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Ottawa, May 25th., 1916.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, with which you submitted a report for the month of April from Miss L. L. Cleveland regarding her work as field matron at Gwinoha on the Esau River for the month of April; and in reply I beg to say that it is observed that she states that the school children appear at school with their hair much tidier than in the past. It is pleasing to know of this improvement and it is hoped that she will be able to train them in habits of cleanliness and teach them to be tidy in their habits.

The Department has also received your letter of the 11th May, and Miss Boyd's report of field matron work at Aiyansh and Gitlakdamika for the month of April. It is observed that you state that it was not necessary for her to go to Fishery Bay owing to the fact that Miss Capper and Miss Sturges accompanied the Indians to that place. The field matron should upon every opportunity endeavour to impress upon the Indian mothers the necessity of giving proper care to their infants. She should teach them that it is necessary to pay attention to the children's eyes when the same are sore, in order to prevent development of diseases of the eyes.

It is hoped that the Indians will thoroughly cleanse their premises and sow gardens in order that they may have vegetables and flowers later on in the season.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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