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Toronto, Ontario, January 9th:1920

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Your letter dated January 5th.  
received. I am taking up the subject matter  
of this enclosure at once with Mr. Gentleman  
and will communicate with you further on the  
subject in due course.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

*S. Gould*  
General Secretary.

SG/NV.

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Old Sun School.  
Blackfoot Reserve.  
Gellichen,  
Alta.

January 12th, 1920.

Dear Canon Gould.

Your letters with inclosures to hand, regarding punishment given to George Baptise at the Victoria Home.

The statements made are far from correct. I could not use a cane on a boy 75 times even if I desired to do so. There was no blood nor any likelihood of their being any, but the boy might have been marked.

George Baptise is an adopted son of Rev. W. H. Haynes. He destroyed or rather spoilt a new outfit of clothes on the Saturday, absented himself from Church Sunday afternoon, and rode the only team we had with an Indian boy to the R. C. Mission five miles away & the following morning with three others run off with the team. We had been drawing water from the river, and for two days the school was without water entirely. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were very angry with the boy and asked me to give him a sound thrashing on his return. The whip and shackle was the same as Mr. Giggie had left in the school and was I am told, often using, for far less serious offences than this.

I did not punish the other boys simply because I did not know the Peigan people well enough, and I did not wish to cause any difficulty over school matters with them, but as George Baptise was brought up by Mr. Haynes who had, as well as Mrs. Haynes directed he should be punished I thought it correct that I should do so.

My wife and Miss Brooks, boys matron had gone to a great deal of trouble in finding clothes for the boy, and when he came home on the Saturday afternoon he had lost one of a new pair of boots.

The boys had been themselves drawing water and in taking our only horses knew full well the difficulty in which we were placed; my kitchen dept. were naturally hard put to know what to do for cooking, and if George was punished severely he fully deserved it. Constable Wright who is a far stronger man than I wished to thrash them, but I did not allow it because I thought he might be too hard upon them.

I think if Mr. Thos. Graham had enquired of Mr. Haynes the details of the case he would have found that it was not important enough to refer to the Department. Had he received a complaint from an Indian it would have been a different matter. Mr. Haynes has since written to me several times and made no comment upon the subject, and had I been unduly severe upon George he would have far more likely have written me about it before placing the subject before the Department. During the seven years I was at John Smith's the parents complained several times to the Indian Agent that I was too easy with the children which I think will show that I do not punish the children only as a last resort.

I thank you for writing me, and I trust I have made the matter clear.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) P. H. Gentleman.

P.S. I notice the statement before the Constable was given on Nov. 27th. The punishment was given on Oct. 8th.

( C O P Y ).

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Toronto, Ontario, January 26th:1920

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,  
Deputy Inspector General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Enclosed please find copy of reply received from Mr. P.W. Gentleman in response to my letter concerning the punishment inflicted upon George Baptise, a pupil in the Peigan Boarding School. The case resolves itself, it appears to me, into the following two questions.

First: Is corporal punishment for disciplinary purposes recognised or permitted in the Indian Boarding Schools?

Second: If corporal punishment is permitted at all, was the punishment inflicted in this case unduly severe?

Personally I should imagine that whether permitted or not, it is applied, more or less, in every boarding school in the country. The circumstances reported in connection with this case would seem to indicate that reasonable corporal punishment was fully deserved. The wisdom of selecting one culprit out of three or four

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and making him bear the punishment due to all, is, of course, another question and one which does not seem to be fully covered by the reasons submitted by Mr. Gentleman, viz: that he having but lately taken over the charge of the School did not know the temper of the Peigan Indians, and that George Baptise is an adopted son of the Reverend W.H.Haynes. The discipline of the school, I am free to confess from my own observations, was, and probably is, in a very low state. The permanent solution of the whole situation depends upon the speed with which the Indian Department is prepared to carry through the scheme of re-organization and consolidation agreed upon. We are unable to secure satisfactory agents for a temporary position such as that which now obtains in connection with the Peigan Boarding School. Mr. Middleton, has, I believe, the rare faculty of impressing discipline upon the refractory Indian temperament and eliciting, through ~~etc~~ drill of cadet corps etc. ~~etc~~ commendable esprit de corps. I am wondering whether it will be possible to place both the Blood and Peigan Institutions under the principalship of Mr. Middleton, thus anticipating the position he will undoubtedly occupy when the two institutions are consolidated.

As soon as the Financial Appeal of our Forward Movement, February 9th-14th, is out of the way, I hope to be in a position to give the necessary time and attention to this important matter. Our whole programme, however, turns upon the plan of re-organization and consolidation in connection with the existing boarding schools in the diocese of Calgary, and I shall esteem it a great favour if you are able to give me precise information con-

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During the time when the Department will be prepared to provide for and carry through the necessary new construction or enlargement of the buildings needed, and without which our plans can-not be carried through to success.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,

*S. Paul*  
General Secretary.

SG/NV.

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# CALGARY INDIAN MISSIONS

Ven. Archdeacon Sims  
Secretary-Treasurer

Parce Reserve  
Calgary, Alta., 533562, Feb. 24th. 1920 191



The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the M.S.C.C. Commission, charged with the duty of provisioning the Indian Schools on the Blackfoot, Blood, Peigan, and Sarcee Reserves in view of the Department's policy of maintaining complete control over the Indian food supply. These schools will close on the following dates for the quarter, and I have been asked to pay the following amounts:-

60 Old Sun School,	40	per quarter	160
100 St. Paul School,	50	"	200
144 V. M. H. Hall,	30	"	120
20 St. Paul School,	25	"	100

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Sims  
Sec. Treasurer

Contract awarded  
4 hours  
Delivery to be made  
delivered by the Dept. for more delivery



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Ottawa, March 2, 1920.

Very Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo requesting the Department to furnish the Old Suns, Blood (O.E.), Peigan (O.E.) and the Sarcee Boarding Schools with the quantity of flour mentioned by you, during the next fiscal year, and to take the cost of the same from the per capita grant to these schools.

In reply I beg to say that contracts have been awarded for the delivery on the first of April, next, of flour to the different agencies, and the following quantities have been contracted for for these schools, as follows,-

Old Suns .....	60 sacks
Blood (O.E.) .....	100 "
Peigan (O.E.) .....	144 "
Sarcee .....	50 "

You should inform the Department early in September, next, of any further quantity of flour required, which will be supplied for November delivery.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Tims,  
Calgary,  
Alta.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

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REGINA, SASK. May 3, 1920.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO. 23-66  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Dear Mr. Scott,-

Referring to your letter of the 5th  
January last, in which you advised me that you were taking  
up the question of the charges laid against Mr. P.H. Gentleman  
with Rev. Canon Gould. I shall be glad if you will advise  
me what has transpired in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

D.C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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May 18, 1920.

Dear Mr. Graham,-

I have your letter of the 3rd instant,  
with reference to Mr. Gentleman. As I intimated to you  
I took the matter up with Rev. Canon Gould, but I did  
not come to any decision. How is Mr. Gentleman getting  
on now, is he at all successful? Kindly let me know.

Yours very truly,

*W. M. Graham*  
W. M. Graham, Esq.,  
Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

*Chas. N. ...*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
REGINA, SASK. June 10, 1920.

NR. 539049

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO. 27466

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*Immediate*  
*to Mr. Scott*

*W. M. Graham*

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I have your letter of the 18th ult., with reference to Mr. P.H. Gentleman at present engaged at the Blackfoot Reserve, Anglican Boarding School. When I last wrote you I was quite aware that you had taken up the matter complained of with Rev. Canon Gould, as you told me you had done so early in January last, but it was because I heard nothing further from you on this very important subject which I considered should not be passed over lightly, that I again draw your attention to it.

Since the incident referred to took place Mr. Gentleman has been transferred to a larger and more important position. In my opinion this was a mistake. Instead of placing this man in a position of responsibility, where he might repeat his disgraceful acts, he should have been relieved of his duties. Mr. Gentleman is now at the Blackfoot School where Canon Stocken is Principal. I am told there is more or less friction between Canon Stocken and Mr. Gentleman, in fact there is friction among the whole staff, and whether Mr. Gentleman is responsible for this state of affairs or not I cannot say. I do know he is the kind of man that will make trouble wherever he goes and with a man like Canon Stocken for a superior, I can imagine the unsatisfactory atmosphere of the place.

Yours very truly,

*W. M. Graham*  
Commissioner.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.



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OLD SUN SCHOOL  
BLACKFOOT RESERVE  
GLEICHEN  
ALTA.

June 7th. 1920..

Dear Mr Scott.

I recently noticed a little leaflet called the "North British Columbia News" with an account of a new church being raised on the Peace river and an express hope that someone would be found to take up the school and Matrons work with the church.

The article appealed to me, and I thought that we might be able to do better work than we are doing, were so in regards the church work, seeing as these people already have Canon Stedman to carry on their mission work.

We wrote to Archbishop Du-Vernet, the writer, who after correspondence seemed to think that our experience with the Indians would be helpful, and he turned the correspondence over to your Agent who appears to be of the same opinion.

I now learn that an appointment to a Day-school in that Agency, of which the Indians largely belong to the Church of England, would not meet with your approval.

I am therefore writing to ask you, upon what grounds Mr Collisions recommendations have been rejected?

Your Agent, being an Anglican clergyman in charge of an Agency in which the Indians largely belong to the Church of England, somewhat led me to think that we would be able to do good work together, and as it may not have occurred to you I would like to point out that the Department seem intent upon taking our living away from us.

Having been so long teaching in the Department's employ, the recent attitude towards us is more than I can understand, and had I asked for transfer costs, again, I would have understood objections being raised.

Some three years ago, when I did ask you for a transfer to British Columbia, you merely stated that no school was vacant at that time, and in writing to Archbishop Du-Vernet it did not occur to me that such an attitude would be adopted towards us.

Yours truly,

*P. H. Johnston.*

D. J. Scott Esq.,  
Department of Indian Affairs.

P.S. I shall look with interest, for your reasons for this, what appears to me, very extraordinary treatment.

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Ottawa, June 16, 1920.

Sir,-

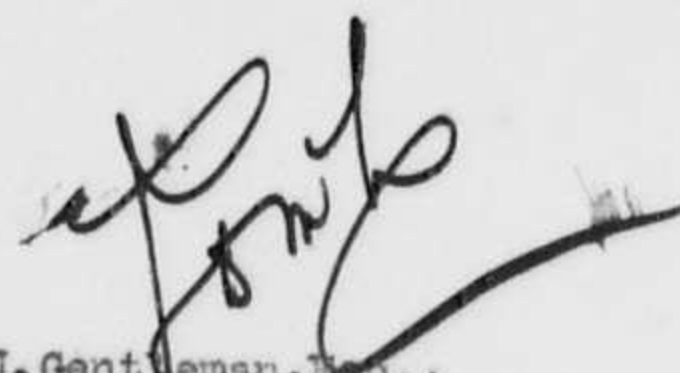
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant regarding your desire to be transferred to take charge of an Indian school in B.C.

In reply I have to state that the Department has no position to offer you in that Province, and as you have been transferred to the Old Sun Boarding School on the Blackfoot Reserve and as your services are paid for by the Anglican Church, it is considered that you should remain where you are so long as the Church and the Department are satisfied with the work you are doing there.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

  
P.H. Gentleman, Esq.,  
Old Sun Boarding School,  
Blackfoot Reserve,  
Gleichen, Alta.

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MR. MACINNIS

Old Sun School.  
Gleichen, Alta.  
June 21st.  
1920.

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Dear Sir,

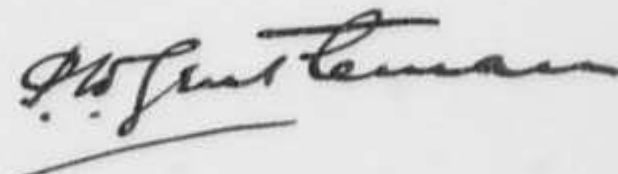
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, No 117004-1A regarding the school in the Naas River Agency.

In reply I may say that in view of the fact that I have recently heard from Mr Gooderham of the Department's intention of carrying out certain improvements necessary to this establishment, and your desire that we should remain here, we will do so.

I might add however that my first communication with his Lordship, the Archbishop of Calcutta, was in the first week of March. At that time the children here were crying with the cold, and I could see no means of preventing their suffering, also the M.S.C.S have since then provided me with certain regulations regarding the staff, that will go a great way in helping me to get this place into some order.

The part of your letter I do not understand is the statement that you have no vacancy in B.C. In Mr Jellison's letter of April 28th, he informs me that Laklaxap will be vacant at the end of September, and if you will obtain a copy of this letter, you will observe that there has been an error on the part of someone.

Yours truly,



J. J. Scott, Esq.,  
Department of Indian Affairs.

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Agent's Report for June, Old Sun's Boarding School.  
Original on 122784-7

Old Sun's C.E. School.

I visited this school on the 21st and inspected the pupils in their school houses. Mr. Gentleman is the only teacher and there is only one class-room. There were 47 pupils present in school on that day and the place was filled to capacity; it was stuffy and the pupils sleepy mainly because there is not enough air space in the room for so many persons.

Progress has been made with the lower grades but there is still room for much improvement. The grounds, dormitories and the main building were clean and orderly, and it is commendable that the staff is trying to improve the school in all branches.

The register showed 50 pupils, an increase of one over last month, made of 28 boys and 22 girls with no sick.

Grade 1	-	29
2	-	13
3	-	8

G. H. Gooderham  
Indian Agent.

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BLACKFOOT AGENCY

Order:—

1. Labor & small materials in connection with sundry repairs to gas plant, water works & Refrigerator at Old Sun's School.
2. Messrs Campbell & Hillier (Calgary) & L. Michael (Gleichen)
3. L. Michael (Gleichen), 1<sup>00</sup> per hour (no extras for travelling between the school & Gleichen Campbell & Hillier (Calgary), 1<sup>25</sup> per hour (from time of leaving Calgary until return) & Expenses.
4. L. Michael & Campbell & Hillier

Verified Correct. Material Supplied  
Price fair and just.

*J. G. Macdonald*  
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In Account With **L. MICHAEL**

PLUMBING. TINSMITHING. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS  
FURNACE HEATING. HOT WATER HEATING. STEAM HEATING  
PUMPS, PIPES AND FITTINGS

Gleichen, Alberta, May 1911

M Old Sun School  
Gleichen Alta.

INDIAN EDUCATION.

TERMS CASH.

BLACKFOOT AGENCY

ESTIMATES GIVEN FREE

May 5	3 Hours time Rep. Gas Machine	3 00
	Solder 2 1/2 Gas 2 1/2	1 00
" 6	8 Hours time on Pump & Tank	8 00
	2 Pump Beers 2 00	2 00
	1 Branch 5 1/2 Facking 2 1/2	6 40
Repairs 7	1 Hour time on Pump & Ventilator	1 00
28	25" Iron on Ice Box	5 00
	4 Elbs	1 00
	Solder 2 1/2 Gas 2 1/2	1 00
	6 Hours time on Ice Box	6 00

Correct.

A. W. Gibbon Stockkeeper

Verified Correct. Material Satisfactory  
Price fair and just.

Voucher 546

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Letter No. E/7.



Office of the Blackfoot Indian Agency,

Gleichen, Alta., July 13th, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 546, amounting to \$ 47.60

for Repairs at Old Sun School.

Favor L. Michael, Gleichen, Alta.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. XXXXXXXX dated Estimates.

INDIAN EDUCATION

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. J. J. J.*  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Old Sun School. Gleichen. Alta. July 1st.

Dear Mr Knox.

It is very kind indeed of you to have interviewed Mr D.C. Scott on our behalf, as mentioned in your letter of the 25th inst, for which I must thank you.

I observe that he does not claim that he has not a vacant position in B.C. a point which his assistant secretary endeavoured to press upon us.

I do not dispute his statement that my wife and I are suitable for our present work. This establishment certainly needs someone who has had experience with Indians, as well as Boarding school work, but when he claims that the position is a good one, he is quite mistaken. At John Smith's our total salary was \$1700 a year (including war bonus) house, fuel, and part rations. (Flour, meat, rice tea soap) Our present salary is \$600 a year, and board & accommodation for myself and my wife and as I have remarked before the I.D. do not pay the cost of running the school, so that the managing committee are compelled to buy in the cheapest possible market, which is at present a H.B. contract, which makes the living, the very poorest, and plainest. During the 16 years I have been in Canada this last twelve months has been the worst I have very put in. In March, I was compelled to go up to Calgary to see a Doctor, who told me plainly that such a change of living was having serious effects, so I do not see how the Department can claim that this position is a good one, from the salary point of view.

I notice that the Government have recently got out posters offering \$900 odd & board, clothes for raw recruits for the Canadian army, and I have had staying with me a cousin of Mrs Gentleman's holding an important position with the G.T.P in the Prince Rupert division, who came down to see us regarding our going to that neighbourhood, who started with the R.R. in 1911 at \$600, and I myself was receiving \$720 from the I.D.

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with house, and rations while I was at Duck Lake in 1912. Since that time, I have been able until this year to send part of this home to my Mother in England, and from what I learn from home living in England is very high indeed at the present time.

I think under these circumstances my wife and I can rightly claim that we are receiving an injustice at the hands of the Secretary. Doubtless he observed that I knew what I was taking on when I came here from the salary point of view, but it must be remembered that he dismissed us from John Smith's without taking any steps to ascertain if he was justified in doing so; also that it is impossible for anyone, by merely visiting the place to learn if it has been properly conducted, and my wife and I are having the brunt of a previous principals neglect.

To straighten out this neglect at an increased salary is one thing, but to do so at a greatly decreased salary gives a different view point entirely.

The school at the Naas River came to my notice without being sought after. The authorities on the spot satisfied themselves that we could handle the situation, and wanted us to go, the salary would have been much the same as we did receive, and it would have been at no cost to the I.D, neither would they have had to hunt around for a man for this place, for that rests with the Missionary society.

We will, however do our duty here, and I will see to it that he has no cause to complain, but at the same time, I cannot help saying that their course of action tends towards a state of discontent, which, if I might be permitted to put it that way, is not very desirable to encourage in times like these.

My letter to Mr Scott merely asked why, Mr Collissions recommendations were not approved of. I asked somewhat lightly by no means wishing to give any cause for offence, but you will see, my question was merely evaded. Thanking you for your good wishes,

Yours very truly, *P.H. Santelman.*

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House of Commons  
Canada

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Prince Albert

Sask.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 20

Duncan Scott Esq.

Supt. Indian Affairs

Ottawa

Dear Mr Scott:

I am enclosing  
a further letter  
from Mr P.H. Gentlemen

Yours very truly  
Jas Knox.

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July 24, 1920.

Dear Mr. Knox:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. P. H. Gentleman. I have noted the statements made by Mr. Gentleman in this letter, but that does not alter my view that he must be successful where he is. If he is unable to carry on his present work with success, it will doubtless be necessary for the Church of England to make other arrangements, as he is employed by that Body and not by the Department.

I observe Mr. Gentleman questions the Department's letter of the 16th ultimo signed by the Secretary, with regard to a vacancy in British Columbia. The Department did not in this letter state that there was no vacancy in British Columbia, but merely that there was no vacancy for him. We have, as a matter of fact, no position, either in British Columbia or elsewhere that would be available for Mr. Gentleman.

Yours truly,

*James C. Smith*

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Ottawa, September 1st., 1920.

Sir,-

On the 30th July the Department sent you cheque No. 892 in payment of voucher No. 546 in favor of Mr. L. Michael. In August you submitted voucher No. 555 for the same work and it was paid by cheque No. 956 on the 10th of that month. I have therefore to request that you will obtain a refund of \$47.60 from Mr. Michael and forward it to the Department at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

  
G. H. Gooderham Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Gleichen, Alta.

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Blackfeet Agency,  
Gleichen, Alta.,

Sept. 7th 1920.

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Sir,-

Reference your file No. 104-1-1 dated 1st. instant  
regarding an overpayment to L. Michael of \$47.60 by cheque  
No. 956, I beg to inform you that this cheque was returned  
to the Department on Aug. 24th. 1920.

*where is it*

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Indian Agent.

Asst. Deputy & Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter  
of the 14th instant, enclosing cheque for \$1,475.25 covering  
the September quarter grant for the Old Sun's Boarding School.

Mr. Williams will forward you an  
official receipt for this on his return to the office in  
the course of the next two weeks.

Yours truly,

R. A. Williams  
per M.V.L.



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January 10th. 1921.

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my attention that some of the children of the Old Sun school are allowed to spend their week-ends at their homes. It is not considered that this practice is in the interests either of the school or of the children and it should be stopped immediately upon receipt of this letter. These children should be treated, in so far as visiting their homes is concerned, the same as those who might come from a distance, and should be granted only the usual statutory holidays. It is understood, of course, that cases might arise in which there are extenuating circumstances, such as illness at home, etc., when the principal with the concurrence of the agent might allow a child to visit his home. The Indians too, should be given to understand that under the Indian Act as amended last session, the Department has full power, not only to take their children and place them in residential schools, but also to retain them there so long as is desirable.

AGM

Will you be good enough to take this matter up with the principal at once.

Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

G. H. Goodenham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Gleichen, Alta.

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EXTRACT  
ORIGINAL ON  
546898.

Regina, December 7th, 1920.

To. W.M. Graham, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir,-

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OLD SUN SCHOOL near Gleichen on the Blackfoot Reserve.  
The Children of this school are generally below par in health and appearance. There are fifty pupils and 70% of them have somewhat enlarged lymphatic glands of the neck. Five of these have scrofulous sores requiring active treatment; first surgical and afterwards tonics and fresh air. In the case of three others with enlarged tuberculous glands, the same treatment should be recommended, while the remaining twenty five of those affected with this scrofulous disease should have tonics and as much fresh air and highly nutritious food as possible. Milk and eggs should be used very largely and such tonics as Cod Liver Oil and Comp. Syrup of Hypophosphites, or other preparation of Iron administered over a considerable period. One little girl, Emma Big Old Man, has a large tuberculous abscess of the neck and jaw requiring prompt surgical attention, while Mary Red Morning is suffering from tuberculous ulcers of the chest and neck and requires equally urgent treatment. The cases of Felix Little Backbone, Sarah Turning Robe and Annie Cutter should also have prompt attention for tubercular glands. William Calfrobe is suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, especially of the left apex and should not be in the school, as he is a danger to the other pupils as well as in a precarious state of health himself.

Five boys and three girls, are suffering from disease of the eyes sufficiently acute to require active treatment.

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Sixty percent. of the pupils have scabies or itch, many of them in an aggravated form. The condition has been neglected or unrecognized and has plainly gone on for months. The hands and arms, and in fact the whole bodies of many of the children being covered with crusts and sores from this disgusting disease. Two of the girls - Jean Spotted One and Elsie Many Goods, have sores on the backs of their heads fully three inches across and heaped up with crusts nearly a half inch deep. This condition urgently requires active treatment as it can be cleaned up in a short time with efficient treatment. The clothing and all articles coming into contact with the affected parts will require sterilization by boiling or being well washed with antiseptic. It would be advisable that a competent nurse be engaged to look after this process for a couple of weeks. The building in which these children are housed is far short of ideal. The dormitories are overcrowded and the ceilings are low. The floors are of soft wood and are not varnished and hence very hard to keep clean, especially as the children play through the halls and rooms since there is no proper play room. This also applies to the class room which is a detached building heated by a stove and in no sense modern. This could be made into a fair gymnasium if modern class rooms were provided elsewhere.

There is no infirmary in the building and only two small balconies, but as these are off the staffrooms they are not available for the pupils. This constitutes a very serious defect in the building as an Indian School, for an abundance of fresh air is essential for the health of all children, and much more so for the Indian, who has been for many centuries an out of doors animal and who, in the process of becoming a house dweller, suffers so severely from those diseases which may be classed as house diseases, among these, particularly, Tuberculosis.

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Spacious balconies should be provided on the south side of this and all other Indian boarding schools, where the pupils may sleep in the open air, during the greater part, if not throughout the whole year. It is a constant experience that Indian children being taken ill with tuberculous diseases while in schools, and sent home, make remarkable recoveries in the open air life of the tent, even though the surroundings may be otherwise very undesirable. If the sanitarium principle were adopted as far as possible in the construction of all Indian schools and hospitals the result could not be otherwise than gratifying and the prevalence of scrofulous glands and pulmonary consumption would be reduced to a minimum. The beds should be kept in the dormitories during the day in order to avoid dust during the summer and the chilling of the mattress and clothes during the winter when much heat would be abstracted from the bodies of the children before the bed would become warm enough to sleep upon, if the beds had been left out doors during the day. The pupils should dress and undress in comfortable rooms and after being warmly covered in bed should be pushed out into the open air for the night.

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F. A. Corbett, M.D.

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EXTRACT  
ORIGINAL ON  
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Commissioner's Office,  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 8, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

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With regard to the situation of the Old Sun School; while the building is not all that could be desired, there appears to have been gross carelessness on the part of those in charge of the school, to allow such a loathsome condition to exist. The local Doctor is not by any means excluded from this remark.

The School building is badly cut up, and it seems to me that when the plans were drawn up, more attention was given to the accommodation of the staff than of the pupils. I consider the building very badly arranged. I understand Doctor Corbett saw the Medical Officer, and gave him instructions to clean up the situation at once. He also told the Principal what to do with regard to the treatment of the children. Doctor Corbett tells me, with proper care and treatment the Scabies should be cleared up in two weeks time. I have instructed Mr. Gooderham to do what he could in the way of getting what is required to carry the work out successfully.

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D.C. Scott, Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont..

W. M. Graham,  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, December 11, 1920.

MEMORANDUM:

Honourable Sir James Lougheed.

INCLS.

I beg to send herewith important reports from the Indian Commissioner and Doctor F. A. Corbett, of Regina.

When I was in Regina last summer I had an interview with Doctor Corbett, and it was arranged that he should make these inspections. Doctor Corbett is greatly interested in the welfare of the Indians, and his report justifies the inspection.

I regret extremely that it is possible to draw such a comparison between the Protestant and Roman Catholic Schools. The Crowfoot, Ermineskin's and St. Albert schools are all conducted by the Roman Catholic Church, and the Old Sun's and Sarcee are conducted by the Church of England. The comparison does not hold good over the whole field, however, as we have excellent Protestant schools in other parts of the country. The Anglican schools in the diocese of Calgary have always unfortunately been badly managed.

The conditions at the Old Sun's school are disgraceful, and the principal and medical attendant are worthy of merited censure for allowing such health conditions to exist.

As you are personally aware of the general conditions at the Sarcee reserve, this additional information with reference to the school and the Indians there will be of special interest. If this band is to be saved at all we must take vigorous measures and I would propose to turn the school into a hospital and to treat the whole reserve as a hospital area. These Indians have a large reserve and more of it should be turned into cash as soon as possible and used for their benefit, and the funds we have on hand should be fully used.

It would be advantageous if Doctor Corbett could continue his inspections and visit all our reserves and schools, but as he has a large practice in Regina, I do not think we could expect him to spend the necessary time in making inspectorial visits.

I should like to discuss these matters with you.

Duncan C. Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent General.

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