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1924

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Rev. Oliver Peck,
Enfanta, Okla.

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JAN 10 1924

Dear Father:

The accompanying check for \$45.-
covers your salary for attending *Webber's Falls*
Mission for quarter ended December 31,
1923.

Report requested

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 Church of the Precious Blood
 REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
 Kufanta Oklahoma

Exponential 32° 1924

Reverend Dear Father,

Herewith I send you the report of the 1st quarter for Webbers Falls.

We have decided to build a little chapel according to our feeble means. But it will be our own place for worship. Being and I expect better results for in the near future. We need our little chapel and we go ahead. With the \$500⁰⁰ from the Church Extension and Ours \$500⁰⁰, and the \$300⁰⁰ and some we have made up,

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Kofaula Oklahoma

I hope to come to \$750.00.
By paying cash I will get
the lumber cheaper.
I am in immediate need
of the window-glasses as dona-
tion. Everything helps.
The lots of ground are ours.
I have sent in to the Church
Extension the application for
sending the money so I can
buy and pay cash.
If it is possible for you
to do the same, we will cer-
tainly be grateful for your
assistance. As soon as it
is built I will send you
the photos and the first mass,
and the first communions of

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

fixed in our chapel St Joseph
will be to thank God and
to ask Him to bless our bene-
factors and their undertakings.

③ Dear Father, herby you will
find enclosed a personal check for
\$10.00 for 10 subscriptions of
the Indian Sentinel which
I will distribute among our
Creek Indians. I wish I could
distribute a hundred and more,
but it is a sacrifice of the poor
missionary.

Respected and Dear Father,
pray for me and my dear
poor missions. I do not forget
you and I am

Fraternally yours in J. C.
If possible join Father Omer Beel
some mass intentions.

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April 22, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Beel:

I enclose herewith check for \$45, covering
your salary for attending the Wetber's Falls Mission
during the quarter ended March 31, 1924. Please send
us the report of your work for that period.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR

Kufanta Oklahoma

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Alfauila April 25th 1927 40-47

Reverend and Dear Father,

I have just received your check
for \$45.00 for which thanks.

I go to try to have several
subscriptions for the Sentinel
among the Creeks.

Pray for the results. I am
hopeful.

I am, Dear Father,

Yours fraternally in V. J.

Father Omer Beel

I sent you the report yesterday.
If possible remember me for
mass instructions.

40-47

May 5, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Eufaula, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

I thank you for your letter of April 22 and enclosed check for \$10 covering ten subscriptions to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. This money will be refunded to you at the end of the month.

I was very glad to hear of your decision to build your little chapel. At the time that I made my promise to you to contribute \$500 towards the erection of this chapel I had the money on hand. Since then the money has been spent for other purposes so that the donation which I will give you is really something that I haven't got.

You tell me that you are writing to the Extension Society. I think that this Society requires that the building be under roof and the plastering ready to be begun before making any cash donation. Let me know when you hear from them what success you have.

I would ask you as soon as possible to send me an article appealing for the chapel so that I may publish it in the next issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. It is necessary that I have some pictures to go with it. I must have this article and pictures within a month.

When you are ready to begin work on the chapel let me know. I will send you \$500 on demand.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:mf

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ANSWERED Church of the Precious Blood

717 Avenue of the Republic, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
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Enfema May 19th 1924

Reverend and Dear Father,

Thanks for kind letter of May 5th
at the same time I wrote you
I sent the application to the
Re. Rev. administrator asking
him to intercede by the Extension
to let me have the amount of
the donation to be able for
cash paying.

That is what the Extension
has done where I built the
chapel at Checotah, and I hope
to have the same results now.
I'll let you know as soon as
I hear from the Extension.

Dear Father I am studying
the Creek language so I could

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

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talk with them. a little patience; but for a man of about a 50 years old it is not easy any more to study languages.

I will send you a few lines for the magazine and some pictures.

Pray for me and my poor mission.

Yours fraternally in X^{to}

Father Omer Beel

If possible send me some more intentions.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Cefanta Oklahoma

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Cefanta May 18th 1914

Reverend and Dear Father,
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I had just mailed my letter
when I received the answer from
Father O'Beel, which I enclose
herewith.

Now Dear Father if I can
have your help our little church
will be built for next month.

As you have asked me I
will write you a letter about
my Webbers Falls mission and
join some pictures.

I beg to remain, Dear Father,

Yours fraternally in f.c.
Father Omer Beel

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ANSWERED Church of the Precious Blood

Rev. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Seminole, Oklahoma

FOLLOWED Cefanda May 26 1924

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Reverend and Dear Father

By my returning this afternoon from Webbers Falls I found your letter of May 15th with the copy prepared for your July issue of the Sentinel.

I had the happiness to administer 12 H. Communion and to baptize a little girl child.

At the end of next month the foundation of the chapel will be put in and then we start to build. How happy my people were and with a new courage!

With regard to "Will you adopt a mission?" I think it is good. This suggestion I have made

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Enfanta Oklahoma

to the Extension for my poor
Enfanta parish some two years
ago. But no results.

Yet I am comforted in the Sacred
Sacrament and the Blessed Mother
and some day my prayers will
be heard. I am the One person not
confused!

Trusted Dear Father, the priests
and the parishes all of the north
and the East do not realize suf-
ficiently our pitiful situation.
as a general rule our country
parishes here are poor and we are
so abandoned to ourselves without
any financial means. We have
to struggle against bigotry, our
little children grow up without
sufficient religious instruction and
every year you see some of these
drifting away from church.

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REV. OMER BEEL, PASTOR
Tulsa, Oklahoma

our poor people are bayed and
to on.

A big parish, suppose from a
500 families, incur debts yet
for school and church, could
easily organize a picnic or
some thing like every year and
turn a certain amount of the
production of it to a poor adop-
ted parish. It would bring ma-
ny blessings upon the generous
parish and after awhile the
parishioners would be proud of
the good work they are doing
for a needy parish. But alas!
to much parishionism!

Let us pray and work, Dear
Father. I know for 4 years what
moral sufferings are: so much
ought to be done and the hands
of the poor priest are tied by lack
of means.

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REV. OMER DEEL PASTOR
Kutania Oklahoma

No one can realize the many
times I meet in church & shed
tears before the blessed sacrament.
There was my only consolation
in days of discouragement.

Pray for me and my poor
mission. Oh, Dear Father, I feel
some times so discouraged but
I pray and I hope for better.

May they to remain Revere
Dear Father,

Tristurnally yours in X^{ty}
Father Omar Deel

I hope to mail the pictures of my
Webbers Falls people in a few days.

I thank you for your offer to
mail out some pictures. If possible
then mail 2 of them to Miss Marga-
ret McGrath at Webbers Falls and
2 to Mrs. Nora Catlin at W. F.
1 to Mr. N. W. Kelly 1008 321 Chestnut St. Okla.
He is the Indian Sup't & preacher but
I have his daughter in the sister
school at Muskogee. He is a good man.

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1-34 REV. NEW BEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

Capaula July 1 1924

Reverend and Dear Father,

For about a month I have
been put out of work.

With the sudden heat I got
again what made me leave
my dear African missions.

At the time trouble and
I was not able to do a thing
I feel better now, but must
be careful.

First of all, many thanks
for your generous donation,
Dear Father. I hope we will
be ready for the 15th of August.
It will be a happy day for me
to see our little chapel erected.

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REV. OMER DEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

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The picture has not been taken
on account of the illness of the
children. Most of them had the
measles and could not come out.

I will take the picture next
week by visiting them.

Dear Father, I got new ^{courage} en-
couraged by hearing the appoint-
ment of our new Bishop. He
is the man who will make
Oklahoma what it should be,
a real mission territory. No
doubt he will organize his diocese.
At the end of June I made up
my statement for the first 6 months.
It is terrible. Here I have been
paid \$244.00. Okmulgee, ^{German}
settlement which I visit ^{twice} a month
has paid \$31.00 and ^{Wagoner} ^{Wagoner} \$27.00
Checotah ^{gives} nothing more ^{than} \$4.00 or \$5.00 a
month.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Enfanta Oklahoma

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make the exchange of 30,000 francs
more. So for the years work
performed in ^{lost} ~~the~~ ^{about} 50,000 francs
to return to Belgium and
die in a poorhouse.

Dear Father, don't you think
that is sometimes discouraging.
Keeping up all those missions
giving my health and still
having nothing to live on.

Dear Father, pray for me.

I am in such a need of prayers.
My Mr Kelly knows my situation
and I trust he will help me out.
Will write you more in a few
days. I feel feverish and must
finish.

Pray for me

Your servant in X to Y.
Father Omer Beel
If possible, remain
her me for intentions.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for Father Hughes.

CHURCH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
REV. GIER BEEL, PASTOR
EUFAULA, OKLAHOMA.

July 9, 1924.

Reverend and dear Father:

For about a month I have been put out of work. With the sudden heat I got again what he made me leave my dear African missions, liver trouble and I was not able to do a thing. I feel better now, but must be careful.

First of all, many thanks for your generous donation. Dear Father I hope we will be ready for the 15th of August. It will be a happy day for me to see our little chapel erected. The picture has not been taken on account of the illness of the children. Most of them had the measles and could not come out. I will take the picture next week when visiting them.

Dear Father, I got new courage by hearing of the appointment of our new Bishop. He is the man who will make Oklahoma what it should be, a real mission territory. Moreover, he will organize his diocese. At the end of June I made up my statement for the first 6 months. It is terrible. Here I have been paid \$244. Grecoia, a German settlement which I visit twice a month has paid \$31. and Wagner \$27. Chectah gives nothing more than \$4 or \$5 a month, Sanlequet not even the expenses. From the \$20 I receive from the Colored Bureau there is nothing left at the end of the month and I have received not a penny there since January. The \$15 you allow me for Webbers Falls covers the expenses and leaves me perhaps \$5 monthly. You see, dear Father, that my financial situation is despicable. For 4 years, year after year, I went down about \$500 yet I have made the exchange of 72,500 Belgian francs and you know what I have lost. If I must keep on that way if something should happen that I must return to Belgium for sickness or such then I must make the exchange of 30,000 francs more. So for the years work performed in Oklahoma I would have lost about 50,000 francs to return to Belgium and die in a poor house.

Dear Father, don't you think that is sometimes discouraging, keeping up all these missions, giving my health and still having nothing to live on.

Dear Father, pray for me. I am in such need of prayers. Monsignor Kelly knows my situation and I trust he will help me out. Will write you more in a few days. I feel feverish and must finish.

Pray for me.

Your servant in Xto.

Father Gier Beel.

If possible remember me for intentions.

Copied by MF.

APR 2 1924
RECEIVED Church of the Precious Blood
ANSWERED JUL 1 1924 REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
FOLLOWED Eufaula July 16th 1914

Reverend and Dear Father,

I was at Webber Falls last Monday.

The most of the people were present and I had 14 Communion.

Since it is known that we build a little chapel, two families (Cherokee) will move in. I was so happy to hear off. What good our little church will do!

They started to go after the sand and rock stones for the concrete work.

Here with I send you the
picture of the congregation.
But they are not all there.
I think that some were
not present.

Some of those days I will
take an other one myself.
Reverend and Dear Father,
pray for me for I am in need
of Divine help.

Thankful, I beg to remain
Yours fraternally in J. C.
Father most & self

Dear Father you know how I
would like to do missionary
work by the Creek.
I had a talk with Mr. E. H. Drew,
a Creek lawyer and adviser.

of the chief. I wish you
would write to him, telling
him about my longing desire
to be missionary among
the Creeks. Telling him all
the details. I take in their
tribe now that I have writ-
ten many times to you about
that matter.

You could also assure him
of the help he could find by
the Catholic Indian Bureau
for affairs to be taken up
in Washington.

If I could succeed I would
ask my new Bishop to let
me do that work only.

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COPY FOR: Father Hughes

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CHURCH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Rev. Omar Beel, Pastor
Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Eufaula, Oklahoma, July 27, 1924

Reverend and Dear Father:

I was at Wetters Falls last Monday.

The most of the people were present and I had 14 communions.

Since it is known that we build a little chapel, two families (Cherokee) will move in. I was so happy to hear of what good our little church will do.

They started to go after the sand and rockstones for the concrete work.

Herewith I send you the picture of the congregation. But they are not all there. I think that seven were not present.

Some of those days I will take another one myself.

Reverend and Dear Father, pray for me for I am in need of Divine help.

Thankful, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally in J.C.

(SIGNED) Father Omar Beel.

Dear Father you know how I would like to do missionary work by the Creeks.

I had a talk with Mr. C. H. Drew, a Creek lawyer, and adviser of the chief. I wish you would write to him, telling him about my longing desire to be missionary among the Creeks. Telling him all the interests I take in their tribe and that I have written many times to you about that matter.

You could also assure him of the help he would find by the Catholic Indian Bureau for affairs to be taken up in Washington.

If I could succeed I would ask my new Bishop to let me do that work only.

COPIED BY E. R.

July 18, 1924.

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Rev. Omer Beel,
Eufaula, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

In the absence of Father Hughes I received your letter of July 9. I forwarded your letter to Father Hughes and no doubt you will hear from him in due time.

I was very sorry to hear that you have been in such ill health and I hope that by this time you are getting along better.

Sincerely yours,

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James S. Sage,
Acting Secretary.

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July 23, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Burlington, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Beel:

Enclosed please find check for \$45, covering
your salary for attending the Webber's Falls Mission
during the quarter ended June 30, 1924.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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July 31, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beal,
Church of the Precious Blood,
Burlington, Okla.

Dear Father Beal:

In the absence of Father Hughes I received your letter of July 16 and also the photographs of the congregation which you enclosed. The pictures are very fine and upon the return of Father Hughes I will bring your letter to his attention.

I have made particular note of what you said with regard to your wish to be a missionary among the Creeks.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

James S. Sage,
Acting Secretary.

JS:mf

40-47
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Yours sincerely,

James S. Sage,
Acting Secretary.

JS:mf

40-47

August 7, 1924.

Rev. Omar Peel,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Peel:

Replying to your letter of July 9, it is unfortunate indeed that you should have to exchange Belgian francs at their present price for your support.

Write Bishop Kelly asking him to request \$35 per month salary for you. Tell him what missions you attend. I am writing him.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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August 7, 1904.

Rev. Oscar Paul,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Paul:

Replying to your letter of July 16, I am glad to hear of the success
of the Gebboz Falls Church.

I am sure Mr. C. R. Brown that the Bishop of Catholic Indian
missions will always be at his service in behalf of the Creek Indians.

I am confident that Henry Kelly will welcome your plan to work for
the Crookes.

Yours very truly,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

W.H.H.

40-47

August 7, 1924.

Right Rev. Francis E. Kelly, D. D. :
Bishop-Elect.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bishop:

I have suggested to Father Oscar Seel, Indian missionary of Bufala, Oklahoma, that he write you requesting you kindly to ask the Commission for the Distribution of the Leuten Collection to grant him \$35 per month salary. He is a very worthy and hard-working Indian missionary, a secular priest.

You should address Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, S. S. D. D., secretary of the Commission, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

W.H.H.

Rec'd AUG 23 1924
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AUG 23 1924
Felt'd 10/8/24
REV. OMER SEEL PASTOR
St. Paul's Oklahoma

Dear Father,
I received your letter of Aug 19th 1924
and was very glad to hear from you.

In reply to your kind letter
of Aug. 24th let me express to
you my sincere gratitude.
After I had read your letter
I went in my little church
praying the Blessed Sacrament
and shedding tears of happi-
ness. At last some help!

Dear Father, I do not know
how to show my gratefulness
but by remembering of you
in Mass and by working
more zealously for the poor
Creeks who live in error.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Kutavia Oklahoma

Dear Father, I feel sure that my new Bishop will help me for building a small Catholic school. What good would be done by it! I know of many Creek children who would like to go to a sister school.

I pray for that purpose to the humble servant of God Catherine Eskakwitha. I pray her that she should obtain for me to be the missionary of the Creeks. I pray for their conversion and for a benefactor who would help me to build a school.

Please, Father, ask some Religious Community to pray with me for that purpose.

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER BEEL, PASTOR
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Father, as you remember,
I sent a boy from Webbers
Falls to Subiaco (Benedict. coll.)
It was a great sacrifice
for me, but gladly made it.

Yet I am ready to make
more sacrifices myself but
I cannot do all by myself.

There is one other little boy
Eon Cominey (half creek) who
would like to go to a catholic
school. - There are three girls
who are longing for a sis-
ter school: Helen Gattin (sister
of the Webbers Falls boy), Rachel
Kelly, and Helen Houston (creek).

I know the Sisters in Mus-
Kogee will do what they can.
Also the Fathers of Subiaco.

Don't you think Dear Father,

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

that some generous person
would adopt those children?
If I had only \$150.00 per
year for each one of those
children, I think I could have
them in school, and perhaps
those good children who certainly
show that beautiful dis-
position and are perhaps mo-
ved by the grace of God, could
be missionaries in their
tribe as other Catherine Tekakwith.

Dear Father, what would I
do? Tell the Fathers and the
Sisters to take them in, that
we shall pay for some time
during the year. I am ready
to make more sacrifices myself.
Father help me for those children,
and let me know at once, but
not negative for God's sake.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Kufania Oklahoma

Many thanks for the red
charitable I received with at-
ter implements.

I was ready to go to Web-
ber Falls, but just now I
got a call from Grayson to
be there to morrow for a func-
eral. Instead of 40 miles less
I must go now 40 miles less.

So Dear Father, please let
me know what to do with
my dear little ones.

Featernally yours in f. c.

Father Omer Beel

August 23, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Burlington, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Beel:

Upon Father Hughes' return to Washington, which will probably be about September 1, I will bring to his attention your letter of August 19. In the meantime, I beg to say that your appeal for help will appear in the October issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

40-47

October 7, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

Your letter of August 19th has just come to my attention and I have noted your appeal for Benedict Coll, Tom Tomsney, Helene Gatline, Rachel Kelly and Helen Houston. I regret that I was prevented in answering it by my visitation to the Missions and the lack of any hope of supplying even \$150.00 for one child.

I promise you \$150.00 payable December 31st for Benedict Coll St. Benedict's School, at Subiaco, Arkansas. I am sorry that I cannot promise you anything for Tom Tomsney and the three girls. Even the \$150.00 which I am promising you for Benedict Coll is necessarily conditioned on my getting the money by December 31st, but please God, I will find a way of getting it for you. Bishop Francis Kelly, D.D. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will form plans with you in the matter of building a small Catholic School and I can assure you that I will co-operate in every way in my power.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

JS/ml

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Kufaula Oklahoma

Kufaula, Octob 24 1924

Reverend and Dear Father,

I hoped to have our little church finished since some times.

But a party has kept us from building. That party, just before we intended to start, offered a lot right in town. The people were greatly in favor of the trade and I myself also.

Now, the last time I was there I called on the party again, and then he told that he could not give a clear title.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulanta Oklahoma

because the court had not settled the matter.

And so I told the people to put in without delay the foundation, and next week I'll go there with a carpenter to build it.

Dear Father, what about the altar. Do you think you could furnish a mission altar, or would I ask for one with the extension. Please advise me for the best.

Regarding the vestments I have the red chasuble you had sent, a black one and a white one. That will do for a while.

I hope to receive a crucifix

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Eufaula Oklahoma

and a candlestick set.
I myself have a halice and
will make a present of it
to my little church and also
I have a small ciborium.

The Rev. Sisters of Muskogee
have offered me a set of Sta-
tues of the Cross.

Dear Father, I am an-
xious to have every thing
fixed.

Dear Father, the Hebbens Falls
boy did not go back to Subiaco.
the parents could not afford it
and myself ^{am} not in a position
to help for the present. But
I have his sister with the Sis-
ters in Muskogee.

James Clark was sent by

His guardian to Lawrence. Ka
 used him a sister to Lawrence.
 her at New York. She has given
 order to the removal of the car.
 large to protect these children
 to see these sister Lawrence Clark
 who in Catholic and resides with
 the sister. Of the kind of work but
 in some unknown reason to me
 the court refused to hear over
 the guardian's wife to her. A
 had was very partial case.
 the Kelly give them sheet at
 has also been used to Lawrence
 Ka. because they could not afford
 to pay. Her father told me last
 week he did not like it there.
 and so I said him to let her
 return and I will have her with
 the sister.

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REV. OMER DEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

Dear Father, I have not written to Mr. Kelley about the mes-
sual support you proposed in
your goodness. I thought it
was better to wait until my
Bishop knows all about and
I hope he will do for the best.
Dear Father let me express to
you all the gratitude I feel for
the help you are willing to
grant me. This is not a dead
letter; but I am grateful by
working with you for those poor
abandoned and ^{by} praying for you
and your work every day.

I beg to remain, Rev. & Dear
Father Yours faithfully in X^{po} J.
Father Omer Deel

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: FATHER BEEL

CHURCH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
Rev. Omar Beel, Pastor
Burlington, Oklahoma.

Burlington, Okla. October 8, 1924

Reverend & Dear Father:

I hoped to have our little church finished since some time.

But a party has kept us from building. That party just before we intended to start, offered a lot right in town. The people were greatly in favor of the truce and I myself also. Now, the last time I was there, I called on the party again, and then he told that he could not give a clear title because the court had not settled the matter. And so I told the people to put in without delay the foundation, and next week I'll go there with a carpenter to build it.

Dear Father, what about the altar. Do you think you could furnish a mission altar, or would I ask for one with the Extension. Please advise me for the best.

Regarding the vestments I have the red chasuble you had sent, a black one and a white one. That will do for a while.

I hope to receive a crucifix and a candlestick set. I myself have a chalice and will make a present of it to my little church and also I have a small ciborium. The Rev. Sisters of Muskogee have offered me a set of Stations of the Cross. So Dear Father, I am anxious to have everything fixed.

Dear Father, the Weathersville boy did not go back to Subiaco. The parents could not afford it, and myself am not in a position to help for the present. But I have his Sister with the Sisters in Muskogee.

James Clark was sent by his guardian to Lawrence, Kansas and his two sisters to Brown College at Muskogee. He has given order to the principal of the college to prevent those children to see their Sister Tawnee Clark, who is Catholic and resides with the sisters. She is of age, but for some unknown reason to me, the court refuses to turn over the guardianship to her. A sad and very partial case.

The Kelly girl from Checotah has also been sent to Lawrence, Kansas, because they could not afford to pay. Her father told me last week she did not like it there, and so I said to let her return and I will have her with the Sisters.

Dear Father, I have not written to Msgr. Kelly about the mutual support you proposed in your goodness. I thought it was better to wait until my Bishop knows all about and I hope he will do for the best. Dear Father, let me express to you all the gratitude I feel for the help you are willing to grant me. This is not a dead letter, but I am grateful by working with you for those poor abandoned and by praying for you and your work every day.

I beg to remain, Rev. & Dear Father,

Yours fraternally, in Xto,

(SIGNED) Father Omar Beel

COPIED BY E. R.

October 8, 1924.

R t. Rev. Francis Kelly, D. D.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bishop Kelly:

I enclose you herewith carbon of a letter to Father Beel, Eufaula, Oklahoma, in which I promise to pay him \$150.00 for the education of one of his Indian boys.

I am sure you will be interested in the work of building a small Catholic school for Father Beel and for this reason I enclose copy of his letter together with copy of my letter to him.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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Yours faithfully,

Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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October 21, 1924.

Rev. Omar Beal,
Burlington, Okla.

Dear Father Beal:

Enclosed please find check for \$45, covering
your salary for attending the Webber's Falls Mission
during the quarter ended September 30, 1924.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cook,
Secretary.

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October 23, 1924.

Mr. C. H. Drew,
c/o Hon. G. W. Hill,
531 South Third St.,
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Mr. Drew:

Rev. Omar Beal, who is very desirous of doing missionary work among the Creeks, tells me he has had a talk with you about these Indians.

We will do all we can for Father Beal to help him accomplish some good among the Creek Indians, and you may rest assured that this Bureau will do anything in its power to help along the cause of the Creeks here in Washington.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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Copy to
Church of the Precious Blood
St. Ignace, Montana
REV. OMER SEEL PASTOR
St. Ignace, Montana

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St. Ignace, Montana October 20th 1924
Reverend and Dear Father,

Sincere thanks for your kind letter of October 7th.

With regard to the Gatlins lay at Robbins Falls, I will take the matter with the physician so that the boy could go back after Xmas.

Pity that we have not been able to do something for the girls. But the Lord knows best.

My only hope for the future is a little school for white and Indian children, and, Dear Father, you encourage me so much by assuring your good co-operation.

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER DEEL PASTOR
Tulanta Oklahoma

A few days ago I read in the newspaper that Mr. E. Vaulour had been elected by the Creek Commission as the lawyer of the Creek nation.

Mr. Vaulour is no catholic, yet he is a very close friend to me. I can say in all truth that he is a square lawyer and not a scabber. Moreover the Creeks know it and they themselves came to ask him to accept the nomination.

He certainly would bring many things into light and defend the rights of the Creeks with all his profound knowledge and impartial energy.

But you should say that they fear his appointment

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REV. OMER SEEL, PASTOR
Tulanta, Oklahoma

and as he told me they fight him because he does not want to take in as partners one of those who have sold out the Creek.

Dear Father I would appreciate your help for his appointment because it is for the welfare of the Creek nation. A close friend of Mr. Van Court is a catholic lawyer of Natchez, Miss. Chas. F. Engle. Natchez, Miss. This gentleman has more opportunity to come in contact with the Indian Bureau at Washington. Perhaps you know some way to get some information and let him know to whom to go in order to have Mr. Van Court appointed.

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REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulsa Oklahoma

So please, Dear Father, I ask
you this in behalf of the Creek
who, without prompt help,
will be robbed from every
thing before 1930.

I inform Mr. Engle and he
will write to Mr. Van Court.
The chapel at Webbers Falls
will be finished in the begin-
ning of November.

Dear Father, Thanking you
for all what you are doing
for me and my mission work,
I am,

Yours fraternally in Xth
Father Omer Beel

COPY FOR: FATHER HUGHES

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CHURCH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
Rev. Omer Beel, Pastor
EUFULA, OKLAHOMA

Eufaula, October 25, 1924

Reverend and Dear Father:

Sincere thanks for your kind letter of October 7.

With regard to the Catholic boy of Webbers Falls. I will take up the matter with the Benedictines so that the boy could go back after Christmas.

Pity that we have not been able to do something for the girls. But the Lord knows best. My only hope for the future is a little school for white and Indian children, and, Dear Father, you encourage me so much by assuring your good co-operation.

A few days ago I read in the newspaper that Mr. E. J. Van Court had been elected by a Creek commission as the lawyer of the Creek nation. Mr. Van Court is no catholic yet he is a very close friend to me. I can say in all truth that he is a square lawyer and not a grafter. Moreover the Creeks know it and they themselves came to ask him to except the nomination. He certainly would bring many things into light and defend the rights of the Creeks with all his profound knowledge and impartial energy.

But you should say that they fear his appointment and as he told me they fight him because he does not want to take in as partner one of those who have sold out the Creeks.

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Inform Mr. Engle and he will write to Mr. Van Court.

The chapel at Webbers Falls will be finished in the beginning of November.

Dear Father, thanking you for all that you are doing for me and my mission work, I am,

(SIGNED) Yours fraternally, in Xto J.
Father Omer Beel,

Copied by E. R.

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Order filed 1902 WEST EIGHTEENTH STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY
Filed
Not L.S.
Copy to L.S.

Rev. William Hughes,
Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2031 R. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Reverend and dear Father:

Thank you sincerely for your letter of
the 8th inst. together with copy of your
letter to Father Deel.

I shall take up the matter with the
Consultors of the Diocese at the first op-
portunity.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Francis J. Kelly
Bishop of Oklahoma.

P.S. I wish also to acknowledge receipt
of the statement of the expenditures for
the Catholic Indian missions in the Diocese
of Oklahoma for the year 1923. Thank you
sincerely.

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PHONE 345—OKMULGEE
110-516 Okmulgee Building.

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PHONE 345—EUFULA

C. H. DREW

ATTORNEY AT LAW

EUFULA AND OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

NOV 7 1924
Date _____
To _____
Okmulgee, Oklahoma, November 4, 1924.
Said, comp'd _____
Not L.S. _____
The Right Reverend William Hughes,
Copy to L.S. _____
Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear father Hughes:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of twenty-third ultimo relative to the Reverend Omer Beal, of Eufaula, Oklahoma, who is desirous to to some missionary works among the Creek Indians.

Replying thereto I beg to advise you that I will be very glad to assist him in any undertaking that he may take among my people, Creeks, and I wish to thank you very kindly for your kind invitation to assist the Creeks in Washington.

I expect to be in Washington this fall and will deem an honor to visit your office while sojourning there.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Drew
C. H. DREW

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Rev. Omer Beel,
Eufaula, Oklahoma.

November 14, 1924.

Dear Father Beel:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Helen Murphy, dated November 10, in which she offers to donate a pair of brass candle-sticks twelve inches high, for a needy Indian mission. I have given Miss Murphy shipping instructions to you as I think that perhaps, you may be able to use these candle-sticks. It would be well to send a letter of acknowledgement through this Bureau to the donor when you receive her gift.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:lg

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November 18, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beal,
Church of the Precious Blood,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Father Beal:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 8, in which you mention that you need a mission altar. I have listed your request for this altar, and I only hope that some kind person will notice it in THE INDIAN SENTINEL and supply your need. In the mean time it might be well to write to the Extension. They may be able to supply one for you immediately. When you hear from them let me know.

Yours Gratefully,

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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Not L.S. Stn. Kalamazoo Oklahoma
Copy to I. S. C. Messrs

Reverend and Dear Father,

First of all I wish to thank you
for the donations I have recei-
ved through the Bureau.

The Stations of the Cross from
St Vincent de Paul Society, May-
Cross, Ia. Beautiful pictures,
and the pictures all torn to
pieces. I have made a claim
against the Kaly R. and orde-
red a new set.

6 iron brass candlesticks from
Mrs Helen Murphy

3 Clothing and other play goods
real Christmas presents for my
children from Mrs. M. M. Mulcahy,
Albany, N. Y.

Please present my best thanks
to those generous donors and assure
them of my prayers.

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER BEEL PASTOR
Tulanta Oklahoma

Dear Father the Gatlins boy
from Western Falls is back in
Tulanta. The Redemptorist
Father expects a payment of
\$75.00 for the end of January.
He is a very good boy and me
to not know if looking in that
direction. God would reward the
sincerely intentions to him.

His father Mr. Gatlins, who is now
a catholic, seeing what I am doing
for that people is in such a dis-
position that he will become a
catholic. Even his uncle who
was a K K K, has changed his mind.
What a good can be done! *Mes-
sis quidem multa, operarii vero pauci!*
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operarii vero pauci.*

Dear Father our little church
in Western Falls is finished and
painted. The Bishop has given
me the faculty to bless it. I

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER SEEL PASTOR
Kutavla, Oklahoma

will do on the 1st of January
yet I must put in the com-
munion until and the first.
But I have not sufficient funds
because I can show till now
of about \$ 800.00. I had in all
about \$ 1200.00 and figured I could
make it. But figures are figures
only. Now it is built and I
thank the Lord and my people
to the same: we have our mee-
ting place. It is now the ques-
tion how to come out.

Dear Father don't you think
you could help me with a \$ 200.00
I will try to come the rest.

I have seen and spoken to his
P. D. his. Something hangs in the
air: I have no rest any more.
The changes I guess. Destroy
all my plans I had to help
my dear Indians.

In a few days I let you

Church of the Precious Blood

REV. OMER DEEL PASTOR
Kufanta Oklahoma

Know all abroad.

I have, my friend and Dear
Father, you will be able to help
me to pay off for the Gathin boy
and our little church which is
a real beauty. I'll send you the
picture of it.

The next letter will be a very
confidential for you.

Say for me and my poor mis-
sions. I wish you would ask
for a notation of prayers to the
S. Heart of Jesus in some volume
the S. Heart is my only hope.

Yours very sincerely

Father Omer Deel

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Eufaula Okla. December 14, 1924

Reverend and Dear Father:

First of all I wish to thank you for the donations I have received through the Bureau (1) The stations of the Cross from St. Vincent de Paul Society, Waycross, Ga. Beautiful frames, but the pictures all torn to pieces. I have made a claim against the Katy Railroad and ordered a new set.

(2) Two Brass candlesticks from Miss Helen Murphy.

(3) Clothing and other play goods, real Christmas presents for my children from Miss M.M. Mulacry, Albany, N.Y.

Please present my best thanks to those generous donors and assure them of my prayers.

Dear Father the Gatlin Boy from Webbers Falls is back in Subiaco College. The Reverend Father expects a payment of \$75 for the end of January. He is a very good boy and we do not know if being in that college God would grant the priestly vocation to him.

His father, M. Gatlin, who is not a Catholic, seeing what I am doing for that people is in such a disposition that he will become a Catholic. Even his uncle who was a K K K has changed his mind. What a good can be done! Messes quidem multa, operarii vero pauci.

Dear Father, our little church in Webbers Falls is finished and painted. The Bishop has given me the faculty to bless it. I will do on the 1st of January. Yet I must put in the Communion rail and the pews. But I have not sufficient funds, because I ran short till now of about \$300. I had in all about \$1200 and figured I could make it. But figures are figures only. Now it is built and I thank the Lord and my people do the same: we have our meeting place. It is now the question how to come out.

Dear Father don't you think you could help me with a \$200. I will try to cover the rest.

I have seen and spoken to His Lordship. Something hangs in the air. I have no rest any more. The changes I guess destroy all my plans I had to help my dear Indians.

In a few days I let you know all about.

I hope, Reverend and Dear Father, you will be able to help me to pay off for the Gatlin Boy, and our little church, which is a real beauty. I'll send you the pictures of it.

My next letter will be a very confidential for you.

Pray for me and my poor missions. I wish you would ask for a novena of prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in some convent. The Sacred Heart is my only hope.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Father Omer Beal

Rev. Omer Beel,
Pufaula,
Oklahoma.

December 17, 1924

Dear Father Beel:

On November 14 I wrote informing you that Miss Helen Murphy was sending you a pair of brass candlesticks, 12 inches high. Miss Murphy wrote to me under date of December 14 telling me that she has received no acknowledgment of her gift.

Kindly let me know if you received the candlesticks. If you have received them please forward through the bureau a letter of acknowledgment to Miss Murphy. She is anxious to know if you received her gift. I would appreciate an early reply.

I remain, Wishing you every blessing during the Christmas season,

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Director.

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December 18, 1924

Rev. Omar Beel
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

I have your letter of December 14. I will thank your benefactors. If you do not secure damages against the Katy Railroad, you may be able to get stations to fit the frames.

On December 31st. I will send you check for \$150 which I understand pays for the full year, 1924-25, for the Gatlin Boy at Subiaco College. I understand that the Gatlin Boy takes the place of Benedict Coll for whom you made request for \$150.

I will insert in the January Indian Sentinel your request for \$300 for Communion Rails and pew for your church. If all or any portion of this amount is received, I will be pleased to send it to you.

I looked forward with interest to your promised letter.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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December 31, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Buteula, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

Enclosed please find check for \$45, covering
your salary for attending Webber's Falls Mission for the
quarter ended December 31, 1924.

I am breaking our rule by sending you this check
before receiving your report, so please send the report just
as soon as possible.

Happy New Year!

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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December 31, 1924.

Rev. Omer Beel,
Eufaula, Okla.

Dear Father Beel:

Enclosed please find check for \$150, which I
promised to send you for support of the Catlin boy at
St. Benedict's School, Subiaco, Arkansas.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.