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ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE  
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BOSTON

January 2, 1925.

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

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

His Eminence, the Cardinal, directs me to acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 29th, and to say that he was glad to hear of the good results attained in your recent visit to the Archdiocese of Boston.

His Eminence sends you his blessing and most cordial best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. J. Hoberlin*  
Secretary.

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## OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

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HUNTINGTON, INDIANA, Feb. 24, 1925.

The Parish Monthly  
Makes easy the publication of a  
high-class parish magazine  
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"Body," to which local  
notes are added.



Reverend Dear Father:-

The inclosed is submitted for your attention. Thinking that you might wish to address a correction to the New-York Herald-Tribune.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Robert R. Hull.

## Indian Welfare in Dispute

### A "Persecution" Myth Regarding Rio Grande Pueblos

To The New York Herald-Tribune:  
Newspaper reports of the recent annual meeting of the Indian Rights Association quote Miss Clara D. True, associate secretary of that organization, as making a charge not only completely erroneous but without circumstantial justification, which yet does grave injury to the Indians, our nation's wards.

Miss True is quoted as follows:

"Never in the early days of Christianity were there greater martyrs than those among the Indians of New Mexico to-day."

"Priests of the ancient religion still rule the tribe and administer the severest persecution on those who confess the white man's God."

"The priests as the leading tribal authorities claim the sole right to govern the tribe, and the Indian Department at Washington has evaded a decision overruling them for a long time. We hope, however, to settle the question in the near future."

It seems that the organization which employs Miss True has adopted the above statement as its own, inasmuch as its president, Mr. Herbert Welch, and the secretary, Mr. Sniffin, have made identical statements in print and otherwise.

The extent to which the statement is in error can be exhibited in a few words:

These Indians of the pueblos to whom Miss True refers are all Christians, and have been Christians for more than 300 years. They are Roman Catholics. Her statement conveys any meaning at all only if she intends to convey that the Catholic Christian Indians are administering a dreadful persecution to the Indians who have embraced the Protestant faith. But there are no Protestant missionaries working in the Rio Grande pueblos, and no Protestant Indians there. Hence this implication, if she intends it, is as wholly untrue as her direct statement.

This persecution myth, whose origin is about a year old, has been publicly refuted many times, including direct refutation to the officers of the Indian Rights Association. The object of the myth is to compel or encourage the Indian Bureau to proceed in an effort to destroy the native leadership of the tribes and to break up the pueblos' corporate life, with a certain result of depriving these Indians of their vested land rights.

I say nothing about the motives of those advancing the persecution allegation, but refer only to the effects of their campaign were it to succeed.

JOHN COLLIER.  
San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 13, 1925.

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Ans. 4/10/25

Encl. - D

San Carlos, Arizona.  
Indian School,  
April 10, 1925.

Rev. William Hughes,  
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D. C.

Rev and dear Father:

Would it be asking too much if you would find out for me at the Indian Office, if the position of Domestic Science at San Carlos, is to be abolished? I hold D.S. position here. Our Superintendent Mr. Kitch in a way doesn't favor D.S. teachers for the Apaches, and then the School Supervisor Mr. Hunter has recommended my position here abolished and by so doing get a cheaper woman to do the work. The position here for the last ten years has been Teacher of House-keeping and received more pay than the ordinary cook.

When I came it was changed to D.S. teacher my ratings call for it, and I came in on the raise last July. I was sent here two years ago last January when the Osage School, Pawhuska Oklahoma was abolished. I was there nine years. It meant a big expense and another if I am changed. I have a brother with me a cripple, also a niece 15 years old, on account of no High School here I had to send Louise away. She is attending St. Joseph's Academy, Tucson Arizona, and likes it fine, she has two more years before graduating. If I am left here she will finish from there. This in a way is not real Domestic Science position. The Department knew conditions here. I did not when they sent me here.

Since I am here I want to stay for the reasons I have stated. All teachers have to attend Summer School every two years and it is up to me to attend this Summer. I couldn't attend, and then may be transferred. So it would ease my mind if I knew what they were going to do with me. I haven't talked to Mr. Kitch, he has never mentioned it.

This school will end when the Dam is finished, work is to start soon.

I am in the service 19 years. I refer you to Father Gerard Brenneke now of St. John's Mission, Komatke, Arizona. He was here when I came. Kindly let me hear from you.

Very respectfully,

(SIGNED) AGNES O'CONNOR

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Sacred Heart School  
Gardner, Colo.

April 15, 1925

Rev. Father Hughes  
Washington, D.C.

Reverend and dear Father,

You will be surprised, no doubt, to receive a letter from someone in the Rocky Mountains here, whom you formerly met in St. Vatech last summer, as circumstances permitted, it was transferred from our dear Indian field of labor in North Dakota to the poor Mexican Indians of the West. Here we are now, a little missionary band of Sisters trying our utmost to educate the poor little ones to whom God has called us and to have the many inconveniences that face us. As it is, conditions are extremely poor around and it is in behalf of our school and charges here that I wish to make an appeal to you, dear Father. Could you in your position as head of the Catholic Indian Bureau lend us some much needed here, too?

Our school building is only a partially finished affair with mud-plastered walls in the two rooms where we are teaching. The rest of the building is unfinished with windows and main entrance nailed up so as to permit no light in the hall way except through cracks between the boards. In the winter cold also freely seeks admission.

For pupils' desks we have some old broken and discarded ones from other schools hardly fit for their purpose and by far not enough to accommodate the enrollment of over a hundred pupils. A long carpenter table serves as teacher's desk and book shelves at the same time. During the cold winter months we had to content ourselves with wood as there was no coal to be had for want of money.

Reverend Father Paul, our pastor, has been trying so hard to make improvements but as the last few years have been so dry and prospects are even worse this year than before he can expect little from his parishioners because they have not even enough to support themselves. He receives no salary and during the month of December

including Christmas and New Year the total collection amounted to six dollars & some cents. Of course the people try to support him with beans & squashes when they have them but they and he cannot build a school with them. Whatever comes in is from some outside charity fund and that is little enough.

Father Bernard from St. Yates sometimes writes to me and always says that the little parochial school there is doing fine. I am so glad to hear it because many a time I have to think back of the many happy years I spent there among the Indians. I often wish we could have held out longer there but it was beyond my power & strength to do it.

Now, dear Father, knowing our condition here, could you do something for us? We would be ever so grateful and beg the dear Lord to bless you a hundredfold for it.

Trusting beforehand in your generosity and thanking you I am sincerely Yours  
in the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Sister M. Odilie O.S.B.

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(SIGNED) SISTER M. ODILE, O.S.B.

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Gentlemen,  
Please send four reels of the  
pictures of Indian Missions as soon as  
possible, by express C. & D.

Very truly yours,  
Robert H. Hutter  
St. Mary's School  
West Taylor St.  
La. C. D. 601 St. Jackson St.

May 2, 1925.

Mr. F. Oberkotter,  
St. Mary's School,  
601 W. Jackson St.,  
Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Mr. Oberkotter:

I regret that your letter of April 21 has remained unanswered until now. Unfortunately, the reels of motion pictures have been booked up and it will be impossible for me to supply you with them. Perhaps, some time during the next school year, Father Woods will be able to come and give the lecture.

Yours in Christ,

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

MR.

Miss O

May 4, 1925.

Oakland Savings & Trust Co.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your communication of May 1, including pass book, statement of account and cancelled checks of St. Agnes School, together with two blank check books. These were evidently sent me by mistake.

I cannot understand how you have gotten my name. It is possible that you have confused my name with that of Rev. William J. Flynn who was until April 28 attached to this Bureau. On April 28 Father Flynn was transferred to our New York auxiliary, the Marquette League, as its General Secretary. It is possible that Father Flynn was is a priest of the Pittsburgh diocese and was formerly at Holy Innocence Church, Corlies station, has an account with you.

I can understand in the rush of the first of the month how this mistake could occur. I would be pleased to get word from you how I figured in it.

Yours truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. May 5, 1925.

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

Dear Father:-

I am very sorry the mistake of mailing the St. Agnes School pass book, statement of account, cancelled checks and two blank check books to you occurred. One of the boys from St. Agnes School brought the book to the bank for balancing and enclosed it in an envelope with your address on it. The young lady bookkeeper finding the envelope thought it was to be mailed to you and did so.

I am enclosing herewith six cents in postage and take this opportunity to thank you for your very prompt attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Recktenwald  
Bookkeeper.

Sister M. Odille,  
Sacred Heart School,  
Gardner, Colorado.

Dear Sister Odille:

I have your letter of April 10, copy of which I return herewith for your file.

I am very much edified though pained to hear of the sacrifices which you have to undergo in caring for the Mexican children. I regret that the Mexicans, who are indeed Indians, have never been placed under this Bureau. As early as 1909 I urged Father Ketchum to take the Mexicans under the wing of the Bureau. He could not see his way clear to do so. Meantime the Extension Society did it.

I would suggest that you write to Extension Society, Very Rev. Monsignor William D. O'Brien, 180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Your letter will be a good one if slightly changed. You may mention that you have appealed to this Bureau. State how long you were with the Sioux Indians. Send your letter to Bishop Tihen. Ask him to indorse it and you send it. Ask for a definite amount.

I have the greatest sympathy for the Mexicans. When a young priest, I went to Mexico for six months to learn Spanish. Upon my return I preached in Spanish every Sunday for three years. Learning to know the Mexican character, I learned to love them.

I shall be pleased to hear further from you.

Yours in Christ,

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

WH:ER

May 27, 1925.

Rev. B. L. O'Loughlin, D.D., Ph.D.,  
St. Mary's Cathedral,  
14th & K Sts.,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Father O'Loughlin:

Father Huffer informs me that you would like to get an addressograph and that if I were to have one sent to you you would send \$100 for it.

The addressograph which I had in mind has since been sold. I am afraid that it would be too large for the work of a chancellor. There is a smaller type addressograph which costs about \$50. now and which, I think, would do your work. The Chancery Office in Providence uses one to address the priests of the diocese. This would take care of as many as 5,000 to 10,000 names. If you will look up the Addressograph Company they will give you the information. They probably have an Office in Omaha.

This is simply a printing machine. Besides you have to have the plates on which the stencils are cut, the frames into which the plates fit, the drawers into which the frames are placed (holding about 175 each), and the cases into which the drawers fit. Cases can be gotten for almost any number of drawers.

Unless your list is large and the changes are frequent, it would not pay you to buy a graphotype or stencil-cutting machine. The addressograph people render this service at fixed charges. If I can ever serve you in any way kindly inform me.

Your fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

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HUNTINGTON, INDIANA June 4th. 1925.

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

Dear Monsignor:

It was very thoughtful of you to send  
me your good wishes following my appointment by Rome to the  
bishopric of Fort Wayne, and I wish to thank you.

I cannot say I am happy over it, because  
it severs me from a work which I have grown to love. I  
am glad, however, that it is Fort Wayne and not some See  
far removed from the home of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. I feel  
that I can still keep the requisite supervision over my  
publications.

Begging an earnest prayer for myself and  
the flock which will be committed to me, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*J. F. Nell*

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Sacred Heart School  
Cardenas, Colo.  
June 4, 1925

Rev. Father Hughes  
Washington, D. C.

Reverend and dear Father,

Very many thanks to you  
for your kind reply of last week and  
consideration in our behalf. We ap-  
preciated your attempt to lend the poor  
Mexicans some aid even though it  
was not a success.

You referred us to the Extension  
saying that they had taken up the Mexican  
aid. Rev. Father Paul, our pastor, receives  
\$1 a month for his own support as he  
receives no salary from his poor parishioners  
but for the school etc. they do not help.

Thanking you again for your  
kindness and begging for a little prayer  
occasionally so that Divine Providence  
may grant us help in one way or another  
I am, gratefully Yours  
Lester M. Odell O.S.B.

*O'Connor* *Enigma D.*

June 6, 1926.

Miss Agnes O'Connor,  
San Carlos,  
Arizona.

Dear Miss O'Connor:

I regret to have to say that it has been definitely determined that the position of Domestic Science teacher which you now hold is to be abolished. When this will be done has not yet been settled, and probably will not be until the Indian Office finds another place for you, and at this time the Indian Office is not able to say when this can be arranged. The probabilities are it will not be much before the beginning of the next school term. In the meantime I should be glad to bring to the attention of the Indian Office any suggestion you may wish to make as to the place you would like to be transferred.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

CSL:JR

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San Carlos, Arizona.  
July 15, 1925.

Rev. Father Hughes.  
Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D. C.

I recd. your letter  
in answer to the one I wrote  
you about my position here  
to be abolished. I would take  
a transfer as matron I have  
had experience in that line of  
work. I would like Pueblo  
Bonta Boarding school.  
Crown Point N. Mexico, or at  
the new school they are  
opening at Ft. Wingate N. Mex.  
I would prefer Crown Point  
if available, as it would be  
near, and I could send my  
niece to the Convent Boarding  
school at Albuquerque N. Mex.

My salary here is \$1200. and  
would like to get the same  
but would take less if I  
had to do so.

Will you kindly see the  
Indian Office and secure me  
a position at either of these  
schools. Crown Point ~~preferred~~  
Kindly let me know.

I have not asked at this  
Office for a transfer but if you  
can secure for me a  
position, and it is necessary  
for me to do so, will.

Let me know as soon  
as you can.

Very Respectfully  
Agnes O'Connor.

Rev. Lewis O'Hern, O.S.F.,  
Apostolic Mission House,  
Brooklyn, N.C.

July 23, 1935.

Dear Father O'Hern:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I received from the Addressograph Company, here in Washington, giving an estimate of the cost of putting the paper printer machine in good working order. While you already know the contents, you may wish to preserve a copy for your files.

Up to date I have heard nothing from Father Hughes relative to this machine. I will get in touch with you immediately upon hearing from him.

Respectfully yours,

James Sage, Assistant Secretary.

JS:LG

July 29, 1925.

Rev. Maurice Olier,  
Mora,  
New Mexico.

Dear Father Olier:

I enclose herewith letters of applicants for positions as teachers on the Indian missions. In a letter which I received from Rev. Peter Knapp, he mentions that you need two lay teachers for your school in Holman. You can correspond directly with these applicants. If you engage the services of any of them, I hope that you will let me know. In any event, kindly return this correspondence to me after you have finished with it.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

JS:LG

July 25, 1925.

Miss Agnes O'Connor,  
San Carlos, Arizona.

Dear Miss O'Connor:

Your letter of July 15 to Father Hughes has been received.

I am told at the Indian Office that just as soon as a suitable place can be found you will be assigned to it. According to my understanding, you are to remain at San Carlos until after a position is provided for you.

The Indian Office advises me that there is no vacancy available at this time at the Pueblo Bonita boarding school.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Luck,  
Secretary.

CSL:J

San Carlos, Arizona.

Aug. 3. 1925.

Mr. Chas. L. Lusk.

Washington D. C.

Your letter received this morning. I am sorry that there was no available place at Pueblo Bonito. I had that place in mind, knowing that I would have quarters for my brother and near Convent Boarding School for my niece.

At any time a vacancy should occur <sup>as mentioned</sup> at the school named please let me know.

I would like if you would keep me in mind. So when they find a suitable place, it will be satisfactory to me. There is no telling they may run this place this year. Thanking you for your kindness, I remain  
Agnes O'Connor

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Misc. - 10

August 22, 1925

Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Hughes  
 Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
 2021 H Street  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Will:

I was very glad to get your letter, and you may be sure I will do anything I can for any friends of yours that you may send to Rome. I don't think Mr. Klaus and his companions called here. Perhaps they will do so later.

It would give me much pleasure to meet the Monsignor himself here some day, for I am sure you will be coming over.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

Thos. F. O'Neill

(Very kw.) Thomas F. O'Neill

September 10, 1925.

Rt. Rev. James O'Reilly, D.D.,  
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Bishop:

Herewith is a statement of expenditures  
for Catholic Indian missions in your diocese during  
the year 1924.

	By Bureau C.I.M.	From Lenten Collection.	Total.
Rev. Ambrose Mattingley, O.S.B., Fort Totten, North Dakota, donations.	42.00		42.00
Rev. Ambrose Mattingley, O.S.B., freight charges.	2.27		2.27
Rev. Ambrose Mattingley, O.S.B., for purchase of land for St. Michael's Mission, Fort Totten.	1850.50		1850.50
Taxes on Fort Totten Mission property.	87.01		87.01
Insurance on Fort Totten Mission property.	31.25		31.25
Rev. Henry Lindgens, Fort Totten, travel- ing expenses.	50.00		50.00
Mass intentions:			
Rev. Henry Lindgens, Fort Totten.	50.00		50.00
Rev. Ambrose Mattingley, O.S.B., Fort Totten.	45.00		45.00
Allocation of Indian and Negro Commission to Bishop.		2400.00	2400.00
	2158.03	2400.00	4558.03

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

September 10, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, D.D.,  
804 Ninth Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

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	By Bureau C.I.M.	By a Friend of The Missions.	From Lenten Collection.	Total.
St. George's Indian School, Puyallup Wash.		3240.00		3240.00
Taxes on Marysville, Wash., property.	57.70			57.70
Rev. Charles De Decker, St. George's School, donation.	10.00			10.00
Rev. P. O'Donnell, Everett, donation.	7.00			7.00
Rev. P. O'Donnell, Everett, Mass intentions.	150.00			150.00
Allocation of Indian and Negro Commission to Bishop.			5000.00	5000.00
	224.70	3240.00	5000.00	8464.70

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

J