every day some come to ask questions concerning the Bible and to have chapters explained. You see we have "plenty" work. Seldom can we retire before 11 or 12 P. M. However, we enjoy our work among these people and are glad we came to Noatak. We want to be able to help them in many ways.

Our trip from Nome to Kotzebue was far from pleasant, but our stay with Dr. and Mrs. Nichols was most pleasant, and the trip up the river was more pleasant and interesting than on the "Silver Wave". We were indeed fortunate to arrive before the "freeze up".

We hope to see you before much longer, and will be glad when you visit our little

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village as we feel proud of the efforts put forth
by the natives as well as ourselves.

I am enclosing a copy of my daily program
of recitation and study.

Best wishes to all.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Sue B. Finley,