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SACRED HEART MISSION SCHOOL
1931

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Msgr. Hughes:

Several members of the education staff of the Indian Office, including the Director of Education, recently visited the Catholic Mission School at Elbowoods on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Our representatives were impressed with the devoted service of those in charge of the Mission and their remarkable achievements in the face of almost insurmountable physical difficulties. If there is any way in which the plant can be improved, this most certainly ought to be done. We feel here in the Office that the obvious fire risks are overcome in part in a Mission like this by reason of the close supervision given by the workers at all hours of the day and night. The risks are, however, very real at Elbowoods and the workers deserve something better than the very meager facilities with which they have to operate.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

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My Dear Friends:

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It is about time to say "Thank you" for your shipment, isn't it? Well, my dear Ladies, I hope you will not accuse me of negligence or ingratitude on account of this delay. You understand what Christmas Season means in a large Mission district, especially for a young fellow who is making his first experiences amongst the yellow faces.

and Old Address

We received your shipment around Christmas time. We wish to thank you both for quality and quantity. Whatever we can use for our Indian School we dispose of in the course of the school year, the rest I took along on my Mission trips and distributed the goods among the poor. The great quality of goods you sent is a plain proof of your marvelous Missionary spirit. I just wish that you were nearer to our Reservation in order that you might enjoy a real picnic in the summer time.

and New Address

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Wishing you all God's Blessing in 1931,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann
O.S.B.

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Jan. 8, 1931

Mrs. J. T. Murray,
135 Stone Mill Rd.
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Murray:

Your shipment was received just in time for Christmas. I did not find time to thank you sooner on account of work. You see, I have seven Missions and a Boarding School for Indian children to look after and that means a lot of work, especially during the Christmas Season.

I wish to thank you with a sincere heart for the great help you have rendered to our Mission by your generous shipment. Was very glad to distribute clothing amongst the Indians as many are in need of the during the cold winter months. Whatever we can use for the children we distribute in the school in the course of time.

Wishing you God's Blessing for 1931,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

H. Reichard Kaufmann
H.R.K.

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SACRED HEART MISSION SCHOOL
ELBOWOODS P.O., NORTH DAKOTA

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Jan. 8, 1931

Miss Mary Mc Loughlin,
361 1st St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Miss Mc Loughlin:

I think I better begin this letter with an apology. Our Mission was remembered by you so nicely during the Christmas Season, and we have not yet thanked you for it. But this delay has not been caused by negligence or ingratitude. I have quite a large District to take care of, seven Missions and a Boarding School for Indian children. What that means during Christmas Season you can easily imagine.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your shipment. If we had no Mission friends our Mission could simply not exist. I am in charge of it since October and I fully realize the pressing needs of such a Mission. I hope you will continue in your great work of Charity.

Wishing you a very Happy 1931,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Reinhold Kaufmann
C.I.M.

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Jan. 8, 1931

Mrs. A. Bethiah Turner,
59 Groveland St.,
Haverhill, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Turner:

On account of the pressing work during the past
Season I had to delay my answer to your shipment to our Mission. With
seven Missions, most of which are far apart, and a Boarding School
for Indian children, I have my hands full. The Christmas Season was
a most enjoyable one though, on account of good weather and the good
spirit the Indians have shown.

I wish to thank you for your Charity and beg your pardon for the
long delay of my answer. We surely are in need of benefactors, without
them our Mission could hardly exist. Whatever you do for Charity will
bring you a high reward in heaven.

Wishing you God's Blessing for 1931,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann
R.H.K.

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ELBOWOODS P.O., NORTH DAKOTA

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Jan. 8, 1931

Miss Helen M. Brauner,
42 W. High Street,
Gettysburg, Pa.

Dear Helen:

Didn't I receive a box from you for our Mission around Christmas time? I did not forget about it, but my answer had to be delayed on account of Mission work. I have to take care of seven Missions and am also in charge of a Boarding School for Indian children. What all these Christmas gifts mean for a poor Mission, you can imagine. The Indians feel very grateful for whatever they receive

Please, accept my sincere thanks for your Charity and pardon my delay. Delay does not mean negligence and not ingratitude, but is a necessary evil for a busy man.

Wishing you God's Blessing for 1931,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Richard Kaufman
R.K.

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Sacred Heart Indian Mission
 Elbowoods, N. D.

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Jan 21, 1931

Am sending you a few pictures
 I have taken during Christmas season, also
 the respective negatives. Use them as you find
 fit, probably Sr. Flynn would care to take a
 look at them too.

Was sending you a pair of moccasins^{AMS}
 to Sr. Flynn a beaded money bag. after Christmas.
 Am wondering whether articles were received or not,
 they were not insured.

Respectfully Fr. Richard Kaufman

40-14
January 28, 1931.

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.,
Sacred Heart Mission,
Elbowoods, M. Dsk.

Dear Father Reinhard:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$50.00
designated to be sent to you for final payment on car.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
LL.D., Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York
City, New York.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

Very Rev. New Doctor,

Febr. 24, 1931

Let me thank you for the check of \$ 800
which you sent to our Mission through Bishop Weber.
May the good Lord bestow His abundant Blessing
upon you & all those who helped in the work of Charity.

Just the other day, Mr. Voigt called on me.
He loaned about \$ 1100 to Fr. Peter during the last three
years and would like to get the money back. This amount
was not included in the \$ 2800 indebtedness. As the
running expenses make this demand, I am unable
to satisfy Mr. Voigt at present. I hope that the Lord will also
help me in the future. Most thankfully
Rev. Richard Kaufmann, S.M.

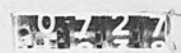
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Sacred Heart Indian Mission
 Elbowoods, N. D.

Mar. 9, 1931

Rev. Dear Manager,
 I have enclosed find also a letter by Mrs. Harry J. Clark,
 Secy. Treas., of Catholic Women's Missionary Socy, Bismock
 We already received a most wonderful box, or two of them, from
 this Missionary Socy during Christmas, now again a most useful
 shipment for the school. I am sure they would appreciate it very
 highly if they would receive a word from you.
 I will not be able to pay off (this year) the \$1100 which Rev.
 Peter Fehrenbach borrowed from me. I might during the last three
 years. Had to stick so much in debt already that I can hardly
 meet the present running expenses. I'm glad I did not know
 about until now in the beginning of my career in Elbowoods
 so it would have increased my worries so much more.
 Now I am forced to install a new Seles Light Plant, as the old one
 is too worn out and too weak to carry all the lights. A 1500 watt
 is what I must get. Trading in the old one, the expenses will still be about
 \$600. I hope and trust I shall be able to get the money some way.
 I hope too that you & Sr. Ryan will spend some time with us in the
 summer. May we figure on it?
 Thanks for the letter. Will try to
 get some news for next issue.

Sincerely, Rev. Reinhard Kaufman



TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

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SACRED HEART MISSION
ELBOWOODS, N. DAK.
March 9, 1931

Rt. Rev. dear Monsignor:

Enclosed find also a letter by Mrs. Harry J. Clark, Secretary-Treasurer of Catholic Women's Missionary Association, Bismarck, N. Dak. We already received a most wonderful box, or two of them, from this Missionary Association during Christmas, now again a most useful shipment for the school. Am sure they would appreciate it very much if they would receive a word from you.

I will not be able to pay off (this year) the \$1,100 which Rev. Peter Fehrenbach borrowed from Mr. Voigt during the last three years. Had to stick so much in debts already that I can hardly meet the present running expenses. Am glad I did not know about said sum in the beginning of my career in Elbowoods as it would have increased my worries so much more.

Now I am forced to install a new Delco light plant, as the old one is too worn out and too weak to carry all the lights. A 1500 watt is what I must get. Trading in the old one, the expenses will still be about \$600. I hope and trust in the Lord that He will send me the money some way. I hope too that you and Doctor Flynn will spend some time with us in the summer. May we figure on it?

Thanks for the write-up in The Sentinel. Will try to get some news for the next issue.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann

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SACRED HEART MISSION SCHOOL
ELBOWOODS P.O., NORTH DAKOTA

ENCLOSURE 40-14

March 9, 1931

Mrs. Frank Lambeseder
41 S Boardmen St.
Fond du Lac, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Lambeseder:

Permit me to thank you for your shipment
to our Mission. We received it quite a while ago, but on account
of some reason the answer was delayed. In a place like this a person
is always on the go.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your work of charity.
Our chief difficulties are the finances necessary to run the Mission
School. Although our school building should be replaced by a new
one, we must be satisfied if we can meet the expenses in keeping
the old one going.

With kindest regards, and many thanks,
I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

H. W. Erickson Kaufmann

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SACRED HEART MISSION SCHOOL
ELBOWOODS P.O., NORTH DAKOTA

ENCLOSURE
40-14

Miss Mary E. Magee,
211 Sinneckson, Street
Salem, N.J.

March 9, 1931

Dear Miss Magee:

Your shipment to our Mission has been received quite a while ago, but the answer was delayed for some time, as I was kept rather busy. Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your work of charity.

Our chief difficulties are the finances necessary to run the Mission School. The buildings need a lot of repairing, and the school buildings should necessarily be replaced by a new one. With these hard times, however, we must be satisfied if we can meet the most necessary expenses.

With kindest regards,
I remain thankfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Reinhard Kenjura

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ELBOWOODS P.O., NORTH DAKOTA

ENCLOSURE
40-14

Miss A. Bethiah H. Turner
59 Groveland St.
Haverhill, Mass.

March 9, 1931

Dear Miss Turner:

We received your box to our Mission and wish to extend to you a word of deep appreciation and sincere thanks. My answer was delayed, somehow or another, but that was not intentional. I am sure the good Lord will not fail to reward your charity and we will pray in order that he bestow his abundant Blessing upon you.

Our chief difficulty is to meet the running expenses of the Mission School. You can easily imagine the condition of a poor Mission in this time of common depression.

With best wishes, and sincere thanks,

V. Reinhold Kaufmann



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*St. Agnes Bernard
Jouquin Convent,
Pederhurst, N.Y.*

Mar. 13, 1931

Dear Sister & Children,

*I am very sorry to hear that you and
your little Mission friends have not received a
reply to your Christmas box which brought so much
joy to our Indian children. As I have a reply
on file I must come to the conclusion that
the letter must have gotten lost on the way.
It is the second time it happened and I hope
the last time too. I am very glad that the Bureau*

of Catholic Missions notified me.



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our children, about 80 in number, enjoyed
Christmas very much. We had a Christmas tree
on the eve of Epiphany on which occasion I
distributed the various gifts we received from
the Mission friends. Every child got something, the
boxes which were made up by school children were
the real joy for our little Indians. It is only too bad
that you could not be with us, so we could have had
a lot of fun together.

I am writing in the name of the children
and assure you that we do not neglect ^{to pay} for our
benefactors, how small they may be. I hope, too, that
you will not feel bad because you did not get an
answer sooner. You see "Santa" had to be stepping
around during Christmas and when he slipped some
into this coat pocket, others fell out again.

A happy Christmas to you all
Sacred Heart Mission by Rev. Theobald



40-14

March 26, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

I am sending to you today in a box of clothing, by prepaid freight, a statue of the Sacred Heart, the gift of Mrs. Sadie E. Day of Ohio.

Immediately upon receipt of this shipment, kindly send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to Mrs. Day. Do not mention the clothing to her, but thank her only for the statue.

Wishing you every joy during the Easter season, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB

40-14

March 30, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

I enclose original freight bill-of-lading for three cartons of note paper and one box of clothing shipped to you from this office on March 27. As you will see from the bill-of-lading, the charges amounting to \$3.08 were prepaid.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Megr. William Hughes,
Director.

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"Superintendent Stanion"

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St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

BISMARCK, N. D.

REV. JOHN A. H. SLAG, PASTOR

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Msgr. William Hughes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes :-

The substance of this letter is as follows: According to the letter of the Indian Department written to Mr. R. Stanion, Elbowoods, N.D., Mr. Stanion is not doing satisfactory work and is requested to resign. As far as I can tell, I think, that the Department is ill-informed. There are only a few Indians dissatisfied with the man as far as I know. I think he is an honest man, a square shooter all the way through. and the Indians know it. Rev. Case, the Protestant minister seems to try his best to blacken the man. Mr. Stanion is not a Catholic, but his refusal to get rid of Catholic employees without just cause seems to have aroused his hatred against the man. There is a Catholic nurse in the hospital and she is very much in his way. You can imagine in what way.

Mr. Stanion asked me to write this letter and he will send you all the information concerning the matter. I have not been on the Reservation since last winter, but from what I have gathered by meeting some of the leading Indians, Mr. Stanion is appreciated by the Indians every day. In my estimation it would be an injustice on the part of the Department to force Mr. Stanion's resignation without investigating the man's administration. It is my firm belief, that the man's record at Elbowoods stands investigation and he would welcome it.

I was never a special friend of Mr. Stanion and it was rather hard for me to get acquainted with the man and now I have absolutely nothing to do on the reservation, but for justice sake I feel, that I should assist him in this matter and also for the sake of the Indians, who in my judgment would lose a good man. If the Department listens to Rev. Case the Congregational minister at Elbowoods they will gather trouble without end and I do not think that they are so anxious to make their task more difficult than it is. If the Department investigates this matter a little better, it will have no cause to regret it.

I am helping out here in Bismarck over the Holy Days otherwise I am teaching at the College in Richardton, N.D. Father Reinhard Kaufmann I think is getting along well and the Indians seem to like him. Hoping to have the pleasure to meet you again out here in the West, I am with best wishes for a joyful Easter

yours fraternally

Rev. Peter Fehrenbach, O.S.B.

P.S. I know written this in hurry so kindly excuse the many mistakes.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 1, 1931

St. Mary's Cathedral

Bismarck,

North Dakota

Tell Father Peter Commissioner's mind cannot be changed. Letter follows.

Rev. William Hughes

Charge to Bureau of
Catholic Indian Missions
2021 H St., N.W., City.

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

April 2, 1931

Rev. Peter Fehrenbach, O.S.B.
Richardton
N. Dak.

Dear Father Peter:

Immediately after getting the long distance call of yourself and Superintendent Stanion, I called on Messrs. Lansdale, Personnel Officer, Garber, Chief Clerk, and Rhoads, Commissioner. They informed me that a number of Indian Office officials have recently called at Fort Berthold and the unanimous opinion is that there should be a change in superintendents especially in view of the \$2,000,000 which will be paid out in per capita payments. There is (according to the opinion of the Indian Office) someone needed there who will see that the Indians' individual money is spent wisely. Right or wrong, the mind of the Indian Office is made up that Superintendent Stanion is not the man for the job.

I understand that he has been offered the opportunity to apply for physical disability. On his twenty-eight years service, he knows that if he is so retired, he would get the highest possible pension, which I think is \$165. On any other retirement I believe the amount is not more than \$100. It is sometimes easy, sometimes hard to pass the examination allowing physical disability. It may be that that figure, \$165, applies only to disability resulting from injury while in the line of duty. But Mr. Stanion, no doubt, knows that law perfectly, or will seek information whereby he can get the best possible classification.

In the event that he does not ask for that retirement it might be that he would be given another superintendency at a reduced salary. But since the Indian Office does not want that alternative, the superintendency might be very low-salaried, or otherwise undesirable.

I am sorry that I can not accomplish anything.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Copy to Mr. Stanion

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April 4, 1931

Dear Monsignor Hughes,

Enclosed you find a copy of a letter which I sent to Commissioner Rhoads in defense of our Superintendent and for the general welfare of our Reservation. I wish you would try your utmost in influencing Commissioner Rhoads so that our protestant Minister, Mr. Case, will not succeed in his diabolical scheme.

It seems to me that Mr. Case and a few individuals who have been brought under his influence are trying to run the whole Reservation to satisfy their own selfishness. Because they fail to slip it over, they are scheming in a most detestable manner the removal of Superintendent Stanion who in my own eyes and in the eyes of the general public is considered an upright, honest and capable leader.

Yours truly,

Fr. Theobald Konfession

Sacred Heart Indian Mission

Elbowoods, N. D.

April 4, 1931

Mr. C. S. Rhoads
C. of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner:

Being in charge of Sacred Heart Mission School at Elbowoods and devoting my life as missionary to the interest and welfare of the Indians in our Reservation, I consider it my sacred duty to write to you a word regarding the meditated change of our Superintendent, Mr. Ralph Stanion, which change seems to be based on absolute false credentials.

I am in charge of my duties since October 1, 1930. During these six months I became sufficiently acquainted with facts and conditions of the Reservation to pass at least as sound a judgment regarding the actual administration of Mr. Stanion as most anybody in the Reservation.

Judging from your recent letter to our Superintendent, I must come to but one conclusion that some selfish and fanatic minister whose name I need not mention as he is a notorious trouble-maker in this locality has black-mailed our Superintendent by exaggerated and false accusations and unfounded complaints. I do not know what these are (I mind my own business), but if there were some grounds for them I could not help noticing them. You know that there are people who try to run someone else's business even at the expense of means most detestable in the eyes of any upright man.

To my mind, a man who has been put in charge of so important a duty has been entrusted with such on grounds of capability, prudence, conscientiousness and suitability. No honest person can deny these qualities in our present Superintendent.

I therefore think that the matter in question should be taken up undividedly and be decided after thorough investigation according to all principles of fairness and honesty. Failure of such procedure will not only defame an upright and honest character, but also make it unbearable for a successor.

Respectfully yours, *Rev. Reinhold Kaufmann*

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Elbowoods, N.D.
4/6/31

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Reverend Father Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written to the commissioner of Indian affairs to show my appreciation of Mr Stanion and the work he has done here.

He has been fair and impartial in his treatment of employees and Indians regardless of their religious affiliations.

The minister of the Congregational church is antagonistic because Mr Stanion does not attend his church.

This man tries to interfere in the affairs of the reservation and especially so since we have opened the hospital.

Two of the staff are Catholics (a nurse Miss McLaughlin and myself) and it seems as though we are singled out for unjust criticism.

Recently this minister supplied funds for a man to go to Washington for the purpose of "getting rid of" Mr Stanion and his friends (Mr Simon, Miss McLaughlin, Mr Eagle and myself, this man's representations are not true in any case.

I cannot go into the minutiae of the situation here as it would take up too much of your time, but I think you can understand from what I have written.

Trusting you will give this your consideration,

I am respectfully yours,

Mary H. McFee
Agency Physician.

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University of Catholic Indian Studies

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Ft Berthold Reservation, N.D.
4/5/31

Mr C.J. Rhodes,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have been agency physician at Ft Berthold for twenty-seven years and I feel that my record will speak for itself.

During my incumbency here have worked with five superintendents and without exception have enjoyed working with them and I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity of working with Superintendent Stanion to the fullest possible extent.

He has been invariably considerate and courteous and without the assistance and hearty support and encouragement that he has invariably accorded me I could not have accomplished what I feel has been accomplished during the past year and a half.

He has protected me against the affronts and insults and interferences of Mr Case, missionary here and I feel that he should be supported in his efforts to secure a fair and impartial treatment of all concerned with the reservation affairs.

There has been no cry of distress from this reservation during the past winter and the same is due to Mr Stanion's having made it his purpose to prevent the same and secure to the Indians sufficient and wholesome subsistence.

There is and has been less sickness during the past winter than during any similar time during my service here, particularly does this apply to intestinal disorders and such condition is due in a large measure to his consideration of the Indian's welfare.

The condition of the Indians in every way has materially improved during his term here and he has their respect and confidence in a full measure.

I have heard that Mr Stanion is to be transferred from this post and I would respectfully request that this statement be accepted as a mark of my appreciation for the service that he has performed here, the material benefits that he has brought to the Indians and the support that he has so consistently afforded me in my work.

Very respectfully yours,
Mary H. McKee
Agency physician.

"Superintendent Stanion"

40-14

April 10, 1931.

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

I have your letter of April 4 enclosing yours of the same date to Commissioner Rhoads.

I did not see copy of the Commissioner's letter to Superintendent Stanion from which you draw the conclusion that a bigot has accomplished his worst. I wish you had followed the long practice of Indian missionaries, not to mention the declared purpose of the Council of Baltimore which established this Bureau. If you had, you would have sent the letter through this Bureau to the Commissioner.

But I got a great laugh out of it. I kidded everybody but the Commissioner about it. I wish you knew these men at the head of the Indian Bureau. You would have to hand them a dictionary for them to learn what bigotry is. They simply do not know. The preacher did not have a thing to do with the decision concerning Superintendent Stanion. His name was not even known to the personnel officer, Lansdale, who really had the final decision.

Stanion made a failure of his previous superintendency at Northern Cherokee. The Indian Office is absolutely convinced that he is not the man to see that the Indians use the per capita money to their best advantage.

Yesterday I saw Lansdale again. He told me that the Office is considering an offer to Stanion of a position called (I think) Inheritance Adjuster. It pays \$2,900.

I have not had any letters from Superintendent Stanion. You might show him this, especially about the \$2,900 job, which of course is strictly confidential.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MW

Copy sent to Father Fehrenbach
4/10/31 WH:MW

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April 10, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

I have your letter of March 9, copy of which I enclose.

I am very sorry, but the Bureau is not in a position to help you. The only way in which the Bureau can help you is to insert in The Indian Sentinel your need for a Delco light plant. Of course you and I know the importance of this need. But the readers of The Indian Sentinel do not seem to think it so important.

I happen to know that on December 12, 1930 Doctor Flynn sent you \$1,000 to be used for your greatest needs. But I do not know whether he would help you again. ~~Without saying that I suggested it, because he acts on his own initiative and does very well, you might write to Doctor Flynn, addressing your letter to Rev. William J. Flynn, B.S., 105 East 22nd Street, Room 423, New York City. As you know, Doctor Flynn is Secretary General of the Marquette League for Indian Missions.~~

I am sorry to hear that you have to pay off the debt of \$1,000 borrowed from Mr. Voigt by Father Peter Fehrenbach.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

EW:JR

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April 10, 1931.

H.
Mary McKee, M. D.
Elbowoods
North Dakota.

Dear Doctor McKee:

I have your letter of April 6, enclosing copy of your letter to Superintendent Rhoads. I thank you for them.

Mr. Case had nothing to do whatsoever with the decision of the Commissioner and his numerous associates who formed the decision. Mr. Lensdale, personnel officer, who really is the Commissioner now in these matters, did not even know Mr. Case.

I understand that Mr. Stanion will be offered something good if not quite as good as what he has.

Yours very truly,

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

WHMW

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

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Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor,

Many thanks for the three cartons
of note paper, which, you may be sure, will
come very handy.

Sincerely,

Fr. Theobald Hoffman

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April 27, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

I have received the letter of April 14 from Commissioner Rhoads to yourself. I am returning it herewith.

It is perfectly true that the Indian Office is always glad to hear from anyone who has in mind the welfare of the Indians or the Indian service. But the way that is done is through this Bureau. Many thanks for letting me see the letter.

I saw Mr. Lansdale, personally last week, Thursday or Friday. He said that he had not yet heard from Superintendent Stanion in reply to the question, would he accept the position of examiner of inheritances?

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:TB

Sacred Heart Indian Mission

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Dear Monsignor,

Elbowoods, N. D. APR 27 1931

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If you need the negatives *photograms* which ones you want.

It is understood that you may use these articles and pictures according to suitability.

Enclosed find letter received from
Em. Rhoads.

F. Reinhard, Kaufman

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Rev. Dear Monsignor,

We try to get a translation of
 the two Father in our different Indian
 languages, but it will require a little
 time.

I also received your letter regarding
 Mr. Stanion. You may be sure that I had
 the best intention in my mind when com-
 municating with Commissioner Phoads, directly.
 I am still learning and am willing to learn
 a lesson. Had somebody told me that this course
 should have been followed, I would not have

communicated directly; I did not think of it at
the time. I am trying my best to work in harmony
with all fair principles of Christianity. Kindly
accept this as an apology.

Sincerely,
Fr. Richard K.

Orig. to donor
6/11/31 JR

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

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Mrs B. Parker
113 N Douglas St.
Los Angeles, Calif

June 1, 1931

Dear friend,

We have received your shipment to our Mission. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate the goods and how happy we feel to have such a good friend so far away. Kindly accept our sincere thanks.

Enclosed you find a picture of our first communicants. The teaching site, are Benediton from Garrison.

Very thankfully,

To Richard Kanyama

July 9, 1951

Copy

Sister M. Benedict OCB
Local Leader,
Garrison, N. Dak.

*Sacred Heart Mission School
Elbowarts, N.D.*

Dear madam,

I am pleased to be able to send you a check for 3.00
This is for prizes won at the northwest fair this year. The
following is the name of the prize winner, the amount of money
won and lot numbers. The lot number refers to the kind of
garment and same can be found by referring to the Fair Catalogue.

Lot No.	Placing	Name	Amt.
1 nightgown	5	Gertrude Sage	.75
1 "	6	Beulah Peckineau	.75
5 Work dress	6	Elizebeth Bird	.75
11 Cotton after- noon dress	6	Ruth Rabbithead	.75
			<u>3.00</u>

I am sending a copy of this letter to Father Reinhold as I am
sure he will be glad to know that your girls got some prizes
in competition with the girls of northwest North Dakota.

I want to congratulate you as local leader on the splendid
records that your girls have made during the year. I know
that you are going to do as well or even better next year.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Norling
A. L. Norling,
Co. Extension Agt.

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Sacred Heart Indian Mission

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Elbowoods, N. D.

July 19, 1931

Rt. Rev. *seer* Monsignor,

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I wish to thank you, in particular,
 for remembering our *from* Mission by sending
 us benefactors, as also for the news in the Sentinel.
 I don't know the pictures though which refer
 to our Mission. Perhaps the new ones are intended
 for the next issue.

Sincerely, F. Reinhard.

Copy for Bureau
" to I.S.

ENCLOSURE

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

July 17 1931

Rev Howard P. Lawton
Philadelphia
Rev Dear Father

I wish to thank you for the nice
check of \$22 and I thank the good Lord
for sending us friends even in these days of
depression. It looks very discouraging around
here as there is no crop in sight and the
keeping of cattle during the winter remains
a problem to us.

With sincere thanks,

Rev. Reinhold Kaufmann

Miss M. E. Moore 131 Doyle Ave
131 Doyle Ave Providence
Providence R.I.
R.I.

July 23 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufman C.S.B.
Dear Father

Quite some time ago
I saw an appeal from
you printed in the
Providence Visitor. ~~6~~
Catholic paper.

It appealed to me
and I determined to send

an offering as soon as I could
I am enclosing a small offering
for Masses I live in a large
City parish and the curate has
so many Masses ahead that
they always seem to have difficulty
saying mine so I would like to
find some priest who could
say a Mass for my intention
sometimes. I have a sister
who would also send some
intention if you feel that you
have time to say them.

I will enclose postage
and please let me hear
from you if the reaches
you.

The address wasn't printed
and I am taking quite a chance
Please say one Mass for my
Father, Mother, and Brother
who are dead.

Say one for brother who
are mentally ill.

Say the other for me and
help in a personal struggle
of my own. Could you say
them to St Jude. If you
can't say use the money
anyhow and say a prayer
for me

Miss M. E. Moore
131 Dore Ave

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9/2/31 with picture

M.B.
Miss M. E. Moore
131 Doyle Ave
Providence, R.I.

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Dear friend,

I have your letter of July 23rd
and wish to thank you for the Mass Intention
as well as for your kind letter. The Masses will be
said Aug 31, Sept 5, and October 28 on the feast
of St. Jude. I am also very glad to hear that
your sister is interested in the welfare of our
Mission. You may be sure that we appreciate what
our friends can do for us as we are in bitter
need of them.

The reason of the delay of the answer is that

your letter, on account of deficient address,
we first sent to Belcourt on the Reservation.
So please do not mind the delay.

Times are pretty hard in general and all
the more so in the Missions who depend
upon Charity. We have no crop at all this
year and the winter will cause plenty of
wories of all kind. I am taking care of
seven Missions (about 50 square miles) a
boarding school for Indian children, and
a farm. Last year we had over 80 children.
I am enclosing a post card picture of last
year. Surely you will be tickled to look at
some Indian "dollies".

With best wishes and sincere thanks,

F. Reinhard Kaufmann
Elbowoods, N. D.

40-14

August 27, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

On July 28, 1930 I ordered a monstrance from the Extension Society to be sent direct to Rev. Peter Fehrenbach, O.S.B. who was then in charge of Sacred Heart Mission.

As the monstrance has been paid for and I have not as yet received a letter of thanks from Father Fehrenbach for the donor, Miss Mary Bieker of Ohio, I am in doubt as to whether or not this shipment has been received.

I wonder if you can inform me about this shipment and if the monstrance has been received send me a brief note of thanks for transmittal to Miss Bieker. You can tell her that there has been a change in superiors at the mission.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Sacred Heart Indian Mission

Elbowoods, N. D.

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Miss Mary Dickson
Ohio

Dear friend,

big amount of thanks for the
to done 9/8/31 MB

beautiful moustaches you bought for our Mission
in July 1930 I have used it for almost a year
not knowing that this much needed gift had
not been thanked for

Rev Peter Fehrenbach was at that time in charge
of the Mission. He had a very hard time collecting
wasn't feeling any too well and then he had to
take charge of the musical department in the Richards
Abbey School as he was a music musician. I was always
under the impression that you had received a word of
thanks, but you may be sure that this was not forgotten in-
tentiously. My sincere thanks therefore for the highly
appreciated gift. Sincerely, Rev Richard Kaufmann, S.S.B.

Sacred Heart Indian Mission

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes
2021 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Elbowoods, N.D. 1931

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Dear Director,

at last! Well, I thought I could give you more definite information concerning our school and other conditions after one month of school. We had the first heavy frost last night so please excuse my scribbling.

This year (so far) we have enrolled 75 children (Indians and Whites - boarders and day pupils). As there are public schools in Elbowoods, Shell Creek and Independence and a Protestant Mission there in Elbowoods, and which so many government schools

can take the children free of charge, we could naturally not expect such a good number this year. Those Indians who belong to this Reservation and are having money know how to take advantage of the situation and we can hardly blame them for it. They are not yet brought up to the standard of considering the religious element as most essential. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of our children will have money to pay the monthly amounts of \$10 (board) and \$3 (day pupils). Although I would have liked to raise the amount, I thought it more prudent to leave it like last year. We must be satisfied that we are allowed that much, of course there are other children - Indian and Whites - who have absolutely nothing and I have not refused them.

To say the truth, this year I am more afraid of the financial part than last year, on account of complete crop failure and universal depression.

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

As far as crops are concerned in this country there is nothing equal to it in the past. We had not to say no snow last winter and no rain since August. We have to buy all the potatoes, the flour and feed for the cattle (except hay). The few white people we have are completely broke (six banks closed in one day) and the Indians are no more liberal toward the Church than they were before they had the money. I am not harping on that point as it would do only harm, but the fact remains that I am pined very badly financially. I have made out a schedule for the services in my Mission so that all the people can know and I shall try to live up to it. I am alone since June - have to look after the Mission, the school and the farm.

It is very hard to run the school especially when we cannot produce anything on the farm and have the additional obstacle of paying wages. I had two men all year because they were needed and I can say that I could hardly get better help. Coal and light will mean a big expense again this year. I do not know how I'll get through with the big burden but I trust in the Lord. You can raise up our ambition and with your help we shall be able to carry on. I hope that the Marquette League will not forget us. It will be very hard to make appeal and most of them will be in vain.

Mr. Page is doing splendid work and I am glad of his cooperation.

Trusting that the good Lord help me provide for the spiritual and temporal affairs, and appreciating your deep interest towards our needy Mission.

I am thankfully yours,
Fr. Reinhard O.S.B.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, North Dakota.
October 6, 1931

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2021 H St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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(Signed) Fr. Reinhard, O.S.B.

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BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS *40-14*
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

In addition to your own copy of the current issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL, you will receive a marked copy showing the item in which you are interested.

Should you desire extra copies of this issue for free and careful distribution among your friends, do not hesitate to write and ask me for them. Or if you prefer that I send the copies direct to your friends, give me their names and complete addresses, and I will mail the magazines from this office.

Yours in Christ,

W. Hughes
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Sacred Heart Indian Mission
Elbowoods, N. D.

Nov. 3, 1931

*needs noted by
K.M. 12/1*
I shall offer up in the course of
year 20 Holy Masses according to the intention
of the Catholic Indian Bureau, in answer to
your request of recent date (When timing).

Would be very glad if some friend of the
Mission would send me a Mass kit. The
mine have been so bad in my Missions
that I decided to take all the vestments to
Elbowoods. Many of them were really old
and not much good anymore, but now I
cannot use them any longer. I wish I could
get a Mass kit and a set of new vestments

This is really something necessary for my ^{Mission} work. I am not looking for something very expensive.

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Very thankfully,

Rev. Reinhold Koenigsmann

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Elbowoods, N. D.

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(Signed) Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann

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Epitaph & Director
 Rt. Rev. Dear Msgr. Hughes.

Your letter regarding
 those articles of clothing
 was forwarded to me
 and I attended to the
 matter today. Mr. Page
 and Sister Lawrence

will attend to the making
out of a list of such
needs.

Surprising, but I
am already three
weeks in the Hospital.

Had yellow jaundice
and tomorrow morning
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Sincerely,
Fr. Reinhard Kauf

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for Bureau
" " T.I.S.
" " Mis.

St. Alexis Hospital
Bismarck, N. Dak.
Nov. 24, 1931

Rt. Rev. Dear Msgr. Hughes:

Your letter regarding those articles of clothing was forwarded to me and I attended to the matter today. Mr. Page and Sister Gertrude will attend to the making out of a list of such needs.

Surprising, but I am already three weeks in this Hospital. Had yellow jaundice and tomorrow morning I shall be operated on, gall bladder and appendix. Am already prepared for the operation. A young priest is taking my place in the meantime, attending to the spiritual needs of the mission. I am taking care of the finances from here, at least have done so thus far. Was very glad to receive from the Bishop (from Very Rev. J. B. Tenny) an amount of \$1200; as we had no crops and as the expenses for the place are so numerous and out weighing the income and as I am confined to the bed and thus not able to work at present, I shall appreciate whatever financial help you I can get from any source. The mail is forwarded to me.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Fr. Reinhard Kaufmann

Copied by MB

[1931]

St. Alexius Hospital
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Nov. 24, 1914.

Very Rev. J. B. Tammilly
401 Michigan Ave.,
Wilmington, S. C.

Dear Doctor,

I wish to thank
you from the bottom
of my heart for the \$1200

which you sent to our
Mission. We surely
need the money. Kindly
accept my word of
thanks.

Here is some news,
surprising news. I am
already three weeks
in this hospital - had
yellow jaundice

13. Those \$1200 are half of my doctor!!!

and Tomorrow morning
at 8 AM I shall under-
go an operation -
gall bladder and
appendix. Am already
prepared for the operation
and am writing these
lines in bed. A young
pilot is in the mean-
time attending to the

spiritual needs of
the mission, the fin-
ances were taken care
of by me from here
and the rest can
write until I get
back. Hope it won't
be so tough.

With sincere thanks

Fr. Reinhard Kaufman
(Elbowoods)

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 Attch 2/15 BILHWA Post _____ Cts. _____
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 BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
 Letter to Rt. Rev. Magr. Boughey
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 Copy to _____ D.G. or Ref. _____
 Copy to _____
 Request made by W.B.

Dec. 11, 1931

Dear Magr. & Director,

As stated in my last letter
 I was operated November 25. Appendix
 and gall bladder were removed. Gall
 bladder and duct contained 3300 gall
 stones. Was quite sick for a few days
 after the operation. Am still confined
 to the bed but am recovering rapidly
 and expect to resume my duties at Elbow
 Woods not later than Christmas. Will have
 to go rather slowly I imagine. Am now
 almost six weeks in the hospital. Was
 first treated for yellow jaundice which was
 also caused by gall bladder trouble.

Am sorry that this trouble had to come
 up. Was hard up without this. No crop of any
 kind and yet the manifold demands. I hate
 to think of the hospital bill and yet cure means
 so much to me. I hope the good Lord will turn
 things so that we will come out alright. Am
 glad I can do a little work in bed, otherwise
 it would be so terribly lonesome. Am thinking
 of the Mission most of the time.

Thanking you for all past favors
 and wishing you a Blessed Christmas,
 I remain yours in Christ,
 Rev. Reinhard Kaupman
 W.B.

+ Could you probably get a
mass kit and a set of new
vestments for us from the Extension?

+ NB. Stipends seem to come in very
scarce of late.

+ Some questions seem to be necessary
with regard to the 40 acres of land
which were bought at Independence Mission.

1. Were the 40 acres deeded to the Catholic
Bureau of Indian Missions? or to whom?

2. Were the 40 acres bought exclusively for
Church and cemetery or are taxes
to be paid for all or part of the land
(the Indians pay about \$10 per year)
and who has to pay the taxes, if any.

3. Who is to receive the \$10 monthly rent
which the store located on said land
is paying (the Indians have taken it
so far).

Had intended to find out from
the Registrar of deeds in Marysville but
then took sick and now it is hard to
get there.

Will be glad to get a reply to these
questions because the Indians asked
me to find out and I like to have these
matters settled for all future.

Entered _____
Ad intentionem dantis 25 ✓
Pro defuncto _____
Pro defuncta _____
Pro pluribus defunctis 25 ✓
Pro animabus _____
Pro defuncto sacerdote _____

28 Check \$50.00 Sent to _____
Date _____

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Copy for Bureau
" " T.I.S.
" " Mis.

Bismark, N. Dak.
Dec. 11, 1931

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes
2021 H. St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Msgr. and Director:

As stated in my last letter I was operated on November 25. Appendix and gall bladder were removed. Gall bladder and duct contained 3,300 gall stones. Was quite sick for a few days after the operation, and still confined to the bed but am recovering rapidly and expect to resume my duties at Elbowoods not later than Christmas. Will have to go rather slowly I imagine. Am now almost six weeks in the hospital. Was first treated for yellow jaundice which was also caused by gall bladder trouble.

Am sorry that this trouble had to come up. Was hard up without this. No crop of any kind and yet the manifold demands. I hate to think of the hospital bill and yet cure means so much to me. I hope the good Lord will turn things so that we will come out alright. Am glad I can do a little work in bed, otherwise, it would be so terribly lonesome. Am thinking of the mission most of the time.

Thanking you for all past favors and wishing you a Blessed Christmas, I remain

Yours in Christ,

(Signed) Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.

Could you probably get a Mass kit and a set of new vestments for us from the Extension?

Stipends seem to come in very scarce of late.

Some questions seem to be necessary with regard to the 40 acres of land which were brought at Independence Mission. Were the 40 acres deeded to the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions? or to whom? Were the 40 acres bought exclusively for church and cemetery or are taxes to be paid for all or part of the land (the Indians say about \$10 per year) and who has to pay the taxes, if any? Who is to receive the \$10 monthly rent which the store located on said land is paying (the Indians have taken it so far).

Had intended to find out from the Register of deeds in Marmeg, but then took sick and now it is hard to get there.

Will be glad to get a reply to these questions because the Indians asked me to find out and I like to have these matters settled for all future.

Copied by MB.

Satan High School.

(MISS CHRYSAL THIES)
818 ROSEMONT AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 13, 1931

My dear Father:

Realizing fully the hardship that undoubtedly prevails in your Mission, we, the Satan High School Mission Society, are striving sincerely to gladden the hearts of your afflicted people at the coming season of Christmas. We

are sending to you under
 separate cover some articles
 which we trust may be used
 to some advantage.
 The articles have been
 acquired through the generosity
 of our great-hearted friends
 in view of their wonderful
 spirit, we would thank you, dear
 father, to kindly pray for
 them. Please pray also for
 our wonderful teachers
 through whose efforts
 this work of mercy was
 made possible.

Very sincerely,
 The remain

Daton High School Mission Society
 (Chicago, Illinois - Mission Station)

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December 15, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Reinhard:

I have your two letters of November 24 and December 11.

I am glad that you have come out so well after so severe an operation. The Doctor certainly discovered a stone quarry, enough to pave the road from Garrison to the mission.

When you go back to work, you must take it easy.

Since you mention the scarcity of Mass intentions, I assume that you need some. I enclose Bureau check for \$50 for 50 stipends as listed.

The Mass kit and vestments can probably be gotten by my asking in the Winter (January) issue of The Indian Sentinel. Whatever we get from Extension, we pay for, although at low prices. We buy only chalices and ciborium from Extension.

I will ask Mr. Eugene J. Welch, our Secretary, to look into and write you the answer to the land question. Off-hand, I would say that the \$10 monthly rental should go to the Indians, but you should tell them that it is for the support of the children in the school and a little of it for taxes on the property occupied by the store and not by the church and cemetery.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:MB

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December 30, 1931

Rev. Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.
Sacred Heart Mission
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

Dear Father Kaufmann:

With further reference to my letter of December 15, I had our Secretary, Mr. Eugene J. Welch, look into the matter concerning the land title. Our records show that the Bureau has not title either by deed or fee simple patent for the 40 acres of land on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The Bureau does have title to the three following described parcels of land:

(1) Fee simple patent issued October 5, 1916 by the Secretary of the Interior to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, containing 160 acres and described as follows:

The S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33 in Township 148, North of Range 90, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, North Dakota. Filed for record October 26, 1916, in Book P 13, page 504, McLean County.

(2) Fee simple patent issued June 17, 1915 by the Secretary of the Interior to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, containing 2.50 acres described as follows:

The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 150, North of Range 91, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, North Dakota. Filed for record August 27, 1915, in Book P 13, page 481, McLean County.

(3) Deed made and entered into by Yellow Corn, etal (heirs of Sitting Bull), grantor, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, grantee, dated June 3, 1910 for four acres described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the section line 9 chains west of the quarter corner between Section 9 and 16; thence running due west a distance of 4 chains; thence due south 10 chains; thence due east 4 chains; thence due north to the place of beginning in Section 16, in Township 150 North of Range 91, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, North Dakota. Filed for record January 6, 1910 in Book D 6, page 357, McLean County.

Mr. Welch inquired at the Indian Office to see if they had record of the 40 acres of land about which you asked. The Land Section informed him that they could not tell unless they had a description of the land by metes and bounds. Therefore, if you will send me a description of the land, I will then have the Indian Office look up their records and see to whom the land was granted.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

KW:JR

~~ZEROS WITH RIMS KNOCKED OFF~~

[A31]

My dollars are not much more than zeros with the rims knocked off. It needs real money to keep this place going, about twelve thousand dollars a year. The farm was a failure last season. I had to buy two hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes and about a ton of cabbage.

The buildings of Sacred Heart Mission, North Dakota, are in ^{very} rather poor shape. Only the church, the rectory and the hall have been painted and that only on the outside. The church needs repairs inside. The rectory could stand repairs, too, and needs decent furniture. All this we can take care of ourselves, provided we can pay for it. The farm needs a lot of attention. The machinery is standing outside all winter because there is no place to shelter it, the barn needs a solid foundation, extension, painting and improvements. Pigs and chickens need better quarters, if we want to make the farm a paying proposition. The convent building looks most dilapidated. In this building we have two schoolrooms and the sewing room, the workshop downstairs and the workmen's quarters upstairs. From the outside the building looks like a shack and about the inside we can say nothing in praise except that it is kept perfectly clean. You see, everything needs fixing, and repairs cost.

I know that we need a new school very badly. We have Mandan, Gros Ventre and Arickaree children. But I will not build unless I have funds for the undertaking. The Sisters are doing wonderful work, God bless them. They work terribly hard for the children and keep things immaculate. But the school building is a first-class fire-trap. If a fire should break out at night, I fear many lives would be lost, ~~too~~. I had the building insured for another year. If possible I am going to start a fund for the new school and as soon as we have enough money, we shall put up the building. But the running expenses must be taken care of first. The Sisters are not receiving a red cent, and I think they are entitled to remuneration for their hard work, especially since they have a small community and their motherhouse is in need. The shipments we have received through THE INDIAN SENTINEL have been a great help to us. I hope those good benefactors will continue to remember us until we get out of the woods.

(Rev.) Reinhard Kaufmann, O.S.B.