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Ottawa, 18th December, 1914.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt from you of Miss C. MacDonell's diary, relative to her work as Field Matron of the Peguis Reserve during the month of November, and with reference thereto I beg to say that the Department expects to receive a report at the close of each month from Miss MacDonell on her work. In it she should give general information with regard to the condition of the Indians' homes. She should visit frequently at the different houses on the reserve and interest herself in each family. She should do what she can to train the younger women and older girls in the art of housekeeping. They should be taught the absolute necessity of keeping their houses clean and the necessity for observing personal cleanliness. If possible the women should be required to scrub their floors, and otherwise make their houses attractive.

In addition to the printed instructions already sent you, for Miss MacDonell's guidance, I enclose herewith copy of the Department's circular on the subject of the prevention of tuberculosis. When she visits at the Indians' homes she should endeavour to impress upon the Indians the rules laid down in this circular.

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