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and thrift.

It is important for the health of the Indians that their premises should be kept clean. They should be advised to destroy all refuse and to select their water from unpolluted sources. Personal cleanliness and the proper ventilation of their houses are very important.

The matter of the education of the Indian children is regarded by the Department as a most important matter, and a separate letter will be sent you in that connection.

Any encroachments upon the reserves or trespass on the timber or other valuables thereon should be promptly dealt with in accordance with the law. The Department requires its officers to see that the timber is properly conserved and that no more is allowed to be cut than is actually necessary to supply the needs of the Indians.

In cases of sick and aged members of the band, or orphan children and widows who are unable to work and have no means sufficient or friends willing or able to support them, the Department would be willing to supply funds or to provide the actual necessities of life in such cases as you may think deserving of assistance upon the facts being fully represented. Such assistance must, however, be considered as altogether exceptional, as the policy of the Department is to make the Indians self-supporting, and they must be made to rely as much as possible upon their own exertions to obtain a livelihood.

Interest money will be sent you half yearly for distribution among the Indians, and it is to be distributed share and share alike. The pay sheets in

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