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Ottawa, March 3rd, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo in which you deal most fully with the school-life, work, physical condition and character of Miss Susette Blackbird, a resident of the Birtle Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that your letter has been read with much interest, and the Department, while deploring the physical infirmity from which the young woman suffers, is glad to know that her temporal welfare is so carefully looked after by the authorities of the school. It is to be hoped that her health will enable the contemplated plan to educate her as a nurse to be carried out. In view of the conditions as described the Department will not at present allow her to engage in teaching, and, in order that there may be no interference by outsiders, her name may remain on the roll of your school, although it will not be possible for the Department to pay the grant in her case. A grant will, however, be allowed for one pupil in her stead.

A further report from you at a later date will be gladly received.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. W. W. McLaren,  
Principal,  
Birtle Boarding School,  
Birtle, Man.

Secretary.

Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs, Letter  
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