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from considerable distances will then be present. I beg of you very earnestly to let me have before that date such intimation as you think proper to give me of what the Department proposes to do in the near future, so that we may be able to discuss the matter, and, so far as possible, to work on the lines which you may indicate.

I was greatly distressed when I received your letter of the 18th September having reference to the Metlakatla industrial school, as to which you stated - "Our Inspector when undertaking the task of sending the boys in residence to their homes found that they were so poorly clad that some were without underclothes, socks, or shoes, and that he could not send them home until suitable clothes were purchased." This as it stands was a disgraceful picture of the matter. I need scarcely state that I at once made enquiries and am satisfied that there has been a large measure of misapprehension in the matter. If you apply to the local Indian Agent, Mr Lorenz, and the Reverend J. H. Keene in charge of the Mission you will no doubt receive from them the information that the above is not a correct statement. For the honour of the Bishop of Caledonia, of the Church of England, and of the Mission, it would be well that the statement of these gentlemen should be procured. Upon the facts as they really stand there appears to be no doubt but that there were plenty of clothes in the institution, which the Reverend A. G. Green, Methodist Minister and Government Indian School