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UMATILLA RESERVATION, ST. ANDREW'S MISSION SCHOOL  
1931

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January 6, 1931.

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S. J.,  
St. Andrew's School, R.1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$324 covering payment due  
your school, from the I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended December 31, 1930.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgrs. William Hughes,  
Director.

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ST. ANDREWS SCHOOL R. 1 Box 55  
 CATHOLIC MISSION  
 PENDLETON, OREGON

*Jan 7 th. 1931*

*Rev. Rev. Mons. Wm. Hughes  
 Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions*

*Dear Rev. Father:*

*I was obliged to send  
 you a roughshod report depending  
 on my teacher who has little clerical  
 genius. After it was sent I  
 under high pressure work, I  
 realized that some minor inaccuracies  
 would call for readjustment to  
 make your copy correspond in  
 non-substantial details with the  
 copy today sent to the Interior  
 thru Mr Babcock's office. So I am  
 sending you this mail's new Report  
 copy to be kept in your files as the  
 former one if you see fit may light some  
 body's pipe. *Grateful busy. Be patient with  
 me and I'll catch up in my correspondence.*  
 Yours fraternally *G. T. Corbett**



Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.,  
St. Andrew's Mission,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$501, covering payment  
due your school, from the M. K. Fund, for the quarter ended December  
31, 1930.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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January 9, 1931

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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL, HECK RD  
ANS. Catholic Indian Missions  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
Letter Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1931  
Order filled Work Slip O.K.  
Del.

Rt. Rev. Messrs. Hughes  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rev. Father:

I am forwarding you the type-written enclosure for your information. As you may perceive it is a copy of an official document sent through Supt. Omar L. Babcock's office in due form to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. So I suppose the original must long since have come to the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Who is the writer? Not Father Corbett. It came to my knowledge only after it was a "fait accompli." So St. Andrews has had nothing to do with its composition and forwarding. That leaves me out and you out but I needed just such a case to be able to answer your one-time question: "Is the local Supt. 'Major' Omar L. Babcock friendly?" Now I know he is not and never was. I can psychologize the workings of his mind and can understand why he has been so

hard to put my finger on the trouble makers  
for our non-political but Christ-like Catholic  
welfare work for the good of the poor little Indians  
and their friends. With this case I have the  
key to Major Babcock's devious mind and can  
write from the sanction of my own quarters his history  
and the history of his devious administration.  
No wonder H. Ball went to pieces: but there is  
no danger that Corbett will be out-written by Omar  
and his ring (for I am persuaded he has a ring  
that takes in the Prohibition - Enforcement Officers  
and the Rev. Jimmy Cornelson white Indian-divorced  
and white remarried protestant minister of the  
local Indian Tukwila Mission + some KKK's of Pseudition)  
I have dealt nobly with Omar but now I know that  
he has not acted nobly with St. Andrews. But my  
grievances can wait for I feel in my bones that  
the Field Nurse has Omar on the run and that  
all I need do is to watch sweetly and silently wait.  
She clever Omar has met his match in a woman.  
How do I know? Well this Field Nurse happens  
to be a practical Catholic woman as well as a  
very efficient and conscientious Indian worker.  
She is white and an experienced social worker  
belonging to Supp. Babcock's Staff. Her name  
is Mrs. Grace Hillius. Babcock tried to crush her  
and at first in disgust and without advice from me  
she sent in her resignation. Then I heard of it. I  
advised her through Sr. Teresa to recall it which she did  
and fight for her rights. This letter shows that she  
is doing just that. Babcock now is afraid and in a

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panic for a Dr. Warner has come as a special investigator from Portland and if he is not a liar his report will favor the Felt murder and disfavor Babcock as a rabid anti-Catholic. Moreover, Babcock in the last few days is in trouble with Catholic Indians over a first-degree Murder Case - 2 Indians involved one dead with Extreme Duress before a District Indian the other standing trial soon State case now. This can wait; My Indians have engaged 2 lawyers by themselves Corbett will silently watch and wait.

But this can wait - we will watch developments and keep you posted.

To return to the matter in hand:

Mrs. Grace Fillius is going to fight Babcock to a finish. I have warned her to be silent, watchful and guard against a frame-up.

At my suggestion she has engaged a fine Catholic lawyer John Kilkenney KofC. the newly appointed Pendleton City Attorney to advise her. He belongs to the firm of lawyers very close to Senator Steiwer.

In your information too the Miss You have mentioned in Mrs. Fillius official letter is a baptized Catholic and white whose people in Montana I am told are well known to Senator Walsh. Though she was residing at the Agency within the limits of my quasi-parish, she never

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came to St. Andrews as far as I know for church.  
Apparently she was a wayward Catholic  
who did not practice her religion and  
purposely kept away from the priest  
till tragedy came into her life.  
All I know of her came to me through  
Mrs. Filius after the tragedy had taken  
place.

But if she had only appealed to me  
in her trouble, I would have found means  
to protect her and save her from the gloating  
triumph of abnormal inquisitors and  
Catholic-baiters. But I shall protect her now.

Babecek is anxious to get her within  
his reach to play her weakness against the  
Noble Mrs. Filius (he did it once before) but Mrs.  
Filius has herself placed her in a safe  
legally protected retreat in Portland (non-Catholic)  
and when next Babecek confronts her it will be  
before witnesses and one of them a Catholic lawyer  
and he will gaze into eyes alight with sacrificing  
grace and the redeeming love of Mary Magdalene's  
Defender and Friend.  
Yours fraternally,  
J. T. Corbett S. J.



TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR:

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ST. ANDREW'S MISSION SCHOOL,  
PENDLETON, OREGON.  
January 15, 1931

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rev. Father:

I am forwarding you the typewritten enclosure for your information. As you may perceive it is a copy of an official document sent through Superintendent Omar L. Babcock's office in due form to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. So I opine the original must long since have come to the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Who is the writer? Not Father Corbett. It came to my knowledge only after it was a "fait accompli." So St. Andrew's has had nothing to do with its composition and forwarding. That leaves me out and you out but I needed just such a case to be able to answer your one-time question: "Is the local Superintendent 'Major' Omar L. Babcock, friendly?" Now I know he is not and never was and I can psychologize the workings of his mind and can understand why it has been so hard to put my finger on the trouble-makers for our non-political but Christ-like Catholic welfare work for the good of the poor little Indians and their friends. With this case I have the key to Major Babcock's devious mind and can write from the sanctum of my own quarters his history and the history of his devious administration.

No wonder Father Boll went to pieces. But there is no danger that Corbett will be out-witted by Omar and his ring (for I am persuaded he has a ring that takes in the prohibition-enforcement officer and the Rev. Jimmy Cornelson, White Indian divorced and White remarried Protestant minister of the local Indian Tutuilla Mission and some K.K.K.'s of Pendleton.) I have dealt nobly with Omar but now I know that he has not acted nobly with St. Andrews. But my grievances can wait for I feel in my bones that the field nurse has Omar "on the run," and that is all I need do is to watch sweetly and silently wait. The clever Omar has met his match in a woman.

How do I know? Well this field nurse happens to be a practical Catholic woman as well as a very efficient and conscientious Indian worker. She is white and an experienced social worker belonging to Superintendent Babcock's staff. Her name is Mrs. Grace Fillins. Babcock tried to crush her and at first in disgust and without advice from me she sent in her resignation. When I heard of it, I advised her through Sister Serena to recall it, which she did, and fight for her rights. This letter shows that she is doing just that. Babcock now is afraid and in a panic for a Doctor Warner has come as a special investigator from Portland and if he is not a liar his report will favor the field nurse and disfavor Babcock as a rabid anti-Catholic. Moreover, Babcock in the last few days is in trouble with Catholic Indians over a first degree murder case--two Indians involved, one dead with Extreme Unction, before a DeSmet Indian, the other standing trial soon State case now. This can wait. My Indians have engaged two lawyers by themselves. Corbett will silently watch and wait. But this can wait--we will watch developments and keep you posted.

To return to the matter in hand. Mrs. Grace Fillins is going to fight Babcock to a finish. I have warned her to be silent, watchful and guard against a frame-up. At my suggestion she has engaged a fine Catholic lawyer, John Kilkenny, Knights of Columbus, the newly appointed Pendleton City attorney, to advise her. He

belongs to the firm of lawyers very close to Senator Steiwer.

For your information too, the Miss Truhan mentioned in Mrs. Fillins' letter is a baptized Catholic and White whose people in Montana I am told are well known to Senator Walsh. Through she was residing at the agency within the limits of my quasi-parish, she never came to St. Andrew's as far as I know for church. Apparently she was a wayward Catholic who did not practise her religion and purposely kept away from the priest till tragedy came into her life. All I know of her came to me through Mrs. Fillins after the tragedy had taken place.

But if she had only appealed to me in her trouble I would have found means to protect her and save her from the gloating triumph of abnormal inquisitors and Catholic-baiters. But I shall protect her now.

Babcock is anxious to get her within his reach to play her weakness against the noble Mrs. Fillins (he did it once before) but Mrs. Fillins has her placed in a safe legally protected retreat in Portland (non-Catholic) and when next Babcock confronts her it will be before witnesses and one of them a Catholic lawyer and he will gaze into eyes alight with sanctifying grace and the redeeming love of Mary Magdalen's Defender and Friend.

Enough for the present. Advise me confidentially--Corbett is a straight line.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. T. Corbett, S.J.

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[Enclosure]

December 17, 1930

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Last Thursday, December 11, I sent you a telegram stating that I would be gone from the agency a few days on official business. I left the same message for the Superintendent, Major Babcock. This letter is to explain the nature and necessity of the trip.

I will try to eliminate all detail and give only the important facts and principles involved.

The new stenographer, Miss Truhan, shared my kitchen and dining room as well as bathroom facilities. This arrangement seemed quite satisfactory until she developed a venereal disease in a communicable form. She did not confide in me, but I was convinced in my own mind from various symptoms and facts, just what her condition was. It was an initial infection and in the most communicable stage. She was not careful to protect me from the danger of contagion since she continued to use my dishes, handle the food, use the hand towel, etc., even after she had a large lesion on her lip which might or might not have been infectious.

I did all I could to get her under treatment by stressing the importance of seeing a doctor about the symptoms which were apparent and encouraging her to insist on a complete physical examination and definite diagnosis.

She finally went to Dr. Kavanaugh. He thought she was an Indian and would likely not be honest in the matter of paying her bill so he was indifferent. He told her that the enlarged inguinal gland was just a strain and the sore throat, etc., just a cold and in spite of the fact that she volunteered the information that she had been exposed to syphilis, he did not take a Wasserman until she got hysterical and demanded it. (This, by the way, indicates a problem involved in adequate medical advice for the Indian.) In this way much valuable time was lost before she

began treatment. She told me what the doctor said about the number and price of the treatments necessary for her condition. She felt she could not afford it and in spite of my urging her to continue treatment, regardless of the price, she decided to quit.

I then felt that it was my duty to discuss the situation with the Superintendent, although it was only a suspicion on my part, but I had decided on a definite plan as a social worker and wanted the cooperation of the Superintendent to force the issue of her either moving out or staying under treatment. Since I have had training in social case work I felt fully competent to make the official investigation for Major Babcock if he so desired. I confided the situation to him and outlined my plan. He said he would investigate. I then offered my services to make official investigation. He refused them, preferring rather to put the matter in the hands of the Prohibition Enforcement officer, Mr. Hoskins. I continued to assist Major Babcock with what information I could furnish and when he said she would have to leave if conditions were as I suspected I only asked the privilege of handling the medical and social problem when she would be faced with the realization of her condition and the loss of her work. I had reason to think that the doctor had not yet told her the seriousness of her disease. His answer to me was that he did not yet know how he would handle it until he gathered the information.

When Major Babcock found that the assertion was positive he proceeded to take the matter up with her personally Tuesday, December 9. When I got home that evening she was extremely angry at me and accused me of duplicity and scorned me as a traitor due to her impression gathered in the talk with Major Babcock. I convinced her in no uncertain terms that I had only done my duty in discussing the matter with the Superintendent and that she should remember that while the matter might be considered none of my concern if I lived in a separate house, nevertheless it was decidedly my business under the circumstances to protect myself since she made no effort to do so. After I had convinced her of my true stand in the matter I advised her not to return to duty the following day but to get away as soon as possible and get under treatment. Her doctor had told her she was not in a communicable condition so she saw no reason of taking my advice and went back to work the next morning.

I made an effort on Wednesday to plan for her immediate future, quietly, since publicity in the matter would only work hardship for her as well as be detrimental to the service. When I returned in the evening I found her shocked and bewildered over the occurrences of the day. From what she said it would seem that the Superintendent had impressed her more with the religious and moral and social aspects involved than the necessity of early treatment and the control of infection. The full realization all at once of her changed social and economic condition was more than she could stand and she could see only one way out of the muddle and that was self-destruction. She was unable to plan or initiate



S.O.F. to Commissioner  
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anything so I took the matter in hand and took her to Portland and arranged for her care and treatment. I then reported to the Veterans' Bureau for examination and prophylactic advice.

Immediately on my return Major Babcock told me to make out a request for leave without pay covering the time I was gone. He seemed angry and said I had no right to travel without orders from him, accused me of wanting him to cooperate with me when it was my place to cooperate with him; said I had apparently been looking for trouble for some time and now I could have it for he was going to ask for an investigation. Now the facts of the matter are, I did not know if I could or couldn't make the trip without his authority, but I decided to act as the emergency seemed to demand.

In the matter of cooperation when I saw he wanted to do the investigating I laid not a straw in his way and did what more I could to assist. Had he been willing to work with me on the case I feel sure it could have been handled with much less publicity. However, after it was handled as he saw best and I had the girl on my hands in a condition of panic I was afraid to confer with him again since my first conference had proved so disastrous.

As for my looking for trouble, I am not. I had plenty at Canton and only want to do my duty with due respect to all my superiors and consideration for those I serve, and work in harmony. I asked Major Babcock when I first came to please advise me in case I did anything of which he disapproved and I still wish it. I have acted in good faith and feel sure, considering the circumstances, if the Superintendent so desired, that the matter could be adjusted satisfactorily.

I know so little about rules and regulations and if you tell me to apply for leave without pay, under these circumstances, I will do so. She bore the expense of the trip out to Portland, (I used my own car) I stayed at a friend's house at night and I took my lunch so the expense of the trip was only the gas and oil for the return, amounting to \$4.08. May I make this claim? Please advise me.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. G. O. Gillius  
Field Nurse

cc/Superintendent.



MEMO FOR DOCTOR GUTHRIE

January 23, 1931

From the evidence it has on hand, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is of the opinion that Mrs. Grace Fillins, field nurse, Umatilla Reservation, Oregon, showed excellent judgment in handling the care of Miss Truhan and should be protected and commended.

January 24, 1931.

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S. J.,  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your letter of January 15 with enclosure. I enclose copy of your letter.

Doctor Guthrie, Chief Medical Director, is absent from the Indian Office. And so is Miss Gregg, Supervisor of Nurses, who had been handling the case of Mrs. Fillius. Doctor White, Assistant Chief Medical Director, assured me that Mrs. Fillius will not be reprimanded. He knows the case.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_ Ent. \_\_\_\_\_  
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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL R. 1 Box 55 \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHOLIC MISSION \_\_\_\_\_  
PENDLETON, OREGON \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1931 \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy to \_\_\_\_\_ Check sent \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Rev Father:

The Umatilla Agency Field Nurse  
Mrs. Grace Fillius informs me that the  
head Washington Gov't Nurse Miss Gregg  
is sending District Nurse Miss Morgan  
as woman Inspector.

By the way since Mrs. Fillius  
got on the job, our School Children have  
been receiving medical attention and  
consideration in a very cooperative way.  
Besides being a trained nurse and  
an ex-School teacher she is a well-praised  
social worker and a practical Catholic  
and therefore not antagonistic to our  
work.

Yours fraternally  
J. T. Corbett A.J.

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ST. ANDREW'S MISSION,  
PENDLETON, OREGON.  
January 28, 1931

Dear Rev. Father:

The Umatilla Agency Field Nurse, Mrs. Grace Fillius, informs me that the head Washington Government nurse, Miss Gregg, is sending district nurse, Miss Morgan, as woman inspector.

By the way, since Mrs. Fillius got on the job our school children have been receiving medical attention and consideration in a very cooperative way. Besides being a trained nurse and an ex-school teacher, she is a well-poised social worker and a practical Catholic and therefore not antagonistic to our work.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. T. Corbett, S.J.

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January 28, 1931.

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Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.,  
St. Andrew's School, P. O. Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$50.00  
designated to be sent to you for January 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. Magr. William Hughes,  
Director.



UMATILLA RESERVATION  
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SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR INDIAN  
BOYS AND GIRLS  
REV. J. T. CORBETT, S. J.,  
GEN. SUPT.

# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

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INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS

ROUTE 1, Box 55

PENDLETON, OREGON

Feb. 3rd. 1931

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Rev. Rev. Magr. Wm. Hughes,  
Director, Bureau Catholic Indian Mission  
Washington D. C.

Dear Rev. Father:

The Angel of death has called at St. Andrew's Mission and Brother Joseph Maudala S.J. has been called to his reward. R.I.P. He died at St. Anthony's Hospital, Pendleton, Oregon Jan. 29th. 1931 6:50 PM on the feast of St. Francis de Sales after a novena of patient suffering and persevering prayer. He had lived 69 years, 26 of which were spent in religion as a humble lay brother of the Society of Jesus.

On Tuesday Jan. 21st whilst pruning a fruit-tree in the Mission Orchard Brother fell breaking his collar-bone & 5 ribs besides having his left lung pierced. Brought to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton he asked and received Extreme Unction on Wednesday evening. After 8 days of suffering and prayer he wanted to rise. The doctor gave permission, but after a few moments he realized that his working days were over. He was put back to bed. His agony was begun; the priest was summoned and came to administer spiritual comfort. After a half-hour of prayer and communing with Jesus Mary and Joseph, Brother Maudala gave up his soul to God. He had lived a holy life; he died a holy death.

His funeral took place on Saturday Jan. 31st at St. Joseph's Church of St. Andrew's Mission and Fr. Corbett accompanied his body to Mt. St. Michael's Seminary, Hillgard, Wash. and in the Jesuit plot there where lies the body of Father Cataldo, all that was mortal of Brother Maudala was consigned to the keeping of "God's Acre" at 8 a.m. Sunday Feb. 1st. Some 150 Brothers in religion, priests, scholastics and lay brothers assisted prayerfully at the obsequies.

Whilst Brother's body lay in state in Pendleton Friday evening Jan 30th two of my uniformed Cadets recited with me the Rosary in Indian and then led it in English for the delegation of Catholic Pendleton ladies.

When on Saturday morning Jan. 31st the funeral cortege reached the Mission grounds, it was met by the uniformed Indian boys of the Catholic Boys' Brigade followed by the girls of our School and a procession was formed. As the children marched to the Church, the girls prayed the beads and the Boys' Band played a Funeral March and Sacred hymns. The cortege then entered the Church and the prayerful summons. Fr. Corbett met the funeral procession at the Church and immediately proceeded to the offering of the holy Sacrament. At the "Libera" Fr. Corbett reminded the congregation that Brother Joseph Maudala had been a true Indian Missionary by a life of hard work and persevering prayer; he had been good to God and he had been good to him and we were proud to honor his missionary zeal and charity by prayer and sacrifice. I felt proud to state that all our School children representing the gratitude of all the Indians had offered up for the repose of Brother's soul.

their morning holy Communion and beads.

In the sanctuary were present my worthy assistant Indian missionary  
Fr. Joseph Lafoie S. J., Fr. Joseph McKenna S. J. pastor of St. Mary's Church  
Pondleton and Fr. Walsh, Chaplain of St. Anthony's Hospital Pondleton.

In the Congregation besides our school children there were present some  
older Indians and a big delegation of the Sisters of St. Francis from the  
St. Anthony's hospital and St. Joseph's Academy of Pondleton.

After the Mass the procession formed again and our children  
marched as an honorary escort accompanying the funeral car  
to the highway while the Band played "Lead Kindly Light"  
and "Nearer My God to Thee" etc. Arrived at the highway the Indian  
Boys' Brigade saluted, the flag was held at half-mast, and six  
buglers sounded "Taps" as farewell. Then the body was taken  
to the Pondleton Undertaking parlors preparatory for shipment to  
Spokane and Mt. St. Michael, the while prayerful visits were  
made by our older Indians. Hundreds of masses were offered up for Brother  
Mudde. Thus did we Indians honor <sup>him</sup> whom the King wished to  
honor.

Yours fraternally,  
J. T. Corbett O. J.

P.S. You have a good picture of Brother with his  
old wheelbarrow. I may send you another later.  
J. T. C.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL,  
PENDLETON, OREGON.  
February 3, 1931

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,  
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rev. Father:

The angel of death has called at St. Andrew's Mission and Brother Joseph Mandala, S.J., has been called to his reward. R. I. P. He died at St. Anthony's Hospital, Pendleton, Oregon, January 29, 1931, at 6:50 p.m., on the feast of St. Francis de Sales, after a novena of patient suffering and persevering prayer. He had lived 69 years, 26 of which were spent in religion as a humble lay brother of the Society of Jesus.

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honorary escort accompanying the funeral car to the highway whilst the band played "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer my God to Thee" etc. Arrived at the highway the Indian Boys' Brigade saluted, the flag was held at half mast and six buglers sounded "taps" and farewell. Then the body was taken to Spokane and Mt. St. Michaels the while prayerful visits were made by our older Indians. Hundreds of Masses were offered up for Brother Mandala. Thus did we Indians honor him whom the King wished to honor.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. T. Corbett, S.J.

You have a good picture of Brother with his old wheelbarrow. I may send you another later.

J.T.C.

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Mr. John McElroy,  
4 Worthington St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mission Friend:

I thank you heartily for the "America" Magazines you recently sent me. I have put them to work where their message will carry on.

It's my idea that Catholic periodicals should travel round the world and die only after a long and useful life. There's a great deal of kinetic energy latent energy in these missionaries of Catholic Action. And why is it that so many of these are burned at the stake for a breakfast holiday when Uncle Sam stands ready to prolong their life by travel throughout the mission fields?

Congratulations on your enterprise and alertness.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.

Copied by CB.

St. Andrew's School,  
R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.  
February 13, 1931.

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February 18, 1931

Sister M. Serena,  
R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sister Serena:

The enclosed copy of order form will inform you that I am placing  
order today for six candlesticks for the altar at St. Andrew's Mission.

Kindly send me a letter of thanks for transmittal to the donor,  
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Donnelly, Brooklyn, New York.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:MB.

The candlesticks are given in memory of the donor's deceased son,  
John Donnelly.

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February 19, 1931

Sister M. Serena,  
St. Andrew's Mission,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sister Serena:

I have obtained from Rev. Edward F. Carescho, S.J., President of the Medical Mission Board, an offer to send medical supplies to a few of our neediest missions. Your mission may be one. Please list your needs on the enclosed blank and return the blank to this Bureau. I can not promise you to get from the Medical Board all the supplies you need.

Yours in Christ,

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

WJ:MP

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Return this COPY to BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
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Sister M. Serena,  
R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sister Serena:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$20.00 covering  
the gift of the Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls of De Sales Heights, W. Va., and  
designated for St. Andrew's Mission.

Upon receipt of this donation, please write a letter of  
thanks to the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal  
by me to the donors.

Yours in Christ.

*Wm Hughes*

WH:MB.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

Received the check named above

(Signed) *Sister M. Serena*

(This form satisfies the Bureau but not the donor. Send me letter for  
donor. Pictures mean much both to the donor and to THE INDIAN SENTINEL.)

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February 20, 1931

Sister Serena,  
St. Andrew's Mission,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sister Serena:

I have received today a gift of \$25 from Miss Margaret Rice,  
New York, for the purchase of a Medical Mission Kit to be sent to a  
needy mission. I have chosen your mission.

Upon receipt of this Kit, please write a letter of thanks to  
the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal by me to  
the donor.

Yours in Christ,

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

WRH:MP



February 20, 1931.

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Rev. J. E. Corbett, S.J.,  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

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

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.

WH:MC





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and Confidential*

St. Andrews Mission R. 1. Box 55

Received by Mr. J. J. [unclear] March 15 1931  
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Copy to I.B. [unclear] D.G. or Ref. [unclear]

Re: Rev. Messrs. Wm. Hughes  
Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rev. Father:

You have a copy of the letter of the local Catholic Field Nurse re the unfortunate Truhau case with my observations thereon. As Miss Truhau had resigned from the Indian Service and thanks to the Christian womanly goodness of the Field Nurse Mrs. Grace Fillius was out of reach of St. Omar Babcock's pharisaic persecution, I found out her address thru Mrs. Fillius and wrote her a few lines to encourage her to make for peace with God, assuring her at the same time that "with the grace of God in her heart, what was worst for the past would be best for the future". On the second day of March, I received a reply from her in Seattle stating that she had made her peace with God and had come back to prayer and the practice of her religion. Introducing her communication she wrote: "I received your very kind letter some time ago, for which I wish to express my sincere thanks, for it came just at a time when I seemed to be most overwhelmed with despair and it cheered and encouraged me more than I can ever tell you. I did as you requested me to do, Father, and a most miraculous thing has happened. A good Christian physician has pronounced her free from the 'temporal punishment' that goes with certain 'indiscretions' and a position in the Bureau of Public Roads at Portland has been offered her thru the Chief Engineer's recommendation to Washington D.C. but she adds: 'It all depends on whether or not Mr. Babcock has kept his promise to me to not report my case to the Civil Service Commission.' I told Mrs. Fillius to tactfully hint to Mr. B that Miss Truhau has influential friends interested in her welfare. Lindquist, since last I wrote, another Inspector, has come a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners. St. Omar B introduced him to me as a man who knew more about the Indian question than himself or myself. I am certain that he knows more than St. Omar, but I am not at all convinced that he knows as much as you or myself. He had several meetings with the Indians at the Agency ostensibly to hear their grievances, but it came out in the local paper that he was a great friend and former school-mate of the local divorcee - protestant missionary (God save the mark!) Rev. Jimmy Corneilson and so preached in the Indian protestant mission - church. My Indians related to me thru Mr. Finn that the question came up about selling the to-be-abandoned Agency grounds to the Odd Fellows - a pet project of St. Omar Babcock. It seems the Catholic and pagan Indians were strong against this and strong for keeping these buildings and lands for Indian public use. The Commissioner's invitation to preach at the 'Vahela Mission' over Sunday was I am convinced engineered by Babcock and his 'Leuchman' Rev. Jimmy Corneilson, to line up the minority protestant Indians against the rest of the Indians.

If Babcock and Jimmy succeed in handing over the Agency grounds to the Odd Fellows they will, I am told, build a "National Odd Fellows' Home" there and the U. M. C. A. will be invited to superintend Athletics for the Indians. This will give prestige to protestantism in the eyes of the Indians and will serve to discredit the missionary efforts of the Catholic priest. How is it that an Indian protestant minority group regards the Agency grounds as a quasi-adjunct of protestant missionary activity and that my Catholic Indians are made to feel that they are intruders at the Agency ball-grounds?

Last year an episcopalian lady, Miss Frasier of the Pseudon Frasier Book Store roundly denounced the Unatilla Agency ~~mission~~ as an anti-Catholic outfit and this was directed to me. Mr. Bond another leading episcopalian Merchant-Indian Director for the Annual Round-up stated to me that the Catholic missionaries were the only ones doing any good for the Indians. Mr. Omar Babcock when he comes up here and sees our school with its evident educational success says: "Wonderful! how can you do it?" and then he has the nerve to say to the father of two of our 4th grade school boys "Send your children to Chemawa: they are wasting their time at St. Andrew's School." Mr. Sol Webb will back up this statement. Is it the intention of the Government to obstruct and oppose the constructive educational work of the pioneer Catholic School that in the judgment of prominent non-Catholics is the only Agency that is doing them Indians any good? How is it that Omar Babcock will hand over the St. Andrew's children's educational money to irresponsible <sup>persons</sup> Indians who will (and he knows that much about them or he is a fake) steal 98% of it and leave 50¢ for the boy to buy candy, leaving little ones without shoes or necessary clothing. Is it the Agent's purpose to force St. Andrew's Mission to pay for the children's clothing when the boys have ample funds in his keeping for that very purpose? My Catholic Indians have lately broken through their habitual sarcasms and are talking none too favorably about the anti-Catholic attitude of Omar B.

He attempted to convict a Catholic Indian of first-degree murder for pushing another Catholic Indian in front of a white bootlegger's car and exonerating the bootlegger who ran over the Indian, has embittered my Indians and they have themselves hired a good lawyer for the trial in April who will put O. B. on the witness stand to explain under oath how he knows that Joe Bill pushed his Indian friend in front of the white bootlegger's car. And how it was that the white bootlegger, who killed the Indian was never put in jail or made to appear <sup>in court</sup> at the inquest. I wish you had some way of watching this trial. I assure you I am going to watch it. I understand it is now a Federal case. The Indians didn't trust the Pseudon circuit-judge (Judge Alger Fee) and asked for another judge and just at this time comes a presidential promotion for this same Judge Fee. He is replaced by Judge Parker and he is the

brother of Dr. Parker the Agency Contract-doctor. Of course I have nothing to do with the case and apparently the Catholic Indians are satisfied that they have an incorruptible lawyer. I get news in a round-about way of the manoeuvres in the matter. I have contented myself with assuring the Indians that they could expect fairer play from the Federal government than from the State government and that I would watch and see that justice would be done. The Indians have been advised to do no talking but to refer all secrets to their lawyer.

Mr. Omar admitted to Mrs. Fillius that he had got in bad in a way at Washington over the way he handled his stenographer's case and then tried to tell Mrs. Fillius that she was responsible for the mix-up but she was too clever for him and frankly assured him that Omar Babcock was the responsible bungler.

Now as pastor of St. Joseph's parish of St. Andrew's Mission which takes in its limits the Agency grounds, I have a grievance against Supt. Omar L. Babcock and his prohibition federal special officers for they never asked my co-operation in the case of Miss Truhau or the Indian indicted for first degree murder when they knew they were Catholics under my jurisdiction with me pledged to be their father, defender, protector, friend. Up to this moment Omar L. Babcock has not seen fit to tell me even one word about the stenographer or the imprisoned Indian.

Was it necessary to broadcast and punish and crush woman's shame so that it was common talk for the Ku Klux kids and lassies of Peedleton and get in the paper to be further broadcasted. His fanatic handling of this case shows that he is utterly unfit to represent the federal government or to have any civilizing or humanitarian influence for guiding the Indians along the lines of the American code of Chivalry. What respect can I have for such a man and what co-operation can I expect from him in my Catholic Christian educational work with the little Indian children? I don't want him to talk to my boys or to come around the school, for I regard him as a hieling fanatic sheep-herder whose object it is to make a comfortable living by exploiting the weak and defenseless. He seems not to care whether the Indian children play truant from school or not when it is a question of St. Andrew's School. Repeatedly he has ignored our requests to send the Indian truant officer after boys who overstayed their outing time. Even when he promised to go after them, the boys have told us



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on their return, that they came back of their own initiative  
and no officer said one word to them. At another time I myself  
picked up two little boys on the Pendleton streets and in five  
minutes settled a larceny case of these 7 & 8 yr old boys  
when Omar's police force was helpless. A few days ago  
three little boys failed to come back after an outing and  
I told Mr. Finn to notify the Supt. at the Agency. Mr. Finn  
was delighted to do this for the boys' absence was hurting  
the progress of his band and his Class. Then Mr. Babcock  
for the first time suggested that St. Andrew's call on the  
State Truant Officer for rounding up our boys when they  
play truant.

Many times in the past Supt. Omar B has given me the  
impression that he was responsible for the presence of the  
Indian Children in school and posed as a kind of a guardian  
of the St. Andrew's Indian children on my grounds as well  
as off them. What business then had he to send as a policeman  
his interpreter, a renegade Catholic Indian, when the St. Andrew's  
"alumni" were conducting social meetings on my grounds  
next to the Church. Was it merely to watch and see if he  
could find something to criticize our work to build up the  
Indians socially? When his Indian young men more than  
once broke into our premises at night and I asked Supt.  
Babcock to investigate and stop this wildness, he told me: "you  
must complain to the County Sheriff" for "I have no authority  
on your grounds which are patented grounds." Before this  
he had so conducted himself that one would have thought Supt.  
Omar B was the authority on these and other grounds.  
Very well. If O. B. interprets his official position that way, I  
want him to be consistent and keep off of my grounds. I don't  
need his advice, nor aid, nor approval nor police protection  
and for him to bring Inspectors here is more perfunctory hypocrisy.  
If he will but notify me like a gentleman that an Inspector  
is at the Agency, I will be delighted to go in my car and  
bring him here and I will have my children in uniform prepared  
to give him an honorable reception and an opportunity to see  
with his own eyes and hear with his own ears what St. Andrew's  
is doing in an educational way. What is the sense of  
O. Babcock bringing a federal representative here to inspect  
the school, if he comes unannounced whilst I may be out.



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in the fields plowing the ground or my boys might be in the bath tub! What impression can such perfunctory visits of Government representatives make on my boys? What respect can they be expected to have for the Government officials who are traveling about supposedly in the welfare of the Indian whether he is Catholic, protestant, methodist or pagan-

Supt. Omar Babcock has by chance, several Catholics on the Agency Staff. They are living off these Indians and as Catholic parishoners within the limits of my parish, I am responsible for their religious care and certainly expect them to come to Mass here on Sundays thus fulfilling their Christian obligations whilst at the same time they encourage my Indians in the practices of the Catholic faith. Here is the Agency Catholic roster. Mrs. Smith Indian wife of the Chief Clerk Mr. Smith; Mr. Smith is not a Catholic but has been married by the Catholic priest <sup>white</sup> and of course pledged himself not to antagonize his Catholic wife in the practice of her religion. She does not attend Mass and Mrs. Fillius thinks Mr. Smith discourages her in this matter. Next is the assistant clerk Mr. Anderson. He <sup>and</sup> his wife are mixed bloods from the Glacier Park district. Both are Catholics but attend Mass in Pseudotown. I have no objection to this but they should not feel ashamed of coming to the Mission Church to help build up the morale of my Catholic Indians.

Next comes the Field Nurse Mrs. Grace Fillius a convert from Methodism. She has developed into a brave Catholic lay-woman of the "Catholic Action" category. Once she realized that the Catholic priest was a fatherly shepherd and not a step-fatherly sheep-herder she took heart and now joins my Indians not only for the Mass-obligation but for the occasional devotional exercises.

Next comes the Indian Interpreter Mr. Alexander. He is a renegade Catholic married to a protestant wife with whom he worships at the Rev. Jimmy Cornelson's Tutuilla Mission Church. St. Andrews Mission educated his two boys now at Chomawa but they were not permitted to be baptized in the faith of their father and grandfather. However when an elder son got into trouble and was reported to me as dying I looked him up (he was 19 yrs 9 mos) told him of the friendship of Christ for the Indians, prayed with him and helped him to make his peace with the Great Spirit who seemed to be calling him. Then I told him of his rights as a human being responsible only to God of becoming a Catholic without anybody's interference if he wanted. He wanted it and so I gave him the necessary instructions received him into the Church with Conditional Baptism, Penance, Viaticum and Extreme Unction. And before the protestant minister and other fair-weather friends had appeared on the scene the young man was safely and securely established in the communion of the faithful and wholly submissive to the Will of God. Wonderful to relate though his backbone was almost severed he did not die. Day after day I ministered to him backed up by the powerful Christian strategy of the Sisters O.S.F. and after 2 weeks I

I notified the Chaplain that he could now continue the work where I left off. The young man (a full blood Indian) developed a great appreciation of holy Communion and begged for it several times a week. After some time Sups. Babcock suddenly rushed the convalescing patient to the Lapwai Sanitarium near Slickpoo without giving his brother at my School any intimation of the move. Hearing of the move I immediately wrote to Fr. Heate to be on the job. Mr. A. Alexander the father of the boy, after a while went to see him asking me to let him take his other boys along, which of course I did. When he brought the boys back to me, he reported to me that the Masonic doctor at Lapwai Sanitarium tried to get him Mr. Alexander to stop the priest from visiting the sick boy on the score that the boy should be a protestant like his father. But Mr. Alexander told me that his son by his own choice had joined the Catholic Church and he wanted him to have whatever religious comfort the Catholic priest could give him. After a few months John Ingram Alexander was brought back to his home near the Agency and I arranged to get him a wheel-chair.

Then, one day, thank God for the coming of the Field Nurse whose official duties brought her to visit the boy, I was notified that John Ingraham Alexander, was dangerously ill. I jumped into my Marquette League Car and came on the scene to find the young man waiting for me. Ignoring the presence of the protestant mother and others, I immediately commandeered the services of Mr. Alexander to tidy up things and quickly proceeded to administer the last Rite as in war time. The boy died a few hours later. And the next morning when I went down to offer my services for the funeral

But the padre was satisfied that it wasn't the funeral of the soul.  
I went home singing in my heart that God was good to Father John & John <sup>the young</sup> ~~the young~~  
Why all this? - just to show that deacon Babcock's Agency  
atmosphere is not favorable to Catholic lungs.

But Omar B is getting panicky, for this morning to my surprise he came with Mr. Alexander his interpreter to ask me to visit the Catholic would-be-chief as he seemed bewitched by the medicine-man. I assured him I'd put the devil out, and so I drove O. B. and 2 Sisters over to the house and he brought the light and grace of God but the devil must have followed me home for I can't near tearing up this letter in thanks to Mr. Babcock for asking the Catholic priest to go to the devil and not write him. Happily the Field Nurse, in response to my advice brought me the ecologized document which convinces me that O. B. is even a bigger crook than I had supposed him to be. And since it seems the will of Divine Providence, I am determined to a man, a Christian, and a Pastor to defend my flock by every weapon that God puts in the warrior hands of his meek and humble shepherds. And this means that Omar B. must have a successor in the office of Agency Indian Agent.

After reading Mrs. Fillies' memorandum, I am determined to see that she gets justice. She is far more useful as field nurse here among the Indians, far more influential for constructive civilizing work than Omar B. and if one or the other must go then let it be O. B.

On reading Mrs. Fillies' remarks about the Indian-Murder Case, I said to her. When the trial comes up in April, you could be summoned as a witness when O. B. is put on the stand: would you have the courage to testify what you know? She replied: "for the sake of justice I would."

About this murder case Mr. Babcock has never said one word to me nor have I said one word to him nor for that matter have I said anything to my Indians other than that I would watch the case and see that my Indians had fair-play. But Indian hints here and there that come back to me and from notices in the daily paper, I can see and feel that the powers of darkness are maneuvering to victimize the Indians.

The Indians objected to Judge Feet as unfair to the Indians as judge and he has been promoted to the State Supreme Court. For the time being he is replaced as Circuit judge by a Mr. Parker. And this judge is a brother to Dr. Parker the Agency Contract doctor who must have attended the dying Indian. I am waiting silently to see if the Indian lawyer will challenge his presiding at the trial. If so, it will appear in the daily paper. How I wish the Commissioner Admiral Townsend could be sent here as an Observer.

Omar B. surprised me by saying this morning, when he came on the witchery business, that a revision of his statistics was necessitated by the discovery that one-half of the Umatilla Indians were Catholics, one-third protestants and one-sixth pagans. If that is so let us have for a change, a Catholic Superintendent who will do his duty like a man, who is straight and fair to all an enemy of liquor no coward, a quiet, courageous, unbiassed devoted federal representative. And there is such a man in the service in Nova or Hoopa Calif. His name is John Kealey. He is a friend of Elias Park Campbell, of Chas. Burke, and my friend. He would be at Mars here every Sunday and under him this Agency would rate No. 1 A. A.

Yours fraternally J. T. Corbett & J.

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St. Andrew's Mission

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1898

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes

Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Rev. Father:

Mrs. Fillius the Field worker has just handed me her communication from poor Miss Furber that is comforting to us all. She writes: "I was called to Portland to report for duty in the office of the Bureau of Public Roads and started to work the morning of the 12th. I rather hated to leave Seattle and my sister and brother-in-law tried to talk me into staying there, but it was with a feeling of gratitude and relief that I came to work as I surely needed it. I had just 22¢ left after I had paid my rent in advance. -- It was awfully sweet of you to make the novena and I feel that it has helped me more than I shall ever know. I have been so beastly lonesome I don't know what to do with myself, but with plenty of time hanging heavy on my hands in the evenings, I have a splendid opportunity to meditate and map out a future plan of action or perhaps I should say, mode of living. I know this much - I'm there chasing thrills and a quiet restrained existence is the life for me." Thanks be to God for the rehabilitation of this stray sheep and thanks for the Christ-like cooperation of Mrs. Grace Fillius and Sr. Serena O.S.F. Now that O. B. and the powers of darkness have been outwitted in this case, I can see the way open to witness the humiliation of the enemies of the Church on this renovation. Ut inimicos Ecclesiae humiliare dignetur Te Domine rogamus audi nos."

And so Omar who posed before the Kiwanis Club and the City of Peudleton as the enthusiastic backer of Padre Corbett in my Indian - while mutual good-will Covered-Wagon Centennial celebration that was to raise \$20,000 for a much-needed All-Indian gymnasium was a two-faced hypocrite and so opposed to any constructive work for the Indians as a whole that he could so far forget himself as to criticize the whole movement and suggest to his Agency help some of them supposedly my parishioners that Father Corbett was exporting money out of the Indians by his last year's May-day Bazaar, when as a matter of fact Father Corbett's bazaar was a financial failure because the Indians were coaxed by some one to let it. Corbett got disappointed. As a matter of fact I was enabled to give free of charge to the Indians many presents that business friends gave me for the cause. Mr. Omar never showed up at my Bazaar though he gave me for the cause. The Governor of Oregon did. I ran the bazaar practically



single-handed<sup>(4)</sup> without any organization other than the occasional aid of Indian or white assistants. I didn't make any money. I didn't lose any money. I still have some hundred \$'s worth of goods donated or purchased which will keep till Round-Up when my Cadet Corps and uniformed Band will Compel attention & win me recognition. My Campaign served to focus attention on the needs of the Indians and was a big success in that St. Andrew's Mission won the good-will of the wide-awake and service-loving people in the Round-Up Committees and the Newspaper Office and in the Chamber of Commerce. My Campaign for an All-Indian Gymnasium on the St. Andrew's School Grounds conducted single-handed by me was a clear demonstration to Indians and whites alike that the Catholic priest was the one man in this neighborhood not out to fleece the Indians or to get something out of them but to offer a program which could be carried out by the friendly cooperation of Indians & whites to the physical, mental, moral, religious and civic welfare of the Indians. Now O. Babcock did not offer 1 cent to boost this Indian-White Bazaar gymnasium movement nor did any of his entourage nor do I know of a single Indian who gave even 1¢ in money though indeed some gave Indian bead-work but this they did voluntarily and without any aid from O. Babcock or Jimmy Cornelison. Most of this I still process as owing to the hard times of Hoover's prosperity, there seemed to be no sale for them last year. But this Padre's Campaign is still on; we merely went into quarters to rest, to study and to drill. At the Round-Up on the 3 last days of August the Commandant Padre shall lead his Catholic Boy Brigade and Band with uniforms, sword, noise and flying colors and we will get the "hands" of 20,000 people and the din of the thousands of strangers who come to the Round-Up to see the Indians and go away with souvenirs. By that one stroke of intelligent strategy the Supt O. B. & no Jimmy and all the K. K. K. rats will be looking on a conqueror wreathed in smiles and taking the salute of the public as a matter of course.

On the 2nd day of my Bazaar I ran into rev Jimmy just returned from one of his Eastern hot-air missionary trips and wished him to come and spend a few nickels. Jimmy pleaded pressing business but admitted to me that it was his intention to get an All-Indian Gymnasium on the Agency grounds and shortly after Omar himself assured me that it was his intention and ambition to use one of the Agency buildings for the same purpose. If they do it will be a flat failure for they shall never get any Catholic Indians under Dad Feltow, Methodist or Y.M.C.A. influence, I can hold my own and will do so. Athletics is play and athletic work is work. The Indian will work when he associates work with play. With my gym born ally,  
Yours fraternally, J. J. Corbett & T.

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out of working for the betterment of the Indian, and, partly, because I wanted to continue for my own benefit in a financial way. I tried to reassure myself that there could not be another such ~~an~~ unscrupulous man as Dr. Hummer was; for never before had I met such a man in a position of trust and I suppose, to allay my fears, I was overanxious to believe that my fears were silly, so I was determined to treat the next Supt with respect and confidence in his integrity. For this reason I studiously ignored the "straws" that told me that I was not wanted and overcompensated for my fear, by answering too many questions that I felt at the time were presumptuous; but I did not have the nerve to tell them that the answer was none of their business or words to that effect. Besides the questions were couched in such a way that led me to feel that unless I answered the truth that they or he (Maj Babcock) would think the worst. I see now, I was mistaken in assuming that he was an honorable man <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ would disapprove of the action of the Supt at Canton. Maj Babcock seemed glad to have a nurse come and I felt that now I could do real work.

Another thing that made matters worse; I was not well. I was tired out when I got here and he took advantage of that time to "rush me" if you will excuse the ~~expression~~ for it is the only one that expresses the way he took me out riding day after day to show me the reservation; but I see now it was to find out all he could about me for future use.

Another thing that lowered my morale was this. The Veterans' Bureau called me to Portland to report for an examination soon after I arrived, and I did not expect it till the following January and



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owing to the disastrous experience with the Sioux Falls office while at Canton, I was filled again with fear and apprehension.

Another thing; My poor sister who has lived in Portland for over 20 years and whom I had not seen for that length of time, came right out to see me. We have been afraid for some time that her mind was unbalanced and I had hoped that I could renew our acquaintance away from among these strangers here for I feared it might make a difference with my adjustment here if they knew of her condition. Well, when she came, I did not want to hurt her feelings by telling her not to talk before them and just trusted to luck. Well, Maj E. took us both out for a ride just to find out more and he did. She talked of her religious experiences which, while, much comfort to her, <sup>and</sup> some of which are extremely interesting, <sup>but</sup> some of <sup>them</sup> ~~which~~ are apparently pathological. This increased my difficulty.

Then to add to all this, my daughter had come out here with me to stay a year on account of her ill health and she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. My cup seemed full. All this would not have affected me so disastrously if I had been in communion with the Church, but I had been separated from it by an unlawful marriage and I was undergoing mental conflict over that for I had not yet the grace to return to the sacraments. A ship without a rudder in a storm is the nearest symbol of my condition at that time that I can think of.

Now I will return to developments. In spite of the fact that he, Maj E. Babcock, said he was glad to have a nurse, yet nothing was furnished to make for comfort. I had to spend more money than I was able to afford with my obligations to make my living conditions tolerable.



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tolerable and when I asked for the necessary things for my work I was denied them. Maj Babcock left all such matters as supplies up to the clerk, and of course I was denied them, even things that were at the time available in the commissary. Both the Supt and the clerk seemed determined in a quiet way to crush me into the position of field matron and kept me so busy doing their bidding that I couldn't seem to do the work I was trained to do. Then instead of co-operating with me, it seemed that the proverbial wet blanket was put on every effort I made in the direction of constructive work. Some of the more obvious instances I will mention.

I was told by Maj Babcock several times when I first arrived that I was needed here more for the Social service work than for health work. Since I was trained to some extent in Social Service with (may I say without seeming to brag) some degree of special aptitude, I felt that that was my cue, to do what social service work that came up so well, that I could sell the public health gradually.

He immediately presented me with the task of getting the Duffy children away from their mother into a Government school, or some other environment. I did not know that the case had been reviewed a year before by Washington and had been decided against them. Now I think that he only revived it apparently to satisfy a morbid desire on his part to discuss sex irregularities with me. This sounds terrible to make such a statement, but I feel confident that I could prove the motive to be at least probable. Another case later shows this tendency and also an <sup>unmistakeable</sup> effort to force me into conduct that would be unprofessional as well as indecent. This is the case;

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A woman reported to the Supt. that she had been raped by another ~~Lat~~ Indian. He questioned her and she was unable to answer his questions to his satisfaction. He referred her to me to get her story and ~~make~~ report to him. I took notes on her story and was prepared to give him the information in professional terms that would leave no doubt as to what transpired. She told me what the man had said to her when trying to overpower her and said that that was the part that she could not tell the Supt. She asked me with a good deal of interest how I could do it. I took occasion to explain to her that I would not use the vulgar language that he had used but would use professional terms to express myself. I was fool enough to think that her poverty of words was what made it difficult for her. I see now that she knew the Supt. better than I did. When I went to report to him, he called the enforcement officer in to hear my report and when I got to that part of the story I simply said that "the man kept repeating his request in very vulgar words" Thereupon he, Maj. Babcock, spoke up and said "but what did he say?" I repeated what I had said, thinking that was enough and possibly he had not understood me. He said "but what did he say? what were the exact words that he used?" I was astonished and showed my surprise. Mr Hoskins (the enforcement officer) spoke up and said "yes you will have to give the exact words that he used". I was dumfounded. Maj. Babcock said "Yes, in these legal cases you have to give the exact words". I was still silent and confused. I knew my grounds professionally but knew nothing about legal matters. I decided that if he was right on that score that he would say I was unable ~~to~~ to do the work required

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Mr Hoskins said "yes, you ought to hear those social workers out at Portland; they call a spade a spade" and don't hesitate; you have to do it in these legal cases" I wondered if the methods had changed so in just ten years but I did not want to get up and go out and I could not wait longer so I told them the exact words. The result ~~was~~ was almost electrical. Both men laughed and wagged their heads and readjusted their chairs while I was covered with confusion. Then I was disgusted at myself for what I had done and disgusted to think of having to work with men that were so destitute of decency, even if they were doing their duty which I doubted. I decided to quit ~~and~~ and a few days later told Maj Babcock of my decision. He asked me why and I told him that I was unwilling to wade through all the slime that was required in the position. He seemed real sorry and considerate and asked me to reconsider it. When I had begun to think that, that over, I would have no more trouble like ~~that~~ <sup>it</sup> again and decided to stay, and then I noticed I was being ignored in every way. I knew I was not wanted and feared a frame-up if I would not allow my self to be frozen out quietly. I did not have the courage to face ~~so~~ any more trouble like ~~at~~ Canton. Then I wrote out my resignation and held it a few days to make sure that I wanted to hand it in. One morning Mr Hoskins stretched a point to raise his voice and tell me so every one in the office could hear that he was not taking orders from me that he took his orders from the Supy only. I had simply asked him about a child whose name I had left on his desk because I ~~knew~~ knew he was going to make a visit to her parents to require them to put her sister in school; and I thought he could include her in the visit as she had just come of school age.

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It was so obvious that he wanted to have trouble with me, that I decided that I would just hand in my resignation as it was. It was accepted without question and forwarded to Washington

Immediately every thing cleared up. Every body treated me so nice. The Supt. seemed more friendly. When I got sick every one was so nice to me that I began to wonder if I was mistaken in thinking that they wanted to get rid of me. I decided I would try it out on the ~~even~~ assumption that I had been mistaken. If I had, then so much for the better and if I hadn't then I prayed for the grace to take what ever humiliation they might give me and profit spiritually by it. (I had gone back to the sacraments Sep 7 )

I went to Maj Babcock and put the matter up to him like this. " I feel so much better that I have decided that, if you approve, I will write the Commissioner and ask him to let me reconsider my resignation" I saw it didn't suit him, but he said "All right" I said "Now Maj Babcock, if you would rather for any reason at all that I should not stay, You need only say no, and I will not write it for I don't want to stay unless you want me." He considered a moment and said "No, I said all right and I mean all right." But my intuition told me in that brief pause, that he decided to approve orally and find some other method to get me out. I could do nothing but write the letter then altho I told my daughter I was staying, but that I was sure that I was heading right into trouble. I little realized how soon it would come. ~~4~~

My resignation was to take effect Dec. 1, 1930 but I was retained. About this time I was convinced of the real condition



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of the stenographer, my room-mate, whom I mentioned in the letter to the commissioner a copy of which you have read, I think. Well, the investigation followed. He took 5 days' pay out of my December check, and I have not had an answer from Washington in answer to my letter asking if I must lose it. Just to show you how unreasonable the deduction, I could cite at least two other instances when I left the reservation in line of duty without permission and nothing was said. But this time, I knew that there would be trouble, because I was convinced that had Maj Babcock succeeded in turning Miss Truhen against me as he had tried to do, he would have turned and shielded her and made me the victim. But she was too fine a girl for that. She saw his scheme and resented it in the name of justice. She also saw the justice of my wanting to protect myself if she would not continue treatment. How could one help but want to help so fine a girl even if I had not considered her my responsibility, which I did. She saw that if she would turn against me she would likely have Maj. Babcock's help. Then it would have been the whole bunch against me etc etc. but she didn't.

Right here let me say that she and I heard Maj. Babcock's allusions to Fr. Corbett's efforts to raise money for the mission, when he was talking with his friends at the first meeting. He spoke as if Fr. Corbett was subjecting the poor Indians to extortion to raise the money he thought he needed when he had his Bazza a year or so ago. We both discussed it after we came home and we did not like the way they talked, he and his friends.

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how the impression of the upper set of teeth was made right into the steel radiator-hood on the right side ~~down~~ on top. The bumper was bent back and the radiator crushed back. He also said the boys did not see Wild Bill until after the others had taken Joe on to the Hospital. Then the one that stayed there with the car saw him X wandering back toward the car he was in. Well I couldn't understand how a man staggering across the road could be hit by a car from his side and still make such a perfect impression of the upper teeth square down into steel.

A few days Later I heard neighbors and old acquaintances of the men discussing it. They were very guarded until I said I couldn't understand how the impression could be so perfect if he was hit from the side. One woman spoke up then and said she doubted the confession because she knew him; when he was drunk he was too stupid to talk at all, and the words of the confession were not like he would use at all. Besides, the two were inseparable friends. They would quarrel with others when drunk, but would stick up for each other.

A few days later the wife of the dead man (who is also the sister of the accused) came to get aspirin for a continual headache from worry. I expressed my sympathy in her double trouble and she seemed glad to talk. She said she knew her brother did not do it etc., etc., and that he did not know any thing about it when it happened for he had gone on ahead of Joe and when he realized that he was not coming along he went back to find him. That was when ~~the~~ they picked him up, when he got back to the scene of the accident. I asked her "What does Maj Babcock think about it?" for I knew they had talked to him. A



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A cloud came over her countenance and she simply said with a pitiful finality "well he says he is guilty."

Now last but not least; In January I consulted a lawyer in town about what to do to protect myself if Maj. Babcock should be trying, as it looked, to get me out; for after seeing him in action in December, I decided that he was capable of just as unscrupulous methods as my former Supt. Dr. Hummer at Canton. After listening to the situation he advised me to resign or ask for a transfer for he said, "I know him and if he wants you out, he is stubborn and determined and unscrupulous. He would frame on you in such a way that you could never prove (if you ever thought you knew) his connection to it." Well, I told him I hated to quit and would try to stay till Miss Morgan, the Nurse Supervisor, comes down from Spokane.

Every thing is running fairly smoothly but it's very hard for me to work under a superior that I can not respect or trust. I like it here, and I like the work but for the good of the service and my own health I feel that it would be better for me to be ~~seperated~~ separated from Maj. Babcock, under the circumstances, for that lawyer said he will never give up, and so if he is to stay here I wish I could be moved to Bishop, Cal. for I hear there is a vacancy and I know the sub. agent there and his family and know things would be more congenial. Another nurse could pick up where I leave off and go on and a lot of emotional friction could be avoided.

Grace O. Hillius  
Field Nurse

March 19, 1931

20-30

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pondleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

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

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. Magr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:MC

March 28, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your two letters of March 15 and 18, which are very interesting.

I also have the ten page report from Mrs. Grace O. Fillius, which is proof that she is a pathological case. That fact is confirmed by Miss Elinor D. Gregg, Supervisor of Nurses in the Indian Department. Mrs. Fillius was an inmate of St. Elizabeth's Government Hospital here. She is to be treated with kindness and consideration but with those facts in mind. She should not know that you and I are aware of her mental condition.

Miss Gregg says that she is most anxious to keep Mrs. Fillius because she is very efficient. It may be necessary to find another place for her in time. But Mrs. Fillius certainly made a mistake in not getting authority from the Superintendent for absence if she expected pay for the period.

I am writing you another letter which you can show Mrs. Fillius. It will save her feelings.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:JR

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March 28, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your letter of March 18, enclosing the statement of Mrs. Grace O. Fillius.

It is interesting. But it indicates that she worries about matters which should not worry her. That is one difficulty of living in such a small world as an Indian reservation. In a large city or a big institution, one does not take so many things to heart.

Miss Elinor D. Gregg, Supervisor of Nurses in the Indian Department, speaks very highly of Mrs. Fillius and her work. I did not, of course, take up with Miss Gregg the matters treated of by Mrs. Fillius.

In any organization whether it be the Indian Department, the Army or the Church, one must get authority for absence especially if one expects to be paid. Mrs. Fillius should have gotten authority from the Superintendent if she expected pay. That rule holds except in the case of life and death.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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March 30, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett,

I enclose original freight bill-of-lading for three cartons of note paper shipped to you from this office on March 27, 1931. As you will see from the bill-of-lading, the charges amounting to \$2.89, were prepaid.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

JR

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April 1, 1931.

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$324, covering payment due  
your school, from the I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended March 31, 1931.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,  
Director.

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St. Andrews School,  
 P. O. Box 55 Puddledton, Ore.,  
 April 17th. 1931

Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
 Washington D.C.

Dear Rev. Father,

Many thanks for your kind and illuminating comments on the ten page report from Mrs. Grace O. Fillius. As a matter of fact I should have remembered that Mrs. Fillius could have a break-down inasmuch as she herself more than once told Sr. Serena and myself that she did have a break-down. But her alertness and efficiency tend to make one forget such a contingency, the more so as when one meets her at rare intervals only. I have a very alert and efficient boy manager and organizer in the person of my C.B.B. Major M.E. F. I think I could break his heart by one rebuke repeated thrice.

I mentioned to Mrs. Fillius what your charitable kindness suggested viz. that she made a mistake in not getting authority from the Superintendent for absence if the expected pay for the period and her reply was that she didn't care for the money, but that plea gave her a foundation for her routine report to the Commissioner.

If Mrs. Fillius can secure a year's leave of absence for building up her nerves, I am minded to employ her as successor to Mr. Finn who ambitious joining H. Flanagan's new Brotherhood. She is as clever, need as progressive as Mr. Finn and moreover, she likes the Sisters and can cooperate with them in building up both girls and boys. She seems to be just that type of woman St. Andrews needs for building up both boys and girls. She is a good teacher, a trained nurse a social-worker and can establish favorable contact with the Indian women whose cooperation we need for the success of our work.

The trial of Joe Bold-Bill for murder of a friend-Indian has come off in Pendleton as a State Case. The Indians got a good lawyer and filled the Court-house as advised. I was out of town and had Mr. Finn to look on. A Judge McNary of Portland presided. The case went to the jury and they were divided 8 I'm told for acquittal and 4 for non-acquittal. But why couldn't the case be tried with a jury of their peers. As two Indians were concerned why not a jury of 12 Indians instead of 12 whites. And now I'm informed there will be a re-trial in Portland in June and this time it will be a Federal not a State trial. Well during the trial the Indians had a chance to see Supt Babcock and his federal prohibition Office, put on the stand and subjected to cross-examination. As a result of the trial Mr. Babcock, his wife and the prohibition Office, I'm told got sick and went to bed for several days. It seems the U. S. District Attorney found Omar Babcock so contradictory and unsatisfactory as a reliable witness that he publicly branded him "an old devil." This is what the Indians re-tailed. It would be interesting to have a transcript of the trial. But it does look as if the Indians, Protestant parsons and Catholics with a change for Mr. Babcock. We are select observers.

Yours faithfully  
J. T. Corbett S. J.



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 Mr. T. J. McGee  
 Director Bureau Catholic Indian Missions  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Rev. Father - Finn has offered himself to join the new quasi-religious Brotherhood that Fr. Flanagan of Overlook Farm is contemplating establishing. Fr. Flanagan asked me for a letter of recommendation and of course I sent it. If Mr. Finn can bring himself to take orders from a novice-master in a six months novitiate, he will be a very useful boy-man for Fr. Flanagan's fine work.

Of course you know all about Fr. Flanagan's grand work among homeless boys. From the reports he seems able to finance his undertakings and enlist the cooperation of the public through his boys' educational activities. In establishing a Brotherhood to carry on, I think Fr. Flanagan has been well-advised as men may come & go but an organization can go on forever. And with a Brotherhood on his hands Fr. Flanagan will be able to farm out boy-men high school teachers for our Indian Missions. Now Mr. Finn has a real bug "for the Industrial Indian high school work" and will for the sake of a change also for expansion suggest this very thing to

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Yours fraternally J. T. Corbett P.

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St. Andrew's School  
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[APRIL 18 1931]

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(Signed) Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.

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Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School  
Pendleton, Ore.

20-30  
April 22, 1931

Dear Father Corbett,

You know how sorry I am to hear of the loss by fire, but how happy to know that the children are safe. Many thanks for your telegram. I hope to receive a night letter from you tomorrow morning. I need it for the Catholic papers.

I hope that you carry insurance. If so, it may prove a profitable fire. That is the rabbi in me.

I enclose Bureau check for \$500 to help meet the emergency. I suppose that the Government Superintendent offered assistance by furnishing such things as blankets. That is usual.

As I have no funds on which I can properly draw for this \$500, I may have to reimburse the Bureau for this amount in the event that we receive considerable donations. A bird in the hand, etc.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:SMP

There is no assurance of any donations. But the N.C.W.C. will take a story based on your telegram.

April 23, 1931

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Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$ 50.00  
designated to be sent to you for April 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.

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

April 27, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your night letter of April 25. I have prepared an article for the N.C.W.C. which they will use in this morning (Monday's) release. It is unfortunate that I did not receive it by at least Friday morning when they sent out the release which reaches all of the big eastern papers and some of the western papers in time for their issue of the week of the 27th. You know that news ceases to be such after twenty-four hours in the case of daily papers and certainly after the week of its happening for weekly papers. Your first telegram should have been the complete one. Papers print news and throw olds into the waste basket.

How much was the insurance allowed by the company?

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:MC

Orig. sent to N.C.W.C.

1931

#### INDIAN SCHOOL BURNED, WILL BE REBUILT

Pendleton, Oregon. April 27.--The Indian boys' boarding school at St. Andrew's Mission on the Umatilla Reservation which was completely destroyed by an early morning fire last Tuesday, will be replaced by a fireproof building according to the present plans of the Jesuit Fathers. That there was no loss of life is credited to the excellent discipline of the boys due to their soldierly training as scouts in the Catholic Boys Brigade. Upon discovery of the fire the boys were routed out and promptly lined up for roll call which showed no one missing. The older boys were detailed to assist adult Indians from the neighborhood who volunteered to fight the fire. The <sup>large</sup> ~~fine~~ frame church adjoining was saved as were the valuable mission records extending back to 1874 when the first school was built by Father Louis Conrardy, who left St. Andrew's Mission in 1888 to take up missionary work among the lepers of Molokai, where he died. But all the contents of the boys' school and dormitory were destroyed. The girls' school was not in danger. Under the leadership of Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J., the Indian boys have chosen to carry on <sup>temporarily</sup> the school in tents. The church will be used as classrooms as was done years ago in the beginning of the mission. Emergency aid was sent by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions of Washington, D. C. Insurance which partly covers the loss will form the nucleus of a fund which must be gathered to rebuild.

CONFIDENTIAL

20-30  
April 28, 1931

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R.1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your confidential letter of April 17, copy of which I am not returning.

I am afraid that you would make a mistake in employing Mrs. Filius. However, that is your funeral. I am afraid it would be just that. However, it is for you to decide. Sister Serena is pretty shrewd. Why do you not ask her opinion?

Mrs. Filius had better hold on to her Government job as long as she has such a friend at the head as Miss Elinor Gregg.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:CB.



April 28, 1931

20-30

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your letter of April 18, copy of which I enclose.

You tell me that Mr. Finn will join Father Flanagan's new Brotherhood. He will be missed from the mission because of his excellent work.

Your suggestion that Father Flanagan might later send Brothers to the Indian missions is interesting, as is your thought of sending Indian boys for special training. More of Indian boys need a higher education. It is a great pity that we can not secure scholarships for them. I have searched in vain.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:CB



Return to Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 2021 H Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.  
 Rec'd MAY 7 1931  
 Ans. From St. Andrew's School, Pendleton, Oregon (Hematilla Res.)  
 Fol'd Mission D.C. (Name of missionary) Jos. Lafolie S.J.  
 Letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Order filled \_\_\_\_\_ Work slip O.K. \_\_\_\_\_ P.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ship't Our Father (interlinear) in Kumipe Nez-Percis Indian language  
 Copy to L.B. \_\_\_\_\_ D.G. or Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Copy to \_\_\_\_\_ Check acct. \_\_\_\_\_

Kunim Pst kem im ues Eismuespa, Taaz he  
 Our Father and who thou art Heaven in good thou  
 imene uanikt pazukuanaitag uag pahateuitag,  
 Thy name should be known and should be love,  
 Taaz he imim onigatoit painag, Taaz  
 good thou Thy Kingdom should come, good  
 he imene next patigunaitag kinne uetespa,  
 Thou Thy will should be followed here earth on,  
 Kankuus eismuespa itigunetenig  
 as Heaven in They follow.

Hail Mary (interlinear) in \_\_\_\_\_ Indian language

Takzain thipt neznim nuna kapsisuit nasuan  
 Day for food us give us sin for  
 namim Kankuus nun uanaisig kekimen inas-  
 give sameway us forgive those who offend  
 kapsisutenig, Ka uetmet neznikukum, kapsisuitg  
 offend, and do not us deliver, to sin  
 metu kapsisuitkinig neznakettim. Amen  
 but sin from us deliver. Amen

Dear Monsignor, this is the nearest translation I could make,  
 we must remember that the mind of an indian is a  
 little mysterious and also transpires in their expression.

20-30

May 8, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

On April 22 I sent to you a gift of \$500 and told you that the Bureau would have to be refunded for this amount by gifts from donors.

I have just received \$10 from Mr. Jacob Pagel of Texas which I am holding to be applied toward the \$500. This is the first gift which I have received.

Kindly send me a letter of thanks for Mr. Pagel for the gift of \$10. Do not tell him anything about the reimbursement to the Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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Mother's Day  
MAY 10<sup>th</sup>  
If you cannot  
go home send  
her a Telegram



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YOUR WIRE OF GOLDEN SYMPATHY FOUND ME BATTLING WITH FIRE THAT  
WRECKED STANDREWS SCHOOL YOUR WINGED HALF THOUSAND DOLLAR  
EMERGENCY AID PROVES BUREAU CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS NOBLY  
BRED NOBLY LED THOUSAND THANKS UNDAUNTED BY DISASTER RADIANT  
WITH HOPE AND DETERMINED TO DO OR DIE I PLEDGE BEST IN ME OF  
HEAD AND HEART BY VOICE AND PEN TO SWIFTLY RAISE FUND THAT  
WILL BUILD A NEW AND WORTHY EDUCATIONAL HOME THAT WILL  
GLADDER HEARTS OF MY LITTLE INDIAN CHILDREN OF OREGON TRAIL  
ASSURE VENERABLE MOTHER CATHERINE STANDREWS WILL CARRY ON  
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May 11, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission School  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbetts:

I have your telegram of May 9. You must have telegraphitis. The telegram has no news value whatsoever. The dead line on news was when you first telegraphed. On that occasion you gave no details of news value.

A letter costs only two cents. The telegram costs more than two dollars. I await your promised letter with interest.

I have today informed Mother Katharine how well you are meeting the emergency. She will be pleased as all the rest of us are.

But you are guilty of *laesae majestatis* when you spell the name as you do, Catherine. Why the venerable? That is a fair translation of the German. But in English and most other languages, including Church Latin, it only applies to those who are advancing in the process of official sainthood. Women do not take kindly to any reference to their age even by use of the word venerable.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:JR

personal  
and  
very Confidential  
except to Mr. C. C. Brown  
of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
in St. Ignace and the world.

MAILED MAY 21 1931

Letter to Mr. C. C. Brown

Order filled 11th

Copy to 1. S. M.

Copy to Mr. C. C. Brown

Check sent 60c

Mr. Messrs Hughes  
Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
2021 H. St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Mr. Father:

Pax Christi!

This is Ascension Day!  
This is 6 a.m. The Angelus has just sounded  
and I am giving to my Chief the first leisure  
moment I have had since the fire. Now  
you know why I have not been writing and  
why I was not prompt to put that 100 word  
telegram promptly in your hands so as to enable  
you as my best friend and Chief Strategist  
to shoot the telegram to the N.C.W.C. for  
broadcasting the news throughout the land.  
You were rightly disgusted at my apparent  
stupidity in not shooting at you that 100  
word telegram thereby depriving you as my  
best and most influential friend of a golden

opportunity of attracting nation-wide  
advertising and sympathy for my  
homeless Indian boys of the Umatilla  
Indian Reservation. I robbed you  
the noble friend of the Indian boys  
of the joy of doing a noble deed in a noble way.  
Commandant John Timothy Corbett S.J.  
of Oregon Branch Catholic Boys' Brigade  
stands at salute to the Director of the  
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
proffers his apologies and stands ready  
to make the "Ameinde honorable." And  
when I did send the belated 100 word  
telegram I had the nerve to pay for it as  
if I had unlimited credit in my heavenly  
Father's Bank Account!

But let me explain. The fire destroyed  
my telephonic and telegraphic communications  
with headquarters. I was on the battle field  
and in action. It was up to me as commanding  
officer to save the lives and morale of my  
lieutenants and troops, to pluck victory  
from apparent defeat to lead my Major  
and his Brigade to a newly organized

School-home first in tents and then  
1½ miles west to a hastily secured  
vacant district school building which  
was done without loss of an hour. In  
this latter place with truck, car and  
horses I set up and furnished a  
complete Boys School with kitchen,  
dining room and Class room and  
School equipment which I asked  
and got from the County School  
Superintendent and Peudleton City  
School Superintendent. For dormitory  
I used tents and purchased Cots  
and commandeered blankets. I had  
to organize and personally supervise  
the <sup>haul</sup> transportation of wood, water,  
provisions etc. This meant that I was  
at the wheel of the Marquette donated  
Mission Car from morning to night  
Carrying on and maintaining two  
separate Boarding School institutions  
besides parish affairs, sick-calls,  
baptisms, marriages, funerals. My  
Assistant Fr. LaJoie had to be carried out  
of the burning building as he lost his teeth



his spectacles, his clothes, his hat ~~and~~  
his breviary and "his goat." For a bucket  
of Cold water was thrown on his head  
and in the height of the fire excitement  
he had to send him to the hospital  
to save him from possible "new monia"  
and to get him a new shirt. By  
the way the Padre Commandant (that's I)  
lost his breviary but saved his teeth,  
his spectacles, his watch, his hat and  
"his goat." So I had to deprive myself and  
Father La Jorie of the comfort and spiritual  
pleasure of reciting the Divine Office.  
Rush me and Fr. La Jorie a new set  
of Jesuit Breviaries (latest model) and  
charge the bill to a "clerical" error.  
I see the Spanish Jesuits got a worse fiery  
kick from Old Nick than myself. I haven't  
any particular fear of the devil in hand to  
hand encounter, as long as I have enough  
sense to call on my Father who is in heaven.  
Victory is often close to defeat and I feel in my  
bones that this fire is not for St. Andrews hurt  
but for his salutary correction.

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If God gives me health and the humility of a knight of the Cross that loves adventure in Christ's cause, I will summon all the resources of nature and grace that God has given me and I will, with your cooperation, organize and single-handed conduct a swift campaign for re-building the entire St. Andrews Mission on a scale that will give joy to your heart and that of Mother Catherine. Pace tua I hope to build for cash and by units in white cement mission style color scheme with everything worthy of the nobility of Christ-like love for the poor, stupid but dear Indian relations of Him whom we serve and honor in the least of His Brethren. As an investment in God's help I am just today painting and beautifying the Church. It would be a shame to have Our Lord's home shabby. Honor to the King! The Contract calls for \$100. with 60 days to pay. As the Church serves both Whites and Indians the Catholic Extension Soc. might want to have something to say.

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On my name's day May 6<sup>th</sup> I also celebrate my Silver Jubilee and playes host to visiting Clergy and all the Indians - Killed a beef. I'm sending some clippings from the local paper with my picture - This fire has made St Andrews Padre front-page stuff and I'm enjoying it though in my heart I hate publicity.

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Closing exercises with only myself  
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School. Exercises held in a  
public School district School. This  
School, I'm told was built 1/2 west  
to kill off St Andrews School.  
Well it was converted suddenly  
into a Catholic School. They are even  
now begging us to buy it and  
to announce publicly the Conversion.  
Fires to 11 P.M. Mass at 5 a.m.



to morrow - and after Angelus off to  
The Dallas 120 miles with several  
cars to get my Boys Brigade  
Band a vacation & recognition  
for their hard work in blowing -  
Be sure we are going to blow  
our own horns and work into the  
Round Up Celebrities -

Dr Flanagan has better lookouts  
for his laurels.

Major Maurice & Sinn will  
be with Dr Flanagan's new  
Brotherhood Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> He is going  
to get a great send-off when he  
drops his titles for one week &  
lovely Flanagan Brothers.

Thasemully Corbett

COPY for Bureau

Personal and very confidential  
except to Mother Catherine,  
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ST. ANDREW'S MISSION  
PENDLETON, OREGON  
May 14, 1931

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Faternally,

(Signed) Fr. Corbett, S.J.

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An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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# East Oregonian

DAILY SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT

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PENDLETON, OREGON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1931

N. E. A. Feature Service

## CELEBRATES JUBILEE



Hundreds of Indians gathered at St. Andrews Mission yesterday to do honor to Father J. T. Corbett who entertained at a dinner in celebration of his silver jubilee. It being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest of the Roman Catholic church. The picture of Father Corbett was taken when he was pastor of St. Patrick's church at Hil- yard, Washington, one of his first parishes. At the celebration yester- day Father Corbett was host not only for dinner but for an afternoon luncheon as well. A program was given during the day.

### St. Andrews Will Be Rebuilt Soon; School Goes On

St. Andrew's Catholic Indian boys' school will be rebuilt "big- ger and better," it was announced today by Father Corbett, head of the institution. The school, a brick structure erected 40 years ago at the base of Cabbage hill on the Umatilla Indian reserva- tion, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday. "The satisfactorily adjusted in- surance, the assured cooperation of the Pendleton Knights of Co- lumbus, and my confidence in the 'social service-mindedness' of my Pendleton fellow citizens did me face the future with radiant hope and undaunted resolve, father Corbett declared. "We will build bigger and better." The 60 boys and girls at the mission are enjoying the educa- tional work of the school as usual, Father Corbett said. For- tunately the school's kitchen, lo- cated in the separate building used by the boarding school girls and the Sisters of St. Francis was spared by the flames, and with hastily obtained coats, blankets and tents the school was contin- ued without much disruption of the ordinary routine. A nearby vacant school house is also being used by the boys.

East Oregonian  
Mon. Apr. 27, 1931  
Front Page

### Commencement at St. Andrews Held Friday Afternoon

Commencement exercises of the Kate Drexel Indian Industrial boarding school were held yester- day afternoon at St. Andrew's Catholic mission. The commence- ment ceremonies marked the close of the girls' school for the year. After a searching examination the pupils were formally congratu- lated for the success in the three R's by Father John T. Corbett, superintendent, and a program then followed under the supervi- sion of Venerable Sr. M. Serena O. S. E., school principal. The Franciscan teaching sisters of the mission collaborated. The program was as follows: In- vocation, Rev. J. T. Corbett; wel- come song, primary class; recita- tion, Stanislaus James; Indian Song, solo, Letha Frazier; hand- washing drill, chorus, first and second grades; Silent Night, vocal solo, Viola Penney; America, the Beautiful, chorus; toothbrush mo- tion song, primary grades; vocal solo, Louise Sampson; Let Us Put Our Books Away, chorus, second and third grade boys; Angels' Sal- ute, vocal solo, Arthur Van Pelt; Good-bye Jack Frost, vocal solo, Priscilla Guttierrez; The Star Spangled Banner, pupils and teachers and the benediction, Father Cor- bett. A feature of the program was a short talk by little Louise Samp- son who, as a delegate of the pu- pils, said "One and all we thank you Sisters dear for your loving care." The Sister principal then reciprocated by investing the child with a necklace. Closing the day's program was an ice cream party on the school lawn, Father Corbett acting as host.

Father Corbett to Celebrate  
Father John T. Corbett, for the past four years in charge of St. Andrews Mission, will celebrate his silver jubilee and his name day to- morrow, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his or- dination. For the day he will be host to Indians, old and young, and will serve both a noon-day dinner and an evening lunch. Father Cor- bett was born in San Francisco and as a baby went to Astoria, early schooling being at Vancou- ver, Wash. At 13 he entered Gon- zaga and at 16 became a member of the Jesuit Order going to De- Smet Mission, Idaho. After review- ing his literary studies at Gonzaga he taught the Indians and then taught at Gonzaga. Later he went to Montreal where he took his di- vinity courses and was ordained. He then was in charge of St. Pat- rick's parish at Hilvard, Wash., and also taught at Gonzaga. A church was built at Hilvard while he was there. After a year at Poughkeeps- ie, New York in the study of mystic theology he was at Tacoma and then in Alaska for a year. Return- ing to Seattle he was pastor at the Church of the Immaculate Con- ception and one of his pupils, The- odore Ryan now has this church. He went from the Sound to Havre, Montana, for 10 years; to Lewiston for a year and then came here. Members of the Catholic clergy who will be at the jubilee tomor- row include Rev. Edward Hines and Rev. Eugene of The Dalles; Rev. A. Noove of La Grande; Rev. Goff of Hermiston; Rev. John Con- don of Walla Walla; Rev. William Walsh; Rev. James McKenna and Rev. Couffrant of Pendleton and Rev. Joseph LaJole of St. Andrews. At 6:15 a. m. tomorrow there will be communion mass followed by breakfast; at 8 p. m. uniform in- spection; at 9:30, march to the mis- sion; 10 a. m., solemn high mass; followed by reception of salute by Father Corbett; 12 noon, dinner, with Father Corbett as host. Fol- lowing dinner there will be games, with benediction at 5 p. m. Lunch- con will be at 6 p. m. with Father Corbett again host. At 7 p. m. there will be a band concert and taps at 8 p. m.

Apr. 15 boys  
planner note

clean all the glassware thoroughly,  
he said.  
Exercises Held  
Commencement exercises at St. Andrew's school for Indian-boys were held this morning at the former district school house west of the Catholic mission, used by the school since fire destroyed the regular quarters several weeks ago. Exam- inations in school and military sub- jects were conducted by the gen- eral superintendent, Reverend John T. Corbett, S. J., and prizes awarded the students for excellency in vari- ous subjects. A program featuring songs in choros, recitations, and musical numbers closed the exer- cises.

East Oregonian May 11 -  
Indian Woman Died  
Mrs. Edith Hall of Thornbollow died yesterday morning at St. An- thony's hospital. She leaves her husband, James Hall and five chil- dren, Peter, 17, Julius, 13, Angus, 11, Steven, 10, and Louis 7. All of the children being students of St. Andrews Catholic Mission. Rev. J. T. Corbett, S. J., Supt. of St. An- drews Mission will personally of- ficiate at the funeral, which will be held on Tuesday, May 12.

May 22, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your letter of May 14, copy of which I enclose.

I am glad to hear that while you did not save Father LaJoie's belongings you saved his precious self.

I do not know how I can get a set of breviaries, Jesuit edition. Nor, even one half of the \$100 for painting and decorating the church. I do not know what Extension Society would do.

I am leaving in a day or two for Oklahoma and the Southwest.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

W:JR



20 - 30  
May 29, 1931.

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission, R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

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.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S  
HILLYARD STATION

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

JUN 20 1981

June 13th By 9:34

Letter to Mr. G. J. G. JUN 23 1981

Order sheet Work with G.R.

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Dear Pat Faith -

I'm enclosing bill of lading of bbls of polo clothing as per your recent request. It seems there was an overcharge. You wanted this copy to charge and win the award of justice.

I'm traveling just but very much on the job. new residence for Padre completed. In a few days I'll enclose my letters. Give a blessing - I've received about 12,000 for building & 2,000 allowed on furniture. \$1/4 000 about on hand for rebuilding. Hope to start new office school worthy of our Cause July 4th. More later. Write from Oregon Trail & raise the magazine. Brand new Band Instruments for choir & fine C.R.B. uniform for show. The Padre of the talking. Pray for my Cause & your Cause & God's Cause.

Yours fraternally on the sun  
J. T. Corbett P.

Copy for Bureau

"to J. T. Corbett  
" " Mr. Jacob Pagel  
Texas

[ENCLOSURE] 20-30

St. Andrew's Mission, Pendleton, Ore.  
June 13, 1931

My dear Friend:

Fire destroyed our Indian Boys' School on April 21st and your \$10 gift was the first outside aid to reach us. I acknowledge with grateful appreciation its receipt and beg the Giver of all good gifts to bless you and yours. Texas is on the map. I was too close to the fire to write earlier.

Yours devotedly in our Lord

(Signed) J. T. Corbett, S.J.

Copied by TB.

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

[APRIL 24] 20-30

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Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$501, covering pay-  
ment due your school, from the M. K. Fund, for the quarter ended  
March 31, 1931.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR

*St. Andrews Mission  
Pendleton, Ore. - June 15 - 1931  
Dear Mr. Father: I beg to acknowledge once again (going over my records  
saved from the fire of Apr 21st.) receipt of \$501 covering  
payment due our school from the M. K. Fund for the quarter  
ended March 31 - 1931.  
J. T. Corbett of Sup*

personal & Confidential  
for you & your staff

St. Andrews, B.C. June 15 1937

Dear Rev. Father -

Gratias for your letter of May 22

I accept your congratulations for having saved Pere Lafoie's services  
self for Indian Extension work. His trapping & harness easily provides  
for my credit in good. He is now provided with a set of Breviaries  
so one thing is checked off.

The painting of the Church cost more than \$100. I'm glad  
I fixed up God's home, if shabby Church is a disgrace & decoration  
of the temple of God. As a reward for my common sense respect  
for our Sacramental King I've been sent by my Heavenly Father  
an old Country Architect, contractor, painter, brick-layer, artist  
artisan, Fred Hermann whom I've put on my staff as industrial  
teacher and supervisor of Construction for one year with a  
salary of \$65 a month. He is a good Catholic 66 years of age  
intelligent, alert as a man of 40, a Builder who has  
supervised and built high class buildings. I picked  
him up in my Mission Car as he trudges the highway  
took him to the Mission and into my house, and I discovered  
a providential "find" in him as he thinks he has found in  
the Mission padre a providential "find" too. He needs me and I  
need him. He can help me and I can help him. He has already  
built me in a few days a fine temporary sanitary residence (the  
house that "Jack" (J.T.C.) built with accommodations for two priests,  
an office room and upstairs with stairs on the outside, a floor  
with one room for teacher and a Class-room already for 20 boys.  
To finance this investment I propose inviting some of my pagan  
Pendleton friends for a hour-warming reception. I'll take  
occasion at this time July 2nd, to display my building plans etc.  
I'll tell them Padre Corbett will raise \$3000 and start building  
the Mission School Mission style hollow-tile and Pendleton  
as the Round-Up Directory and Chamber of Commerce promised  
last year will have the honor of raising the \$20,000 they approved  
of for building an All-Indian Gymnasium, swimming  
pool and athletic field.



To return. You are ruled off for the latest model  
Jesuit Breviaries; for the painting of the Church.  
I'll tackle Catholic Extension thru the Bishop. It can be  
done. I did it in Montana & in Bishop Lemkau as I gave  
them \$25 last year for their Jubilee -

(Indiana) The Major is safe at Omaha with the Flanigan Brothers.  
I had a job to get the Major out of Pendleton. as he  
was in an exalted mood and unable to pack his trunk.  
Some people are affected by the heat. However I held  
up a transcontinental train 5 minutes and finally  
succeeded in helping Major on the train. He thought he  
was a Colonel. I had to leave my car and board the  
train two. paid 19¢ got off on the prairie walked  
back to town was picked up by a K.K.K. recovered  
my car. got home for supper. expected & got a telegram  
from the Major from Denver wired him \$50 with orders to  
report at once for his baggage checked to Omaha -  
Two days later heard from Major that he was welcomed  
with open arms by Fr. F. though again broke - I'm  
glad I saw him through. Corbett always sees em through.  
With me no one is through until he is knocking at  
St. Peter's portals with a first-class ticket in his  
hand (so to speak). Thanks God I'm gaining on the Indians.  
I'm good to them in sickness, trouble and at funerals.

I hope you get a good vacation - You need  
it for the Cause. Oklahoma & the South west needed  
you and of course you are there.

Now Fr. Fitzgerald, he admires & loves you. When  
you are made Bishop after our Indian pilgrimage West  
Hear to the Eucharistic Congress and Rome continue  
your interest in us poor Indians who are won only by  
the noble kindness of Christ.

Enough - now for business letters. Expect several  
in a day or two to help your office to clean up records.

Yours fraternally for the Indian Cause  
C. T. Corbett S.J. on the job.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: Bureau

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION  
PENDLETON, OREGON  
June 15, 1931

Dear Rev. Father:

Gratias for your fine reaction of May 22. I accept your congratulations for having saved Pere LaJoie's precious self for Indian extension work. His trappings and harness easily provided for: my credit is good. He is now provided with a set of breviaries, so one thing is checked off.

The painting of the church cost more than \$100. I'm glad I fixed up God's home. A shabby church is a disgrace and desecration of the temple of God. As a reward for my common sense, respect for Our Sacramental King, I've been sent by my Heavenly Father an old country architect, contractor, painter, bricklayer, artist, artisan, Fred Hermann, whom I've put on my staff as industrial teacher and supervisor of construction for one year, with a salary of \$65 a month. He is a good Catholic, 66 years of age, intelligent, alert as a man of 40, a builder who has supervised and built high class buildings. I picked him up in my mission car as he trudged the highway, took him to the mission and into my house and I discovered a providential "find" in him and he thinks he has found in this mission padre a providential "find" too. He needs me and I need him. He can help me and I can help him. He has already built me in a few days a find temporary, sanitary residence (the house that "Jack" (J.T.C. built with accommodations for two priests, an office room and upstairs with stairs on the outside, a floor with one room for teacher and a classroom already for 20 boys. To finance this investment, I propose inviting some of my pagan Pendleton friends for a house-warming reception. I'll take occasion at this time, July 2nd, to display my building plans, etc. I'll tell them Padre Corbett will raise \$30,000 and start building the mission school, mission style, hollow tile and Pendleton as the round-up directory and Chamber of Commerce promised last year will have the honor of raising the \$20,000 they approved of for building an all-Indian gymnasium, swimming pool and athletic field.

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The major is safe at Omaha with the Flanigan Brothers. I had a job to get the major out of Pendleton, as he was in an exalted mood and unable to pack his trunk. Some people are affected by the heat. However, I held up a transcontinental train five minutes and finally succeeded in helping major on the train. He thought he was a colonel. I had to leave my car and board the train too, paid 19¢, got off on the prairie, walked back to town, was picked up by a K.K.K., recovered my car, got home for supper, expected and got a telegram from the major from Denver, wired him \$50 with orders to report at once for his baggage checked to Omaha. Two days later heard from major that he was welcomed with open arms by Father F., though broke again. I'm glad I saw him through. Corbett always sees (em through. With me no one is through until he is knocking at St. Peter's portals with a first class ticket in his hand (so to speak). Thank God I'm gaining on the Indians. I'm good to them in sickness, trouble and at funerals.

I hope you get a good vacation. You need it for the cause. Oklahoma and the Southwest needed you and of course you are there.

Saw Father Fitzgerald. He admires and loves you. When you are made Bishop after our Indian pilgrimage next year to the Eucharistic Congress and Rome, continue your interest in us poor Indians who are won only by the noble kindness of Christ. Enough now for business letters. Expect several in a day or two to help your office to clean up records.

Yours fraternally for the Indian cause  
(Signed) J.T. Corbett, on the job.

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose the original freight bill-of-lading for a box and a barrel of clothing and other articles which were shipped to you from this office on May 1.

As you will see from the bill-of-lading \$10.86 charges were prepaid.

As this shipment is composed of several small boxes sent to this office by various donors, no acknowledgment is necessary. But I would appreciate a line from you saying that it was received O.K.

Yours fraternally,

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

St. Andrew's - June 16 - 1931. JR

Dear Rev. Father:

*This shipment reached the Mission harbor in safety and it was received O.K. Many many thanks - Perhaps delay in answering and blame it on that fire.*  
*J. T. Corbett S.J.*

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W. Washington, D. C

June 3, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

On May 4, I sent you the original freight bill-of-lading for a box and a barrel of clothing shipped to you from this office.

As I have just received notice from the Pennsylvania Railroad that there was a freight overcharge made on this shipment, I will ask you kindly to return to me promptly the original bill-of-lading. I must have the original freight bill in order to collect the overcharge.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR

St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.  
June 16 - 1931

Dear Rev. Father:  
"Run to the fire" thing got awfully scrambled here  
but I do think I managed to send you what you wanted in a letter  
of two days ago -  
yours fraternally  
J. T. Corbett S.J.

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St Andrews Mission (20-30)  
Pondleton, Ore. June 16 - 1931

Dear Rev. Father:-

The ends of justice demand that I answer your splendid letters even tho' late owing to yours of Apr. 22nd. I am glad to be able to hear of the loss by fire and happy to know that the children are safe.

Yes we were well insured so therefore it is as you suggest not an unprofitable fire. If there's a Rabbi on your street one too. Some say the Irish are of the lost tribes of Israel the grandest race in the world - those Jews.

I thank you again for the \$500 emergency fund. It was a noble gesture on your part. Watching Eagle's on the job the Govt Dept didn't hurt himself by offering such things as blankets tho' he did send lots of protestant bibles & protestant hymn books that were of no further use at the Agency post-boarding school.

I know well you have no funds on which to properly draw for the \$500 but that you may have to reimburse the Bureau for this amount in the event that we receive considerable donations. However you and I can take the risk - we are well insured with Our Father in Heaven.

I like your conservatism as evidenced by "there is no assurance of any donations. This optimist is sure of some donations. So the N.C. W.C. will take a story based on my telegram. God. Will they wait for my story or will they themselves tell a story.

Build we must and build we will - I'm determined to start digging foundations for my school by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yours fraternally  
J. T. Corbett M.



Copy for Bureau  
orig. in donor  
JUL 3 - 1931

St. Andrews Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.  
June 16, 1931

(ENCLOSURE)

20-30

Mr. John McElroy  
4 Worthington St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear good Mission Friend John:

Your fine letter of April 24 came on the heels of a fire which on April 21 destroyed our Indian Boys' Boarding School and my home. And this explains my delay in answering you.

I got High Romance which you so kindly sent me. I'm familiar with "My Unknown Chum" and I would like to get it. Yes do continue sending the Catholic World, Commonwealth and America as they come to you. I must rebuild my destroyed library. The two books you sent came and made the Sisters (6) of St. Francis happy.

Indeed I received your note from New York and had prayers offered for your sisters, Sister M. Virginia of Notre Dame, who was called to her reward March 2 in the year of jubilee. How grand it is for you to have a sister reputed as a saint; as you requested the children and Sisters have prayerfully remembered her. John, I thank you for getting in touch with the superior of St. Saviours Convent in Brooklyn and engaging her to send a box of new articles of clothing. I got a splendid box which I turned over to the Sisters here. They do enjoy opening mission boxes! They are in retreat now and will be out tomorrow. Awful busy just now in unscrambling records, etc. respected by the fire. Determined to start rebuilding by July 4. Have patience with me John for a few days and I'll see that that box gets due recognition for you and Sister. I'm off on a money raising Oregon Trail tour day after tomorrow with a covered truck and 16 Indian boys in military uniform and a brass band. Out of a home we'll take the road and Heaven helps those who help themselves.

God bless you John--You've a real friend. St. Andrew's will rise again.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. T. Corbett, S.J.

Copied by CB.

June 23, 1931

Mr. Grover Blackstone,  
Freight Agent  
4 1/2 & E Sts., S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find original freight bill-of-lading covering the shipment of one barrel and one box of old clothes shipped to Rev. John T. Corbett, Pendleton, Oregon, May 1, 1931, and on which there is due this Bureau a refund of \$.80.

I am also enclosing, duly signed, the Corrected Freight Bill which you sent me.

Hoping to receive the amount of the overcharge soon, I remain

Yours very truly,

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

JR

80-30  
July 3, 1931

Sister Serena  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sister Serena:

I am in receipt of a letter of thanks from Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J. for Father Garesche for the medical mission kit which was shipped to your mission. I appreciate this letter but it does not fulfill all my obligations. In my letter to you February 20 I requested a letter of thanks for the donor, Miss Margaret Rice, New York. I will ask you kindly to write a letter of thanks addressed to Miss Rice for transmittal through this Bureau. In acknowledging Miss Rice's gift February 20, I informed her that the medical mission kit would be shipped to you and that you would send her a letter of thanks.

We must keep our promises otherwise, good benefactors may be lost to the missions.

Yours in Christ,

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

WJ:MP

20-30

July 3, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

The story of the fire itself did not come in time for the Summer issue of The Indian Sentinel. It will be too old for use as it now reads ~~for use~~ in the Fall issue. A later story telling of the progress on the building and setting forth your needs in connection with it, might result in getting some good donations for you. Part of it could be prepared for the Fall issue. Besides, I believe it would make an appeal for release to the Propagation of the Faith offices.

I realize you are very busy. I will be satisfied with a plain statement of facts.

I will use as much of the story about the fire as can be worked into the new article.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

SF:TB

July 7, 1931. 20-30

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S. J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$324, covering payment due  
your school, from the I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended June 30, 1931.

Yours fraternally,

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

MW



COPY FOR *Bureau*

Miss Margaret Rice  
New York

Dear Miss Rice:

We are most grateful to you for your generous gift of \$25 to be used for the purchase of a Medical Mission Kit for our poor mission.

We have been much in need of medical supplies, and there are few who would realize that they are a pressing necessity in an Indian school as well as in other institutions. May God reward you for your kind thoughtfulness of His needy little ones, who though very hardy, are still subject to many of the ills that "flesh is heir to."

Assuring you of our prayers for your welfare, we remain

Most sincerely in Christ,

COPIED BY MP

Srs. of St. Francis  
Sister M. Serena, Superior.

St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.  
July 8, 1931

20-30



St. Andrew's Mission 20-30  
Pendleton, Ore. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1931.

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Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm Hughes  
Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
2021 N. St. W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Rt. Rev. Mgr:

I am enclosing copy of my School Report which I am asking you to kindly transfer to the Secretary of the Interior's Office for Statistical record. In the confusion arising from the fire which left me without a home I am belated in transferring.

Yours devotedly in Our Lord  
J. T. Corbett S.J.

P. S. Trusting in Divine Providence I start rebuilding my school in two or three days. I'll write again soon.  
J. T. Corbett S.J.

July 27, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

Included in the money sent you for the past year from the Bureau fund was \$200 donated by the Holy Childhood Association. The Holy Childhood Association desires from the schools receiving help from it a report of the progress made. I enclose such a report in quadruplicate covering your school. Please fill out one of the copies and sign all the copies and return the same to me. I will then complete the other three copies. Add to the report a brief statement regarding the work. The Holy Childhood Association needs this statement in order to encourage it to continue to furnish the Bureau money for the Indian mission schools. The Association's special interest is converting pagan children. Tell about conversions of parents and children.

You will understand that we did not send you the \$200 extra, but, thanks to the Holy Childhood Association, we were able to meet fully our obligation to you for the past year. Bear in mind that your report will be forwarded to the Holy Childhood Association and should mention only the \$200 received from it.

Will you kindly attend to this matter at your earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

Eugene J. Welch,  
Secretary.

JR

October 1, 1931

20-30

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose our Treasurer's check for \$324, covering payment  
due your school, from the I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended September  
30, 1931.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR



October 8, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

20-30

Dear Father Corbett:

I had a long talk with Miss Eleanor D. Gregg, Supervisor of Nurses, about Mrs. Fillius. Miss Gregg is anxious to do everything possible for Mrs. Fillius, both because she appreciates her success in the trying work which she has done for the Indian Office and because she has great regard for Mrs. Fillius' war-time service as a nurse.

I suggested to Miss Gregg that she let me write you and ask you to advise Mrs. Fillius as follows. In view of Mrs. Fillius' condition of health, in which she should not have the worries attached to her present work, Miss Gregg believes, and I agree with her, that it would be best for Mrs. Fillius to take a good rest. Owing to the rights which she has as a veteran to hospitalization, Mrs. Fillius should apply to the Medical Director, Portland, Oregon, for hospitalization. He no doubt can be reached by that address.

At the same time Mrs. Fillius should ask the Indian Office for sick leave of absence without pay. That would bring her one month's pay for sick leave, as well as pay for the annual leave which may be due her.

Furthermore, if Mrs. Fillius' condition of health is found to be such that she is entitled to it, she will receive full compensation, I understand that she is now receiving only part compensation from the Veterans Bureau.

I hope that you can see your way clear to volunteer this advice to Mrs. Fillius and that she will realize that the motives of friendship and appreciation actuate Miss Gregg, yourself and myself.

Yours fraternally,

*Copy to Miss Gregg*



CONFIDENTIAL

October 8, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I am writing this confidential letter to you to explain that while I know that it may be a very difficult thing for you to offer this suggestion to Mrs. Fillius, and especially to prevail on her to accept it, still it is in her own best interest. Otherwise the Indian Office will be compelled to have her undergo an examination, especially as to her mental condition. The result will no doubt mean, first, that she will be discharged from the Service and, secondly, that the embarrassing record of the medical examination and the discharge will be against her when inquiry is made of the Indian Office later when she applies for another position in the Civil Service or elsewhere.

By the plan suggested to Mrs. Fillius in the accompanying letter she is not asked for her resignation at present. Later she likely will be. But you should not mention resignation to her as it would disturb her unduly in the condition of mind in which she is. It would probably set her against taking the initiative which is for her own good.

Thanking you in advance in my own name and assuring you that the Indian Office will appreciate your good services as much as I will, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:JR

*Copy to Miss Gregg*

St. Andrews Mission

Recd OCT 19 1931  
Adm. ~~Boys' School~~  
Filed Oct 11th 1930

Rt Rev. Mr. J. M. Hughes, S.J.  
Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
202 N. St. Washington D.C.

Dear Rev. Father:

Yesterday Sun. Oct 10th His  
Excellency Rt. Rev. J. P. McGrath laid  
the cornerstone of the new St. Andrews School,  
assisted by Very Rev. Walter Fitzgerald Vice  
Provincial of the Oregon Jesuits. The  
new School of two stories, 132 ft. frontage  
and 47 ft. in depth is of concrete and  
hollow tile construction is well under  
way and in one week work will be  
begun on the roofing proper. The plumbing,  
the roofing, the electrical work are let out  
in special contracts; other things are done  
by day labor. Pray that God will touch the  
hearts of our people to help us keep out  
of debt and present a worthy offering to the  
Lord for our little Indian boys and girls.  
Yours fraternally, J. T. Corbett, S.J.

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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Rec'd MAH 8 1932 Amt. October 16, 1931  
Ans. 3/9/32 Ent. 3/9/32  
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Letter to Mr. Katharine Work Slip OK  
Order filed 3/9/32 List 3/9/32  
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Copy to 3/9/32 3/9/32

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.,  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$376, covering payment due your school, from the M. K. Fund, for the quarter ended September 30, 1931.

You will no doubt wonder at the deduction of \$125. This was caused by the fact that your school maintained an average attendance of only 28 during the quarter whereas it should have maintained an average attendance of 33 to warrant the full payment of \$501. However, if for the quarter ending December 31 you maintain an average attendance of 38 or more, the \$125 which was deducted will be allowed you at that time.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR

Dear Rt. Rev. Wm Hughes:

I do need that \$125. very badly and I have qualified but I presume it's up to me to remind you. I have been good to the Indians young and old and therefore I am broke, but proud of the fact, but not too proud to notify the Almoners of Divine Providence.  
Yours fraternally  
J. T. Corbett S.J.

Rec'd 002 22 1931 Amt. St. Andrews Mission 20-32  
 Ans. St. Andrews Mission  
 Pol'd Box 55 Peabody Ore  
 Letter to Oct. 12th. 1931.  
 C. Work Slip O.K.  
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 C. 10

Rev. Mr. Wm. Hughes  
 Director Bureau Catholic Indian Missions  
 2521 H. St. Washington, D.C.

Dear Father:

Last Sunday Bishop McBrath laid  
 the corner stone of our new school which is  
 destined in my plan to give class accommodations  
 for 150 boys and girls & home accommodations  
 for 75 boys. The new building is one story with  
 a basement equivalent to a second story. It is  
 of hollow tile and cement construction completely  
 fire proof with the boiler & furnace room  
 some 60 ft from the building. It is in the  
 mission style 152 ft x 42 ft depth & width.  
 We are now ready to put on the roof  
 which will be a special contract I. H. Hart



tomorrow. We are carrying on school as best we can under trying circumstances trusting in God for help. Our appeal for aid in the form of money gifts or a \$5000.00 loan broadcasted through the pages of "The Indian Sentinel" may move the heart of some friends of this Indian Mission cause to immediate Catholic Action.

Unless we have assurance that we can meet our bills, it would be folly to go on with the building after the roof is on. We sorely need the building and plans be made ready for occupancy by Thanksgiving Day.

I have publicly pledged to bring the building to a successful completion and I trust in God for the means to do so. Our Mission Sisters O.S.F. are leading the children in prayer and sacrifice for the speedy completion of a decent adequate school home.

Yours devotedly  
J. J. Corbett S.J. Sup.



P. 4 In a day or so I will send  
you some pictures for insertion  
in the Indian Sentinel  
J.L.C.

(Confidential from B. C. I. M.)

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington

Circular No. 2822  
Surplus Clothing

Nov. 5, 1931.

To All Superintendents:

We have been fortunate in securing surplus War Department property as follows:

120 Breeches, wool, O. D.	25,000 pair
60 Coats, mackinaw	41,040
60 Jackets, pea	2,252
60 Jumpers	408
60 Overcoats, canvas, blanket lined	5,821
60 Overcoats, wool, O. D., shawl collar	1,229
60 " " " " old type	60,000
60 Drawers, wool, winter	150,000
60 Undershirts, wool, winter	150,000
60 Stockings, wool, heavy	200,000 pair
60 Gloves, woolen, O. D.	100,000 pair
60 Mittens, cotton flannel, leather palm	100,000 pair
60 Overshoes, arctic	18,992 pair
120 Shoes, service	50,000 pair
120 Shirts, cotton, w/o collars	30,841
150 Melton, O. D. 30-32 oz.	100,000 yards

The greater part of these clothing supplies will probably be stored in the Chicago Warehouse pending distribution throughout the field. You are requested to submit at once IN DUPLICATE a list of such of these articles as will be required for issue to needy Indians under your jurisdiction. The supplies will be transferred free of charge, with the exception of course of the transportation costs which will be charged to the agency support funds of the various units to which the clothing is sent.

In view of abnormally severe conditions prevailing in the Dakotas, Montana and possibly Nebraska because of drought conditions and grasshopper plagues, the agencies in that part of the Indian country will receive prior consideration in the distribution of this property.

We understand that the O. D. melton cloth, the last article on the list, is particularly suitable for use as blanket material, but may also be made up into certain articles of clothing.

An immediate response to this circular is desired so that the articles may be actually available by the Indians before extremely cold weather sets in and also that the period of storage in the warehouse may not be unduly prolonged. SUBMIT YOUR REPLY TO THIS OFFICE, ATTENTION ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER, NOT TO THE WAREHOUSE.

C. J. RHOADS,

Commissioner.

COPY FOR *Bureau*

*Orig. to donor*

DEC 11 1931

The Chaplain's Aid Association  
401 W. 59th St.  
New York, N. Y.

St. Andrew's Mission

R. 1, Box 55

Pendleton, Ora.

November 16, 1931

*20-30*  
*[Nov. 16, 1931]*

Esteemed Kind Friends:

A thousand thanks for your goodly remembrance of our poor Indian Mission. I beg to acknowledge receipt of two packages containing 1 large ~~xxxxxxx~~ crucifix and two candlesticks, 1 statue of Our Blessed Lady, holy cards and 6 brass vases with religious periodicals. On the reverse side of the standing crucifix I note the ~~xxxx~~ inscription, "Pray for William and Ellen O'Brien". The missionaries and Jesuit Fathers and Sisters of St. Francis will combine with the Indian boys and girls to pray for William and Ellen O'Brien. Everything arrived in good condition with the exception of the statue of the B. V. M. It will be a labor of love for our good Franciscan Sisters to repair the hand on the B. V. M. statue.

Moreover I note that you give notice of the coming of a statue of the Little Flower 30" high to be shipped from the Bernardine Statuary Co. a gift of one your subscribers whom we will be delighted to remember prayerfully.

Yours devotedly in Our Lord

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J. T. Corbett, S.J. Sup.

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November 17, 1931

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School  
Pendleton, Oregon

Dear Father Corbett:

The enclosed copy of order form will inform you that I am placing  
order today for a monstrance.

Kindly send me a letter of thanks for transmittal to the donor,  
Miss Martina Mattingly, Brookland, D. C.

Yours in Christ,

WH:MB

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.





A few days ago I received a letter from a lady in Pittsburgh stating that Fr. L. Hermann had visited her, telling her he was a very dear friend of mine & had just finished a Mission Report for me. I wrote to her that Hermann was no friend of mine and that she should be on her guard against being imposed on by clever knaves.

This is to warn you against Fr. Hermann as a crack-brained fraud.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord  
J. T. Corbett S.J.

Copy for *Bureau*

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

St. Andrew's Mission  
R. 1, Box 55, Pendleton, Ore.  
Nov. 20th, 1931

Dear Rev. Father:

Fred L. Hermann who was in my employ as a helper on the new school building was dismissed from my service on October 10th after having been paid him in full for all past services.

I understand that he is now in Washington and it may be that he will try to ingratiate himself in your favor by boasting of his friendship for me and of the plans that he drew and the school building he built at St. Andrew's Mission.

In fact he may palm himself off as still in my service and engaged in official errands for me, so I want to warn you. Bishop McGrath knows that I dismissed Fred L. Hermann from supervision of the school building because it found out that whilst on a business trip to Portland, Hermann had become involved in a scandal over a woman that made his instant dismissal imperative. And owing to dishonest extortionate demands on dealers reported to me, he was blacklisted by the Portland Merchant Association.

A few days ago, I received a letter from a lady in Pittsburgh, stating that Fred L. Hermann had visited her telling her he was a very dear friend of mine and had just finished a mission church for me. I wrote to her that Hermann was no friend of mine and that she should be on her guard against being imposed on by clever knaves.

This is to warn you against Fed L. Hermann as a crack framed fraud.  
Yours sincerely in Our Lord

COPY FOR *Bureau*  
*Orig. to donors*  
DEC 11 1931 *JR*

Chaplains Aid Association

St. Andrew's Mission  
R. 1. Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.  
November 26, 1931

20-30

Dear Kind Friends

For the third time in the last few days your heart and your hand have gone out to poor St. Andrew's Mission in gifts that have a soul as well as a body. The last parcel contained a woolen suit which I promptly bestowed on my Indian foreman to reward him for his kindness to poorer Indians. We pray for you and ask your prayerful aid to enable me to raise \$10,000.00 which I need to complete my new school to replace that destroyed by fire on April 21.

Yours sincerely

J. T. Corbett, S.J. Supp.

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[Dec 1, 1931]

9 DEC. 1, 1931

St. Andrew's Mission  
1779 St. Louis Ave  
St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Mr. Wm. Hughes  
Director Bureau Catholic Indian Missions  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Factor:

The enclosed letter from  
the local Supt Ch. Babcock is sent  
for your information as to the point of  
view of the Dept. here re Circular No. 2822.  
Here is what is asked for on the basis  
of 60 children.

150 yds. Melton O.D. 30-32 oz this will  
be helpful for making up needs of blankets

- 120 pr woolen breeches
- 60 Coats mackinaw
- 60 Pea jackets
- 60 Jumpers
- 60 Overcoats canvas blanket-lined
- 60 Overcoats wool O.D. old type
- 60 Woolen winter drawers
- 60 heavy woolen stockings
- 60 O.D. woolen gloves
- 60 Canton flannel mittens leather palm
- 60 Arctic Overshoes
- 120 Service Shoes
- 120 100% cotton socks

Yours sincerely  
J. T. Corbett S. J. St. Andrew's Mission



(ENCLOSURE)

5-1142

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Umatilla Indian Agency,  
Pendleton, Oregon.  
November 28, 1931.

Father J. T. Corbett,  
Sup't St. Andrew's Indian Mission,  
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Father Corbett:

I have your letter of the 23rd inst., relative to the issue of surplus property to your school. This matter should be taken up directly with the Washington Office, preferably through the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, after which it will be referred to me for a recommendation thereon, probably. I am sure that the head of the Bureau mentioned will be able to get farther with the matter than anyone in the field can possibly do. If the goods are available for issue to mission schools, I surely want your school to get what is coming to it.

I trust you may be successful in getting some of the things you need.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Babcock,*

O. L. Babcock,  
Superintendent.



20-30

December 7, 1931

Miss Martina Mattingly  
3317 9th St., N. E.  
Brockland, D. C.

Dear Miss Mattingly:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed letter of thanks  
which I have just received from Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J. of Oregon, for  
you.

Wishing you every blessing and joy at Christmas and in the new  
year, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

MB

Copy for Bureau

" 2 T.I.S.

" " Mis.

Orig. sent donor 12/7/31 MB.

Miss Martine Mattingly,  
Brookland, D. C.

My dear good Mission Friend:

Your noble gift, a beautiful monstrance 18 in. high direct from Chicago Catholic Church Extension Society reached our mission safely in first-class condition. The Jesuit Fathers and the missionary Sisters of St. Francis are pleased and grateful beyond words to express. Good deeds are prompted by good hearts. In your gift, you have honored us struggling missionaries and cheered us much; you have honored God and you have honored yourself. Be assured of our remembering prayers. Humbly proud must God's almoners be; for, indeed, it is a privilege to minister to God in the person of His poor.

I am struggling to complete, before Christmas a substantial, modern fire-proof mission school, trusting in Divine Providence for the proud privilege of offering it, free of debt, to the Christ-Child on Christmas Day. For this I beg to enlist the cooperation of your prayers.

Yours devotedly for the Mission Cause,

(Signed)

J. T. Corbett, S.J.

Copied by MB

St. Andrew's Mission  
R. 1, Box 55, Pendleton, Ore.  
Dec. 2, 1931

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[ENCLOSURE]

*Copy to Father Corbett  
" " Supt. Babcock*

December 9, 1931.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington  
D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Attention Mr. Armstrong.

I have a letter of November 28 from Superintendent O. L. Babcock, Umatilla Indian Agency, Pendleton, Oregon, to Rev. J. T. Corbett, Superintendent St. Andrew's Indian Mission on that reservation in which Mr. Babcock suggests that Father Corbett's request for clothing for Indian children be taken up with your office through this Bureau.

Accordingly, I submit the request of Father Corbett:

120 Breeches, wool, O. D.  
60 Coats, mackinaw  
60 Jackets, pea  
60 Jumpers  
60 Overcoats, canvas, blanket lined  
Or 60 Overcoats, wool, O. D., shawl collar  
Or 60 " " " old type  
60 Drawers, wool, winter  
60 Undershirts, wool, winter  
60 Stockings, wool, heavy  
60 Gloves, woolen, O. D.  
60 Mittens, cotton flannel, leather palm  
60 Overshoes, arctic  
100 Shoes, service  
120 Shirts, cotton, w/o collar  
150 Yards Melton, O. D. 30-32 oz.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:FB

*Copy to Supt. Babcock*

December 9, 1931.

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose copies of my letter of today to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, one for you and one for Superintendent Babcock.

Will you please express to Superintendent Babcock our appreciation of his cooperation, as I have done at the Indian Office? Your request will appear as a supplementary request to the request that Superintendent Babcock has probably sent in for his general needs. The Indian Office will make whatever allotment it can to Superintendent Babcock and will no doubt write him as it is writing other superintendents the request that he give due consideration to the needs of your Indians, for distribution by you.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:TB



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*Orig. to honor*  
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20-32  
St. Andrew's Mission,  
R. 1, Box 55,  
Pendleton, Ore.  
December 12, 1931.

The Cornelia Connelly Association, % Mission Helpers  
Convent of the Holy Child Jesus  
1121 Spring Garden Street  
Phila., Pa.

Dear revered Mission Helpers:

I bet to acknowledge receipt of a fine large Altar Crucifix 18½ in. high with the legend "In memory of Michael Baxter Dillon." The Jesuit Fathers conducting this mission will be pleased to give the donors a memento in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and we shall not forget Michael Baxter Dillon.

Permit me on this occasion to extend to you my best wishes for a merry Christmas with that merriment that spontaneously ~~him~~ bubbles up in the Christian heart from the consciousness of the nearness of the Babe who is the Life of our life and its joy too.

And just a wee prayers that Father Corbett may receive Christmas donations of money totalling the trifling sum of \$10,000 so that he may be enabled to offer his new modern Indian school debt free to the Babe of Bethlehem as His Christmas present. Pray for our Little Indians.

Yours devotedly in the Mission Cause,

(Signed) Rev. J. T. Corbett, S. J.

Copied by MW.



20-32

December 14, 1931

Sister M. Serena  
St. Andrew's Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sister Serena:

I enclose check for \$5.25, covering the enclosed freight bill dated November 18, 1931, covering shipment of medical supplies from the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

For the medical supplies you should send me a letter of thanks addressed to the donor, for me to forward.

Your letter of thanks to Father Garesche was alright. He made up the medical kit and charged the Bureau, I understand, a very low price. I am forwarding your letter of thanks to Father Garesche.

I like the name on the freight bill, Rev. Si Serene. If your name is Si I suppose I should call myself Hi.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes.

WH:MP

December 19, 1931

20-30

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$500.00  
designated to be sent to you towards new school.

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,

WH:MC

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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Bred 1931 Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ Cu.  
 App. St. Andrew's Mission Dr.  
 Paid P. O. Box 55 Pundleton, Ariz. O. O.  
 Letter to \_\_\_\_\_ Work 5110 C. H. R. O.  
 Order filed Dec. 22nd 1931 Sp.  
 Ship's \_\_\_\_\_ D. G. of Ref. St.  
 Copy to I. S. \_\_\_\_\_ Check sent \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Mr. Wm. Hughes  
 Director Bureau Catholic Indian Missions  
 2021 H. St. N. W.  
 Washington D. C.  
 Dear Rev. Father.

This will tell you that  
 at Midnight Mass on Christmas you  
 and your office help were large in my  
 Christmas Greetings and wishes for a happy  
 New Year. We of St. Andrew's Mission  
 owe you a debt of gratitude that is best  
 repaid in prayerful remembrance  
 Yours devotedly for the Indians  
 J. T. Corbett S. J. Sup

20-30

December 23, 1931

Rev. J. T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's School, R. 1, Box 55  
Pendleton, Oregon

Dear Father Corbett:

The enclosed copy of order form will inform you that I am placing  
order today for a chalice, given in memory of Rev. Dennis W. Brown.

Kindly send me a letter of thanks for transmittal to the donor,  
Miss Gertrude B. Duffy of Massachusetts.

Yours in Christ,

WH:MB

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.



REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Recd DEC 31 1931  
ARR. \_\_\_\_\_  
PAID \_\_\_\_\_  
DEC 30 1931  
Letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Slip O.K. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
D. C. at \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Father Hughes:

With reference to your letter of December 9 calling attention to the need of clothing for Indian pupils attending the St. Andrews' Indian Mission on the Umatilla Reservation, we are requesting our warehouse in Chicago to ship to Superintendent Babcock at Umatilla, the following items:

120 pair breeches  
120 overcoats  
100 pair drawers  
100 undershirts  
100 pair stockings  
200 pair mittens.

Sincerely yours,

*E. J. Rhoads*  
Commissioner.



*Confidential*  
*No publicity*

December 31, 1931

Rev. John T. Corbett, S.J.  
St. Andrew's Indian Mission  
Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Father Corbett:

I enclose copy of a letter of December 30 from Commissioner  
Rhodes.

You will recognize in this the first step of a liberalizing policy. I hope that it will not be the last, although we can not be sure of further such steps except for aid which the Commissioner is offering through superintendents in lieu of the Red Cross aid for which I had made request to the Commissioner. St. Ignatius and St. Paul, Montana, benefit by that other aid. St. Andrew's does not.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WHL:SNP

Copy to:  
Father Piet  
Father Fitzgerald.

- ① Surplus Army goods
- ② Indian departments own goods.

[A31]

Ave Maria in Kumiya (Kiz Perce's) Language

Kaiziyeyey Mary, kakmam iyeyki, miogat  
Heine Mary, full grace of Lord  
imumpahi: uataskin he ues hahatuai-  
thee in is: blessed thou art women-  
Kinig, uag uataskin iues lemanit illut  
from, and blessed is fruit womb  
Kinig, Jesus. Heautnin Mary, Hamke  
from, Jesus. Keoly Mary, God-  
nikum Pike, nuna kakapsisna nastala-  
of Mother, us sinners pray  
josananim Kikaua Kagkaua nun  
noto and when us

Over

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*petinagne. Kinghaus.*

*Shall die. amen.*

General Office and Central Council  
44 Rue du Cherche-Midi, 44  
Paris

## Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood

National Office for the United States  
336 Fourth Avenue—P. O. Box 1002  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

[1931]

Mission of St. Andrew's Mission, Pendleton, Oregon. Total Population 1000

In Charge (Name of the Congregation) Jesuit Fathers, A. Franciscan, S.F.S. No. of Catholics 500

IMPORTANT OBSERVATION—In order to receive consideration at the next distribution of funds the information herein asked must be at the National Office by November 30th and the Central Office in Paris not later than December 15th.

Bishop or Vicar Apostolic Rt. Rev. Joseph M. McGrath, D.D. Number of Priests European 2  
or Prefect Apostolic Natives 2

or Superior Rev. John T. Carbutt, S.J. Brothers European  
Natives

Residing at (Precise and complete address) Sisters European 2  
Pendleton, Oregon Natives 4

By J. P. Corbett, S.J. Catechists

Condition of the work of St. Andrew's Mission in July 1931

	Number		Number of Establishments	Number of Children
Baptisms of infants of pagan parents	9	Orphanages		
Infants ransomed		Schools	2	60
Infants placed in care of nurses		Industrial Schools		
Infants placed in Christian families		and Work-Shops		
Children placed on farms				
Total number of children aided by Holy Childhood (1) 60				

Receipts During the Year		Expended on the Children During the Year (2)		Balance
		Baptized		
		Ransomed		
Last allowance received	200	In care of Nurses		
		Placed in Christian Families		
Collections for Holy Childhood		Orphanages		
		Schools	2	
Proceeds from work		Work-Shops		
		Farms		
Donations		For Medicine		
		Repairs		
		New Buildings		
		Extraordinary expenses		
Total	200	Total	200	

(1) Under the heading, "Total number of infants succored by Holy Childhood" each child belonging to different establishments should only be counted once.

(2) The funds obtained from Holy Childhood should be expended exclusively on pagan children whom the missionaries baptize, ransom and educate.

NOTE—On this side should appear information in statistical form only. Please use the reverse side for any observation required to make them clearer, also reasons for an increase in the allowance or for extraordinary aid.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR-----

Payment due St. Andrew's School, from the I. M. Fund.

For quarter ended December 31, 1930.

\$ 324.

Pendleton, Oregon.

20-30

*Jan 9th* JAN 17 1931  
Ans. *all* Amt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fol'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
Order filled \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
Ship's \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ship O.K. \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy to I. B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy to \_\_\_\_\_  
D.G. or Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
Check sent \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rev. John T. Corbett S.J.*

*Receipt accidentally wounded in honorable battle. This exhibit represents my first aid to the wounded P.T.C.*  
Rec'd JAN 22 1931  
Ans. *all* Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian

-----FIVE HUNDRED ONE-----  
Payment due St. Andrew's Mission School,  
For quarter ended December 31, 1930.

\$501.

*Rev. J. T. Corbett S.J.*

Pendleton, Oregon.

20-30

*Jan 14th* 1931

-----ONE----- Dollars

M.K. Fund,

*Rev. J. T. Corbett S.J. Sup.*

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----FIVE HUNDRED ONE-----

Payment due St. Andrew's Mission School, from M. K. Fund,

For quarter ended March 31, 1931

\$ 501.

Pendleton, Oregon.

20-30

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*J. T. Corbett S.J. Sup. St. Andrew's Mission*

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR-----

Payment due St. Andrew's Mission School, from the I. M. Fund.

For quarter ended June 30, 1931

\$ 324.

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Pendleton, Oregon.

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*Rev. J. T. Corbett S.J. Sup.*



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Rec'd JUL 20 1931

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-----FIVE HUNDRED ONE----- Dollars

Payment due St. Andrew's Mission School, from M. K. Fund

For quarter ended June 30, 1931

\$ 501.

Rev. John T. Corbett S.J. Sup.

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Pendleton, Oregon.

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-----THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR----- Dollars

Payment due St. Andrew's School, from I. M. Fund

For quarter ended September 30, 1931.

\$324. I thank you.

Rev. John T. Corbett S.J. Sup.

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Pendleton, Oregon

Rec'd OCT 29 1931

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX----- Dollars

Payment due St. Andrew's Mission School, from M. K. Fund

For quarter ended September 30, 1931

\$ 376. I thank you.

Rev. John T. Corbett S.J. Sup.