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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

September 26, 1939

MEMORANDUM FROM Miss Voss
TO Miss Goddard

In a very happy conference with Mrs. Lloyd of Berkeley, California, yesterday morning she referred laughingly, though with some feeling, to the fact that she had been forced to give up her plan for an endowment fund for North Fork upon Miss Torrence's insistence upon rules and regulations. You may remember that she had hoped to set aside several thousand dollars the income of which might accumulate to be used in repair and improvement needs on the Lloyd Dormitory at North Fork. So far so good, but the difficulty lay in her desire to have San Francisco Presbyterial receive credit against its apportionment for any expenditures made from this income.

She says that she wrote Dr. Wilson a very saucy letter telling him that she knew the boys' dormitory at North Fork would very soon be rundown at the heels and shabby. I told her that this was a challenge to this Unit and that she could be very sure that this would not be so. I think we should write Mr. Hood at least once a year to be sure that that particular building is kept in excellent repair.

Is the interest from this endowment fund set aside as a special or does it go into the general interest account of the Board? If the former, we should notify Mr. Hood as we do Dr. Girton and others who have special repair funds outside the budget.



Edna R. Voss

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2845 Garber Street
Berkeley, California
March 9, 1939

Miss Mary Torrence
Assistant Secretary
Board of National Missions
of Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Torrence:

It is surprising that the close of the fiscal church year comes so soon, perhaps because I have not replied to your letter of December 15th.

After some years of service in San Francisco Presbyterial in several offices, I am retiring to private membership, and feel I would like to have these vested funds simplified as much as possible. I believe the Lloyd Dormitory Maintenance Fund has served its purpose. When we withdrew money from the endowment to enlarge the dormitory, and later restored the amount, it was, as I understood it, to make it a little easier to get credit for San Francisco Presbyterial apportionment for any extra that was deemed necessary. My understanding was that if Miss Voss thought it was necessary to expend it upon Lloyd Dormitory, that automatically made it a part of the budget for Lloyd Dormitory. Since it is not so, why have that maintenance fund?

Personally I would rather turn over to the new chairman of finance, the endowment fund for \$5,000 plus or minus, rather than have these two separate funds to think about. Can that be done now, Miss Torrence? If so, I would gladly see it done. Any accumulated interest that is not put into the budget for Lloyd Dormitory can then just build up the principal.

May I suggest in regard to the \$81.25 which "has been used in connection with a project not within the current budget of the Unit and no credit for this expenditure could be given the presbyterian society", that it be receipted to Mrs. Woodman as expenditure of Presbyterial's money? Make it out in whatever form fits your scheme best, Miss Torrence, but since the money has been spent from Presbyterial Funds it should not be ignored, but credited to the Treasurer. I suppose she can then put it in as an extra gift outside the budget. She also has another outside the budget gift, an honorary membership given to National Missions which she will have to report, and the \$72.00 sent in for Ingleside-Fee Memorial Institute, so I should think the \$81.25 could be reported under the same heading. I was not smart enough to ask that the same procedure be followed for the \$72.00 I sent Ingleside-Fee Institute in the Fall of 1938.

I have often wondered how the fund was set up by Mrs. Garrett which brings to the Women's Society of the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco \$80.00 a year, apparently regardless of financial fluctuations. I think I am right in saying that to my knowledge that sum has never varied from \$80. a year. I am having no such luck with my gifts, since the interest is now cut on the small amount I gave to the Foreign Missions. If the other set-up is something that could be explained as a possibility for Lloyd Endowment, perhaps we could change the whole thing.

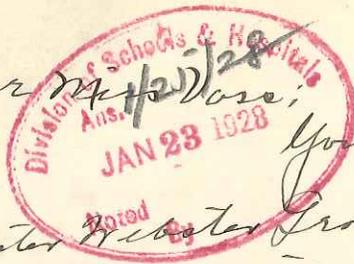
It is rather sad to write you so long a letter at this, your busy time, Miss Torrence, and I repent for not having set it sooner. But, Mrs. Woodman would gladly receive that receipt for \$81.25 with the proper tabulation before the final report is given in to San Francisco Presbyterial on March 22nd.

With kindest regards to you, and the sincere hope that deficits will not be too discouraging this year, I am

Sincerely yours, Rosemary Lloyd

Greenwood, Mo.
Jan 21st / 28

My dear Mrs. Voss;



Your wire to me sent to 9219 Manchester ^{Noted} Groves was forwarded to me by mail and came this morning - I think since this is Saturday that perhaps a letter will reach you as soon as a wire would.

I'm not sure about the letter in question, but think it may have been left to be attended to after the rush of Christmas letters was over. I was very busy answering letters asking about our work and wanting to know what we needed in way of fruit building and things to keep our club women busy as well as asking about things for our Christmas ^{from} before Thanksgiving until the time I left.

I put aside several letters which needed careful attention until after all this rush would be over. I'm sorry if it has caused any troublesome complications. I'm not sure I could answer all the questions ^{without} visiting springs and knowing exact conditions.

The two springs connected with our water system have been dug back to their source and then cemented, new pipes connect them with our 6000 gallon cement storage tank which has a galvanized iron cover. I think the cost including the new work done when Mrs. Clayton was there and the old ~~work~~ work which was not taken up would be about \$800. doubt if it could all be done for that amount now. Mr. Greig did a lot of labor for

which he did not charge anything -

What I fear is that the inspectors when he goes to look the project over will not pass the work of cementing the springs, as it was not done by an expert workman. These engineers are apt to find things to criticize - but let's hope.

I do appreciate your kind letter which was also forwarded to me here after a long delay.

My mother was very low when I came, the doctor and all the family prepared for the worst, but from the time I came she has been slowly improving - until she can sit up a few minutes at a time now. She came here to be with my sister for the holidays so has been here instead of at home where she could have been in a good hospital. She has been so brave since my brother's ~~death~~ death last year, but when her health failed she just gave up and has not seemed to try to get well.

I'm trying to get a practical nurse to care for her while she is convalescing and as soon as I do, will start back to North York. Will be there in time to pay bills and make out reports I hope.

Miss Stiles writes that everything is moving nicely and there are no unusual difficulties to deal with. The Fresno friends found a good woman and took her up to Missin in answer to my appeal to them for such help. Fresno First Church has surely been the best of friends to us and our work.

I was a little anxious about how Miss Stiles would get along with a big girl I had promised to take just before I left! She was with

us last year and we had hoped she would go to high school, but could not get her to consider it until at Christmas time she came and asked me to take her. Both of our girls who finished the grammar school last spring are now with us going to High School, and are proving very helpful in every way. I'm still hoping that they may yet decide that they want to prepare themselves for work among their own people and have asked a number of prayer groups to pray for them -

I asked Miss Stiles to take picture of boys and write you about them, which I hope she did. I do hope the boys work can be extended. We could easily have as many boys as girls and until we train them so that they will have Christian ideals our work will be largely lost as it has been in the past.

I have taken you at your word and have been free from worry about my work and cannot express to you all that that has meant to me. I have been with my mother nights and days since I came and was out of the room two hours yesterday which was the first time I have had away from her.

With sincerest appreciation of
all your kindness,

Ernye R. MacArthur

North Fork Calif

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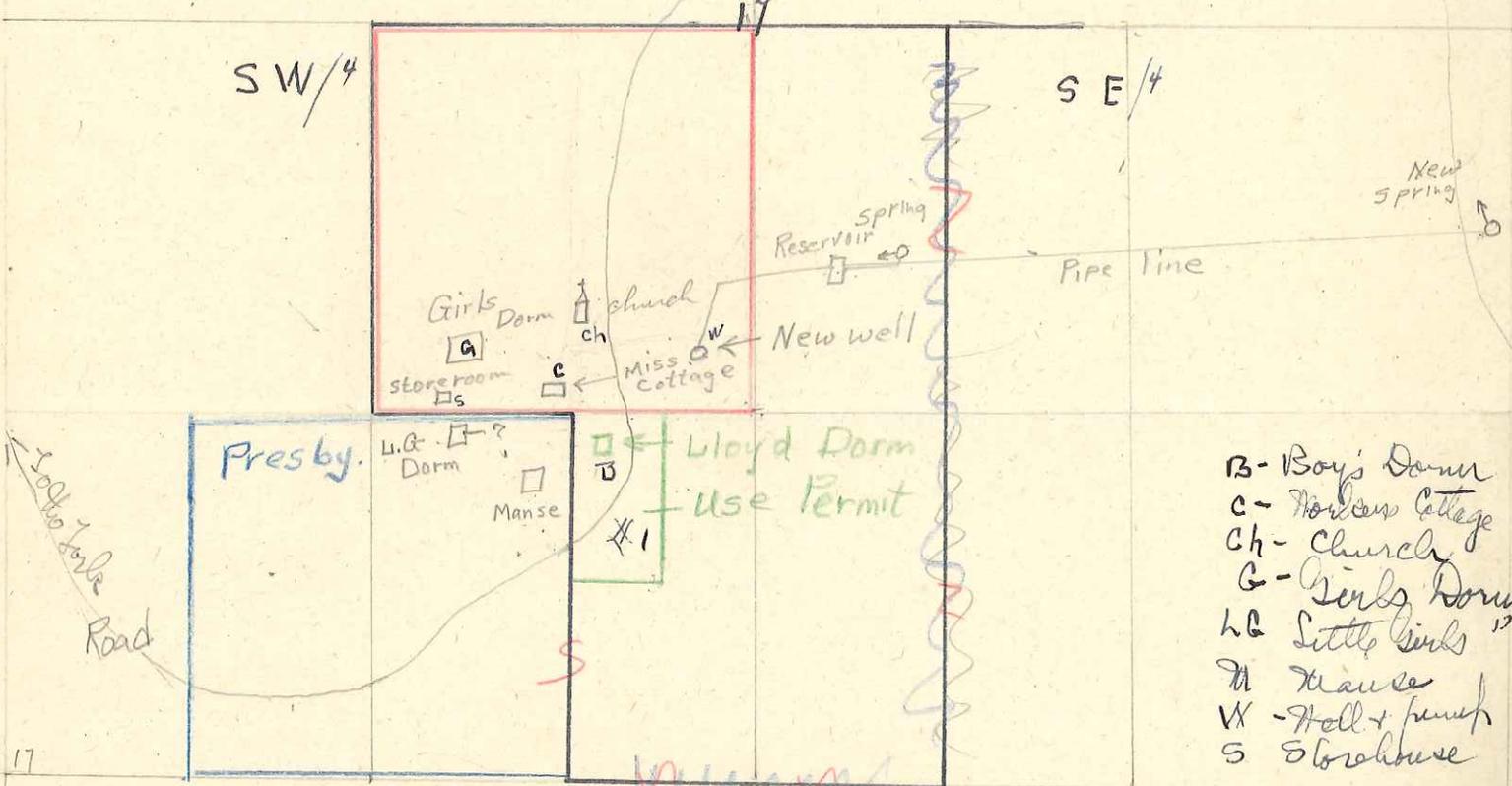
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Cascade Road

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New Spring



- B - Boy's Dorm
- C - Workmen Cottage
- Ch - Church
- G - Girls Dorm
- LG - Little Girls
- M - Manse
- X - Well + pump
- S - Storehouse

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Presbytery " □ W 1/2 of SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4 " " 40 acres

Forest Service □ X 1.5 acres in E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec 17

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March 31, 1928
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W. H. Hays

My dear Mrs. MacLinn:

Your letter of March 24th was a real inspiration, even though it did tell us that Miss Stiles had been sick and that you had been overworking. I have already dictated a letter to you in regard to appropriations for next year and you will see from that that we are hoping to relieve much of the strain by a third worker.

Thank you so much for the excellent pictures. It was so thoughtful of you to make the little statement on the back of each. We are using these and the material in your letter for our publicity sheet.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

Mrs. Ruza R. MacLinn
Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center
North Fork, California

Dictated by Miss Voss
but signed in her absence.

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Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center

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The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. E. R. MacMinn, Director

Division of Schools & Hospitals
Ans. 3/31/28
MAR 30 1928
Noted By

North Fork, California

March 24th 1928.

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My dear Miss Voss:-

I am send out the bills that I have been able to get before the end of the month, which you suggested could be payed from this year's budget.

I am also sending some small pictures of our people with a little written description on each. I featured most of these people in my annual report. I will also have pictures of our different Endeavor groups in a few days.

We have been having wonderful attenance at these C. E. Meetings and I think the pictures will be quite interesting.

Dr. Montgomery of Fresno was here recently and was very much pleased with what we are doing. He said we have the most interesting and active groups that he has ever seen up here. I wrote and asked him to visit us, thinking he would be friendlier to our part of the work if he could see what is being done. We have had a goodly number of visitors all of whom have expressed themselves as delighted with what they have seen and heard.

I am feeling all puffed up over the fact that Government group and the faction which usually oppose them, have each sent two men to ask me to run for school director, saying that if I would consent to run there would be no other candidate. I do appreciate their confidence ; but feel that I have all and more than I can do here, so have declined with thanks. I have since heard that a woman who is violently opposed to our Indians, is wanting to be director and am not so sure that I was wise in declining to run. However I hope she may not be elected.

Recently one of our Indian women came to us saying that some of them felt that they were not geting all the Bible study that they needed and could they meet in our school building on the Wednesdays when the Sewing club is not meeting, for Bible study and prayer? We were of course glad to have them want this kind of meeting and they are now meeting every two weeks with an average attendance of nineteen. The leader of this group was last year president of the Indian Board of Co-operation, which put on all the dances for the Indians. She and her children were converted when Mr. Hood was here and she has given up all the dances and comes with her children to church and Sunday School. Her husband promised Dr. Montgomery that he would also join the chuch this coming Easter.

Miss Stiles was sick for almost a week recently and as we could not get anyone to take her place on short notice I had to do her work and my own, consequently I am very tired and sometimes feel that I do not know if I can carry on much longer. I have not been as strong as I should have liked to be, during the year and know that I have not been able to keep up all the sewing and mending, as it should be done and do all the other necessary things. Miss Stiles is able to be on duty again and all is moving as usual.

I am still hoping, that what is left on our books of this year's budget, may be applied toward a new car. I know we will not need this money in our regular work, since the time for the new budget is now here. (over)

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Boys work

February 28, 1928

My dear Mrs. MacMinn:

We were very glad, indeed, to have your letter of February 23rd assuring us that the boys' work is all that we could expect and that Mr. and Mrs. Reburn expect to stay with us.

Your letter will be held for Miss Voss's attention together with the one you sent in with your requisition blanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary A. Steer
Assistant Secretary

MAS:K
Enclosure

Mrs. Enza R. MacMinn
Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center
North Fork, California

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Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center

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Mrs. E. R. MacMinn, Director

Division of Schools & Hospitals
Ans. 2/28/28
FEB 28 1928
Noted By

North Fork, California

February 23th 1928.

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Boyswork

Miss Mary A Steer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Steer:-

Your letter of February the 16th referring to Miss Stiles' Statement that Mr. Reyburn had said he was not going to continue the work for the boys another year, came yesterday.

I'm sorry Miss Stiles said anything about what Mr. Reyburn said in moments of discouragement and physical illness. He has not been very well during the past two months and was naturally pessimistic about all his work here. In reality the church services were never better than at the present time and the boys' work is all we could expect. There is no feeling of strife or lack of harmony in any degree between Mr. and Mrs Reyburn and any of us connected with this work. The spirit of fellowship and co-operation that has prevailed during the year has been most gratifying.

Mr. Reyburn has never notified Dr. Montgomery that he was giving up the work, which I'm sure he would do if such were the case. I have not talked to him personally in regard to the work since my return; but Mrs. Reyburn assures me that they expect to continue the work. I hope this will be satisfactory to you and Miss Voss. I wrote Miss Voss when I returned our requisition blanks, telling her that Mr. Reyburn was staying with us and suggesting that Mrs. Reyburn be put on a salary next year. She has worked all this year without any special remuneration.

I hope this may be satisfactory in every way and that our work for the boys may be extended if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

E. R. MacMinn

I'm glad to say that Mr. Reyburn's health is much improved. E.R.M.

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Boys work

February 16, 1928

My dear Mrs. MacMinn:

In a letter dated February 6th, Miss Stiles wrote that Mr. Reburn has said several times he will not consider taking the boys again but that perhaps you should wait and let him write that himself.

Naturally, we are somewhat concerned about this statement and anxious to know what is back of it. Miss Stiles does not give any reasons or any explanation which enlightens us as to what the situation really is.

Miss Voss will be back in the office some time the end of this month and I am sure will want to know about this in making up the final budget of appropriations for next year. This is therefore to ask if you will write her frankly and fully about this whole question as you see it, marking the envelope "Personal" if you wish the report kept only for her and will feel freer to express yourself on the understanding that your letter will be held unopened for Miss Voss. What she will want to know is how you think the plan has worked this year or how it has not worked and your suggestions as to what our future policy is to be regarding the boys' work.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary A. Steer
Assistant Secretary

MAS:K

Mrs. Enza R. MacMinn
Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center
North Fork, California

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January 19, 1928

My dear Mrs. Reyburn:

Thank you so much for that splendid letter telling such interesting details of your boys. It is just what we have wanted and we thoroughly appreciate your taking the time to write.

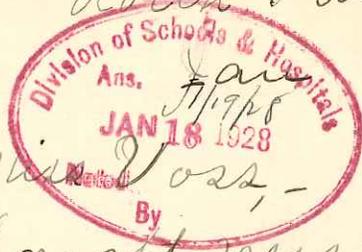
Best wishes to you and Mr. Reyburn and to your happy little household,

Very cordially yours

Secretary

Mrs. C. H. Reyburn
North Fork
California
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1/26/28

Dear Miss Doss,
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I thought Mrs Mac mine was sending you reports of the boys work, along with her reports of the girls, so have not written to you.

Mrs Mac mine, as you know, is not here just now. We are sorry she has had to go to be with her mother.

The lady who came from Fresno to help Miss Stiles seems to be doing well in the kitchen. The girls like her

Miss Stiles is looking after the other work so things are moving along nicely.

We failed to get the boys we wanted at first because they belonged in a small school district. The teachers and trustees asked us not to take them this year because it would spoil their school. They had barely enough to keep a school going, so we had to confine ourselves to boys who lived a long distance from school and needed help.

[The County Probation Officer asked us to take our boy who is eight years old and could not go to school because he lived so far and had no other child to go with. He isn't very bright, but is slowly learning. We can see some improvement. His bring here is bringing his folks to church, and is doing good in that way. They hadn't been coming before. The others have gone to school and are bright interesting boys. Glen ^{Levin} is ten years old and in the fourth grade he makes A's in all his work. He is a nice looking and likeable boy. He knows he is smart

has been told so too often
and is a little spoiled but
is not hard to manage

James (Dandy) is ten -
in the third grade. he
has not had so good a
chance as Glen because
he was so far from school
could not attend regularly
he is improving in his work
the teachers say he is the best
boy in the school because
he is attentive, obedient,
kind, pleasant, altogether likable

The others are seven years
old and in the second
grade. they are doing very well.

We have taught them the
Lord's Prayer, 23 Psalm, several

verses and a prayer for
evening, they are now working
on the 19. ps.

Three of the boys had never
gone to Sunday School or Church
before, they are now in Miss
Stiles class in S.S. and Glenn
is President of the Junior
B.P. he and James lead the
meetings and are learning
to lead in short prayers.
They all feel pretty big when the
folks at church are asked to
say the Lords Prayer or 23 ps.
they can say it ~~to~~ as well as
the girls

We have very little trouble
with them they try to do as we
tell them and are present and

obedient there is very little quarreling
if they play nicely together, I am not
especially looks after the little fellows.

Our greatest difficulty is in
bathing them. there is no bath room
in this house so we have only
a small wash tub which has to
be filled and carried out five times
they bathe in the kitchen and
make a great slop, the older boys
help the little ones, so we get along.

I hope we can have a shower
if the work continues another year
Mr Reyburn has consent to make
a basin to stand in we need a
tank for heating water, as the shower.

The boys are asking if they are
going to be here next year, say they
like to stay here. Several of the Indians
have asked us to take their boys so
we could have a full house of small
boys, Mrs Macmin and Miss Stiles
advise taking small beginners but
I feel something should be done for the
larger boys who are already forming
bad habits and need help. They are
going the way of the young men we
are having to contend with all the time
The churches in Cal, who have

heard of the boys work have
showned interest and are
sending fruit clothing and
and other things to help, the
people around North Fork say
they are glad to see something
done for the boys.

[We are having interesting
services in the church this winter
The attendance is fine. We
have organized three C.E.s
Mrs. M. M. has 25 Juniors
in the school building via
Murphy 30 Intermediates in
the mission parlors and the rest
of us have the older folks in
the church. The men have been
leading in their own language
several are leading in prayer

Who have not done so before

The women are also praying
but won't lead the meetings
^{one of them} Mrs. Laville is leading for
the first time next Sunday
we are hoping others will
follow. These meetings takes
the place of the afternoon service
the children come back to the
church when we ring the bell,
we then close the day with a
big sing.]

This is rather a long letter
but I could not say all I wanted
to in a few lines.

We wish you a very happy
New Year.

Yours Sincerely
Margaret L. Reylburn.

Handwritten initials: "M", "S", "A", "M", "R"

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Boys work

January 4, 1928

My dear Miss Stiles:

We are delighted to have your description of the five boys under Mr. and Mrs. Reyburns' care. You have given us just the sort of thing we want to know, and please keep in mind and tell Mr. and Mrs. Reyburn to do so also, that any good stories of the boys' achievement or development from time to time will be helpful.

We have received no word from Mrs. MacMinn about her mother's illness and are desperately sorry to hear that it is serious enough to call her home. We very sincerely hope that she was able to get her way out, to find someone to send back to help you, for the burden of caring for that large family is entirely too much for one person. You must have assistance. By all means, let the bills and reports go, at least for a time. Please keep us in touch with conditions and let us know what you hear from Mrs. MacMinn as to the length of time she will be away. We are not in the least worried for fear you will not manage beautifully at the home. Our only anxiety is that you will overdo. Please take every precaution possible.

Very sincerely yours

Secretary

Miss Ellen T. Stiles
Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center
North Fork, California
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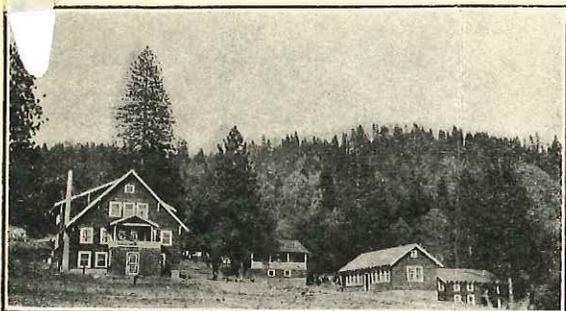
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The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. E. R. MacMinn, Director

North Fork, California

Dec. 29.



Dear Miss Voss;

You already have Mrs. Mac Minn's message telling of her mother's serious sickness and her sudden going home. Before she left she asked me to write you about the boys. Hardly know what she expected me to write but will do the best I can to introduce you to them.

As this has always been a girls home, it has been very onesided, as it takes Christian men as well as women to make Christian homes and Christian homes are so much needed to make the community what it should be. So we were very glad when Rev. and Mrs. Reyburn began the work for boys by taking five boys into their home. I will tell you just a bit about them.

Glenn Lewis is the oldest and you would love him at first sight. He is rather light and has snappy brown eyes and a grin that never comes off. Is about 10 years old, the age when a boy is apt to be a bit smarty, so we are glad he is where he can be trained to right ways. He has a darling little sister in the home here.

James Dandy is next in size and about the same age but how different. Is probably more helpful in some ways than Glenn but is not so good looking nor as quick and bright. He looks after the smaller boys and Mrs. Reyburn says he is good and dependable.

Homer is James brother, between 7 and 8 years old and the baby of the family, one of the kind you want to cuddle up and love but full of mischief too. They have an older sister here.

Jessie Dick is the smallest in size but not in wiggles and giggles. He is a bright little fellow but has never been very strong. However he seems to be doing well this winter and we hope he will make a strong man. He is the darkest of the five with small features.

Wallace Lewis was last to come and is a little rascal, always ready for some trouble or to make some one jump with a pinch or a polk. He is about the same height as the other little ones but weighs about twice as much I should judge.

Wish I had a picture of them to send you and will take one as soon as I can.

May this be but the beginning of a much needed work for the boys. Very few of the boys here have gone beyond the fourth grade and most of them drink and gamble and are altogether unfit to make homes which will be an uplift to the community.

Very truly,

Ellen T. Stiles.

of Schools & Hospitals
1/4/28
JAN 4 1928

Paul
1/26/28

Dear Miss Voss;

I don't know whether this is at all what you wanted in regard to the boys as Mrs. Mac Minn did not explain, just said to write to you about the boys.

I will do my best to keep things going right while she is gone. She said she would stop at the Y. W. in Fresno and ask them to send some one out to help me and if they can do that am sure we will get along alright and will anyway but without help some things will have to go undone.

Think I will not try to send the bills and reports in unless she is gone longer than she expected to be or you want me to. Would probably get them mixed up as I don't know where they all are.

Please excuse my mistakes. I am not use to running the typewriter. Very truly,

*Mrs
Aunt
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to the Treasurer's Office

November 30, 1927

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Boyswork*

Will you please send Rev. C. H. Boyburn, of North Fork, California, in care of Mrs. Rosa Mackinn, Rosewood B. Goddard Community Center, North Fork, California, \$200 on account of the \$500 appropriated by the Board for boys' work covering \$50 a month for the first school months, September, October, November and December, for the care of the boys which Mr. Boyburn has in his home. This office will notify you how it wishes the remainder of the \$500 appropriation paid from January on. (See Docket Sheet *907, June 21st).

Secretary
Division of Schools & Hospitals

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Mrs. Boy

See new Boys work.

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November 28, 1927

Rev. C. H. Reyburn
North Fork, California

Dear Mr. Reyburn:

Just to show you why I wrote to you as I did on October 25th I have had copied my letter to you of June 22nd asking you to let us know how you wish the \$500 appropriated for boys' work to be paid and your answer to that letter. I think you will see from that that while you thought you had given us the information we needed you really told us that you wished nothing done until you had the boys and knew just what you could do. We took this to mean, of course, that we would hear again from you.

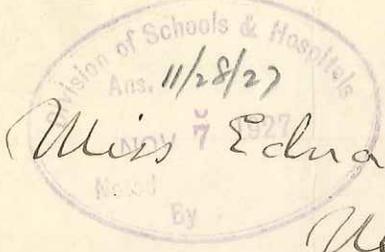
We are making arrangements with the Treasury to send you \$50 a month for ten months, beginning with September and ending with June. We are asking the Treasury to send you a check for \$200 immediately, which will cover payments for September, October, November and December. After that you will receive \$50 a month regularly. From the \$200 to be sent you can then repay any advance which Mrs. MacLinn may have made unless this has already been done.

Perhaps I was mistaken but it seemed to me that your letter reflected just a little feeling of being hurt that you and Mrs. Reyburn were not considered members of the staff at North Fork. Inasmuch as you are not "employed" or recognized officially by the Division of Schools and Hospitals, you will remember that Dr. Montgomery's and your request for this department of boys' work at North Fork came after budgets had all been arranged for the year and it was only at the Division's very urgent request after my return from my visit to North Fork and to Dr. Montgomery in Fresno that the \$500 was appropriated. We realized that this amount was the very minimum amount upon which you could operate and that all of it would have to go for actual provisions and equipment for your boys. You will remember also that we have all been considering this an experiment for this year and possibly next. If the experiment proves to be worth while, there is no doubt but what it will be put on a permanent basis and in that case Mrs. Reyburn could, if that seemed wise, be appointed House Mother for the boys. In any case, you as pastor of the church are a regular worker under the Board and would probably not be commissioned to serve in two capacities. Please believe me that in the arrangement which we made there was not the slightest hint of slight to either you or Mrs. Reyburn. As I understood the proposition as made to me last May, all you and Mrs. Reyburn asked for the present were the funds to carry on this experiment. Perhaps I am reading more into your statement than you meant. I hope so. In any case, we are delighted over this work and are hoping that you will send us - not at all necessarily through Mrs. MacLinn, for we shall always be glad to have any word direct from either you or Mrs. Reyburn - some interesting news items covering "boys' work at North Fork".

Please remember me most cordially to Mrs. Reyburn. With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

North Fork, Cal. Nov. 1, 27



Miss Edna R. Voss,
New York.

Dear friend: - Was somewhat surprised to get your recent letter.

I answered your inquiry last summer as to when we wished money for our boys' work.

Of course we had to get the boys before we could ask for money.

We had our boy from Sept. 11 ~~to~~ date. Two others came Oct. 16, another Oct 23, and the fifth Oct. 30.

We have given Mrs. Mc Minn bills for the exact time they have been here up to today - she advanced \$25 Sept. 11th

As neither wife or I are "employed" or even recognized by your department of the Board please send all money to Mrs. Mc Minn and get report from her. We will gladly give her any information we have.

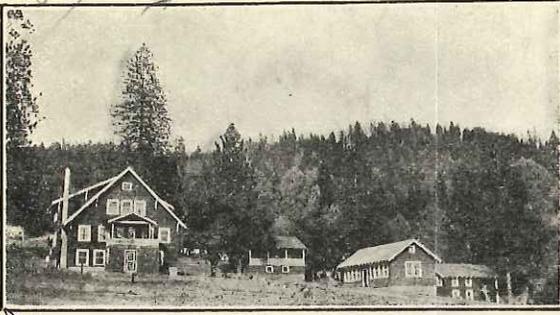
If this is not satisfactory please let us know at once so the boys can be returned to their homes.

Of course \$10⁰⁰ per mo. per boy will not pay "all expenses" and we did not so expect -

Yours most sincerely, C. H. Keyburn

Miss Voss
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Copy of Miss Voss' letter to Mr. Reyburn sent to Mrs. Mac Minn.
Rosamond B. Goddard Community Center



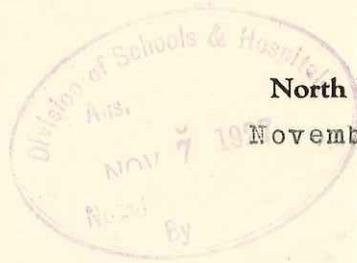
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North Fork, California

November 1st 1927.



Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Voss:-

Your letter in regard to the boys' work and question as to how and when the money is to be sent to Mr. Reyburn came yesterday.

I am trying to be very careful about the way I handle this matter. Mr Reyburn was so undecided about taking the boys when school began that for awhile we were afraid he would not. In order to convince him that he could and must take them I told him just how much it costs to feed each of our girls per meal and when he still hesitated I offered to help all I could by supplying furnishings as long as I did not have to skimp my girls too much. To date I have furnished all the bedding and think I have enough left for our needs, especially so, since we are to have new canvass for our sleeping porches.

When it came time for school to begin I advanced to Mrs Reyburn twentyfive dollars, so there would not be the excuse that they had no money and could not begin to take the boys. I do not know where it would have ended had not one of the men brought his boy up from the valley forty miles and asked that he be kept at the manse. Mrs. Reyburn has been very sweet and willing about it all the time and insisted that they take the first boy who was the only one for some time. Now they have the five, all of whom are bright and happy. The first boy is president of our Junior Endeavor Society and led the first meeting of the year.

I hope you will pardon me if I suggest that Mr. Reyburn was very much hurt when you told him, as he says, "That you did not want to have anything to do with him", when you went to see them last spring. I think he got the wrong "slant" on what you meant, but he has not been like the same man since and talks of giving up his work here next spring. I'm sorry he feels as he does and think it will be a mistake for him to go away since his influence on the community is all for good, and since we are just beginning the boys work. It is always too bad for a church to be left without a pastor and especially a mission church.

I do not want to be a tale bearer and do not want Mr. Reyburn to think I am. He is very kind and thoughtful in his dealings with me. I thought you would know how to handle this matter tactfully if you know just what the situation is.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to send the money to Mrs. Reyburn and ask her to write the monthly news letter to you. If there is a little surplus from the first ^{two} months could they not have it to use as a fund for necessary clothing for one or two of the boys who have not enough? Mrs. Reyburn is having to do the cooking, washing, and mending for the boys and if there were a little fund that would get decent clothes it would help her very much.

Very sincerely yours,

E. R. Mac Minn

Do you mean that they should render an itemized report of expenditure during the month, or just report on number of boys - They all eat at same table and of course the fifty dollars will provide for all the cooking food.

*Mrs
Ours*

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October 25, 1927

My dear Mr. Reyburn:

A letter from Mrs. MacMinn of October 14 says that you expect in a few days to have all five boys planned for in your home. We are delighted over this news. You may remember that I wrote you early in the summer asking you to let us know how you wished to receive the \$500. which was granted for this work for the school year, whether you wished it in four, five, or more installments. Please let Mrs. MacMinn know in order that we may hurry the first payment to you.

Our understanding of this grant was that it shall cover all the expenses of these five pupils and that the girls' work at North Fork shall not be called upon for assistance in equipment or supplies, unless it happens that there is an abundance not in use at present.

I have written Mrs. MacMinn that after hearing from you and her as to the way in which you want the money sent, checks will be sent direct to you, but that each month you will be required as are all of our mission workers, to make a report to Mrs. MacMinn which she can include in her report to this office. This should cover the number of boys, the number of visits made, etc., according to the printed blank which Mrs. MacMinn will be glad to show you. In addition to the statistical report we should have a statement of at least several paragraphs from you giving us interesting items for publicity such as how the boys are getting along, the improvement you see from month to month, something of their homes, their school work, their recreational work, and the things which they are learning in your home to make them better little citizens.

With best wishes for this work to both you and Mrs.

Reyburn,

Very sincerely yours

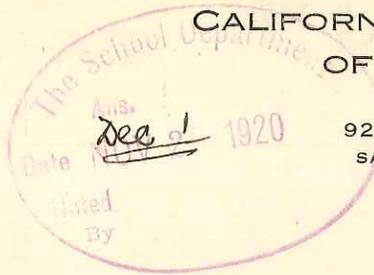
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Miss Edna R. Voss
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

It is a pleasure to submit to you the following report of my trip to North Fork. As you remember, you asked me to cover the two points:

(a) Possible change of control of school and of church so that all authority would be vested in one agency, either Woman's Board or the Presbytery of San Joaquin.

(b) Recommendations for an adequate and permanent water supply.

I left home November 9, and returned yesterday, 19th inst. visiting at Modesto, Fresno, North Fork, Fresno, Selma, Fowler, Fresno, Modesto, in the order named. It was necessary to go to all of these places so as to see and talk at length with the officers and leading members of the Home Mission Committee of the San Joaquin Presbytery. I had nine Ministerial conferences. The Committee has taken action and Mr. Hanna will be removed from North Fork. While the Chairman of the Committee was authorized to discuss with the Woman's Board the possibility of a unified administration of both School and church, I cannot recommend that the Woman's Board either assume the church work or transfer to presbytery its school.

If the Board would reply to the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee and explain at some length, how General Assembly has explicitly limited the scope of the Board's activities, the members of the Home Mission Committee would be abundantly satisfied. The men of San Joaquin Presbytery are our warm and devoted friends and will do anything to advance the whole work of the church.

Incidentally you may be interested to know that I had six conferences with our presbyterial officers, made five speeches to women's societies or prayer meetings; beside the two long talks which I gave the North Fork Indians at Sunday School and church service.

Mrs
Harrison

Physical characteristics of North Fork Mission

Under another cover, I am forwarding to you, the Recreation Map of the Sierra National Forest and also a rough map which I made of the Board's property. The Government Surveyor drew in the road, indicated the location of the new buildings, the church, the Meadow Spring, the Upper Spring and the water pipe line. He expressly asked me to tell you that this is only a rough sketch, not drawn to measure but it is approximately correct and will help me to make you understand the situation.

I filled in the location of the ravine, the Lower Spring, the old buildings and also indicated slope of land. Please bear in mind the limitations of this map.

The first fact that impressed me, was the miserable character of our land and the relatively small portion of our forty acres fenced. It is all rough mountain land, there is no level section anywhere; the nearest approach to a level bit is in the southeastern portion of our enclosure, indicated thus ### on the map; This cannot be more than a quarter of an acre, but it is a water shed. The other serious problem is the deep and very steep ravine which cuts our little fenced holding in two. This ravine terminates at the Lower Spring. Below the spring the land rises suddenly to a restricted section, which then slopes gently to the Spring. It is absolutely true that the land slopes from all points of the compass to the Lower Spring.

Location Of Buildings.

Thirty feet above the Lower Spring is the favorite standing place of the cow and the horse and the ground is thickly covered with their manure; forty feet above this is the barn, fifty feet above this is the chicken house, and directly across on the other side of the ravine is the old building. Two rooms are used as store rooms, one very large room, which would make a fine gymnasium, is used for kindergarten work, back of this is the hospital consisting of one small ward and an adjoining room for the nurse *will* both reasonably furnished. Under the hospital rooms, the land slopes very suddenly to the ravine and the space thus afforded is the sewing room, making the rear of the building two stories.

In case of contagious diseases neither the sewing or kindergarten room could be used, but this building has many possibilities, and were it shingled on the outside would be very attractive and cosy; it should not be pulled down, for even as it is it is a fairly good mountain house, and far better than many homes where I enjoy visiting.

Forty feet beyond the old building is a two story structure; the school room occupies the larger part of the front of the house; the space back of this and the whole upper floor could easily and inexpensively be remodeled so as to accommodate one worker and ten pupils, thus raising North Fork to a forty capacity school; the land under the rear part of this building also slopes abruptly to the ravine, making the rear three stories, housing the laundry under the floor where the school room is; from here an open drain meanders down to the ravine, affording adequate breeding places for flies and mosquitoes. With a veranda at the front and shingled, the school building would look very well. Both these buildings have great possibilities in the development of the work and neither should be destroyed.

Seventy feet beyond, on the steep bank of the ravine is the toilet; its two doors open on the ravine the seats directly face the doors, so that the pit is not open, nor does it empty its contents directly into the ravine; this was the only effort at anything like sanitation I saw, yet on the other hand there is no possible way of cleaning this toilet, except by throwing in a shovelful of lime; neither is there any tradition from the oldest inhabitant that it ever has been cleaned. The stench, especially after the rains, which came abundantly while I was there, was awful.

The new building is lovely, but it is not completed, has very little furniture and its sewage system is an open drain, emptying at the front of the house in the children's only playground. There are no inside toilets.

The cow and the horse wander at will, and there is no fenced barn-yard.

To recapitulate briefly:- you will notice that the earth toilet, dirty laundry water, chicken yard, stable and barn yard all drain directly into the Lower Spring. the horse, cow, and visiting Indians drink at will, and while our school children have been strictly forbidden to drink there, I have reason to believe they do, and I ca'nt blame them!

Unfortunately there is always water in the Lower Spring, and thirsty little Indian children, crying for a drink of water are not going to be over scrupulous!

No Water

It is impossible to make you realize what no water at all means to a family of thirty-four.

For days at a time every drop of water has been carried by the girls from the Meadow Spring. (See map) If any epidemic breaks out, I am sure the state health authorities, which would instantly go there to investigate, would condemn this Spring as well as the Lower Spring; it is uncovered, unprotected, Indians wash clothes there, cattle, horses, dogs as well as people drink from it; besides permitting what is wrong we are in daily danger of prosecution by the State for conducting an unsanitary public institution. But this is the water the school is at present obliged to use.

The girls carried enough water for every girl to have a tub bath the Saturday I was there.

As I would not drink water from Meadow Spring, I was thirsty all the time I was at North Fork. Now every time I have a glass of water, I think of those dear, thirsty workers at that Mission.

Because of water shortage, the plumber had to come all the way from Madera and remove the water pipes from the furnace; otherwise, he had answered over long distance phone, when a fire was made in the furnace there would have been a big explosion with probable loss of life, anyway of property.

This is the actual situation. Now what can be done?

Present Water System.

The Upper Spring has been dug out a very little bit, side-walled and floored, but an insufficient amount of cement was used and too large rocks, thus making a cistern which cannot possibly conserve all the water there is; this was empty when I was there; it is covered, so it is protected and sanitary; a pipe leads from hereto a covered thousand-gallon tank, which also was empty when I was there. From here a pipe leads to the Mission; I was told distributing pipes to new building and laundry start at right angles a little above the faucet (indicated on map by number XI) and the pipe to the manse the manse continues straight down and has a considerable fall, as the Manse property is very much lower than the Mission.

You will note in an instant that we cannot have a drop of water in the new building or in the laundry except only as the pipe is filled full of water the entire distance from the faucet to the Manse. This is why the Manse nearly always has water, while for days at a time there is not a drop even at the faucet in the school grounds.

Emphatic note
Supplies manse first

Friendly Co-operation of Government Men.

I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation of the extreme kindness of Mr. M. A. Benedict, Supervisor of Forest Reserve and Mr. Wuffun, the Ranger Surveyor. These gentlemen postponed their own work, which was seriously crowding them when I was at North Fork and devoted unlimited time to our needs tramping with me over the surrounding country; they made several preliminary surveys for two distinct water propositions, even estimated approximate cost of initial outlay and of maintainance.

We visited a wonderful spring which I shall call the Cascadel Spring as it is on the road to that interesting spot. This spring is absolutely undeveloped, but gives evidence of unlimited water; none of our workers, or the Committee on Water Supply appointed by Presbytery, or even Mr. Benedict himself knew of this spring. It is a little over a quarter of a ~~mile~~ mile beyond the Upper Spring, across Pine Flat, and a very considerable elevation up on the side of an exceedingly steep and rugged mountain. It was so stormy and the rain was so heavy that our surveyor friends only satisfied themselves that its altitude was far more than sufficient to carry the water over Pine Flat, which is so much higher than even the new Mission Building that we would have marvelous pressure, and could depend entirely upon gravity power and thus obviate any need of an engine.

This seems almost too good to be true. I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw that wonderful water, evidencies of such quantities of it, and realized the great height it was above the new Mission Building.

Recommendations of Supervisor of Forest Reserve.

Mr. Benedict recommends that a stop valve be put in the ~~supply of water to the manse~~ pipe below the faucet (XI) on map) thus regulating the supply of water to the manse; that the Upper Spring be dug to its source ~~into~~ onto the hardpan which he believes may hold the water, construct well cemented rock side walls and if the character of the soil demands it a thoroughly cemented floor. Mr. Benedict and Mr. Wuffun believe this would materially increase the available supply of water from this spring, but would not be enough for manse and school. They recommend that exploratory be done to measure the Cascadel Spring. They believe \$75.00 would finance this work. These gentlemen volunteered to do the surveying, the oversight, the hauling of cement and sand and then after exploratory work on Cascadel Spring was completed and they had measured the flow of water and learned for certain that it could be developed into a practical water supply, they would make a detailed estimate of cost.

I wired asking that Miss. Elliott be authorized to do this ^{but} ~~and~~ asked that \$200.00 be allowed, because I did not want these trained, educated men to get in the midst of this work and then find they could not complete it because of lack of funds.

The general plan would be to develop and conserve the source of the spring in the manner best adapted to the soil or rock foundation the exploratory would reveal as necessary; to then pipe water to a rocky elevation directly back of new building and very much higher than it; to construct here a covered reservoir or a covered tank (preferably the former) and from here to distribute to buildings. We would thus have two separate and entirely complete water systems with little probability of both going dry the same year. ~~I hope you granted my request, because the situation is most critical.~~ We have the chance to have this spring, but if we waste any time other people will secure it immediately.

There has been a great deal of exaggeration about average rainfall; for instance, Mr. Hanna told me the average was sixty five inches a year; I told him I did not believe that possible. The following is interesting reading:

North Fork Rainfall Record (as kept at Forest Office)

Winter of 1904-5	34.25 inches	
1905-6	46.76 "	"
1906-7	31.45 "	"
1907-8	21.68 "	"
1908-9	43.50 "	"
1909-10	34.52 "	"
1910-11	53.48 "	" (Maximum year for period
1911-12	22.60 "	during which records have
1912-13		been kept)
1913-14	47.70 "	" (Record incomplete but rain-
1914-15	36.22 "	fall low)
1915-16	42.12 "	"
1916-17	33.77 "	"
1917-18	26.96 "	"
1918-19	31.59 "	"
1919-20	31.20 "	"

Average for the 15 years of complete record-----35.83 inches
Average for four past "dry" years -----30.88 inches

Cooperation of Friends in Selma

For a very short time I was the guest in the beautiful home of my old friends, the T.B. Matthews of Selma. He is a most successful man, owns four or five vineyards and ranches, is President of the leading bank, is a splendid Christian and the kind of a man that every good cause wants enlisted on its side, because then its success is assured. Mr. Matthews

became keenly interested as I told him what Mr. Benedict was trying to do for us--said he thought he had six or seven hundred feet of pipe that would answer our purpose, thought he could "pick up" some more "seconds" for us in Fresno and finally amazed me by saying when we got some of the Indians to dig all the ~~ditches~~ ditches and the reservoir he and his son and some of the Selma men would go up and lay the pipes and do the cementing, etc., etc., adding that he "knew how" because he always did that on his own place and his work always lasted. I could hardly believe this possible--for if we once get him up there and interested and committed to that work, North Fork will indeed have a fairy god-father.

My Recommendations are:

I---That the barn, and chicken yard be removed to either the point indicated on map by XII ^{or} on the ground outside our fence indicated XIII. (We would have to secure Mr. Benedict's permission for this).

II-- Build new sanitary earth toilets at a point north of new building, preferably the Kanstine type of toilet.

III- Make two cesspools with covers, one for the new building, one for the laundry: I want a surveyor's judgment on this; it is barely possible one cesspool would answer, but the lay of the land is such that I doubt it. The two open water drains now in use are awful.

IV--If exploratory work on Cascadel Spring proves satisfactory, develop that system, gratefully accepting all of Mr. Benedict's *and* Mr. Matthew's offers of assistance of whatever nature of service or of material.

V---Authorize and most heartily co-operate in an earnest effort to secure from the United States Government the title to the large tract of meadow land including the Meadow Spring which for several years the Government leased to us free of all expense; but which lease of recent years has not been renewed, as no application has been made for such renewal. To secure a title to this property would entail a special act of Congress; if the Board could secure this title would it not be good policy to deed to the Indian Church the land immediately surrounding it, which the Board now owns?

I cannot close this report without recording my deep thankfulness for the type of missionaries we have at North Fork. Their spirit, devotion and co-operation is absolutely splendid. The morale of the school is very fine. There are ten more girls than last year and there has not been

a single case of running away this year. Everything is needed at the school; it is short of provisions, both variety and quantity; the teachers and the Indian girls eat at the same time in the same room (separate table for the teachers) and have the same food. Indian children are fond of red beans and can practically live on them--not so young American girls-- but not one word of complaint or of criticism came from any of them. There was no butter, fresh meat, fruit or vegetables or white bread served at the Mission while I was there. An Indian woman brought a little butter one day; the cow and some of the chickens belong to the older girls in the school, who lend them to the Mission.

Miss Margaret Elliott, the Acting Superintendent is a very remarkable young woman and she has the loyal and loving support of all her workers, as well as the school children and their parents, and she should be granted any reasonable request she may make of the Board.

Very sincerely
Julia Foster

The map is not drawn to measure, but is relatively correct

A-B - deep ravine

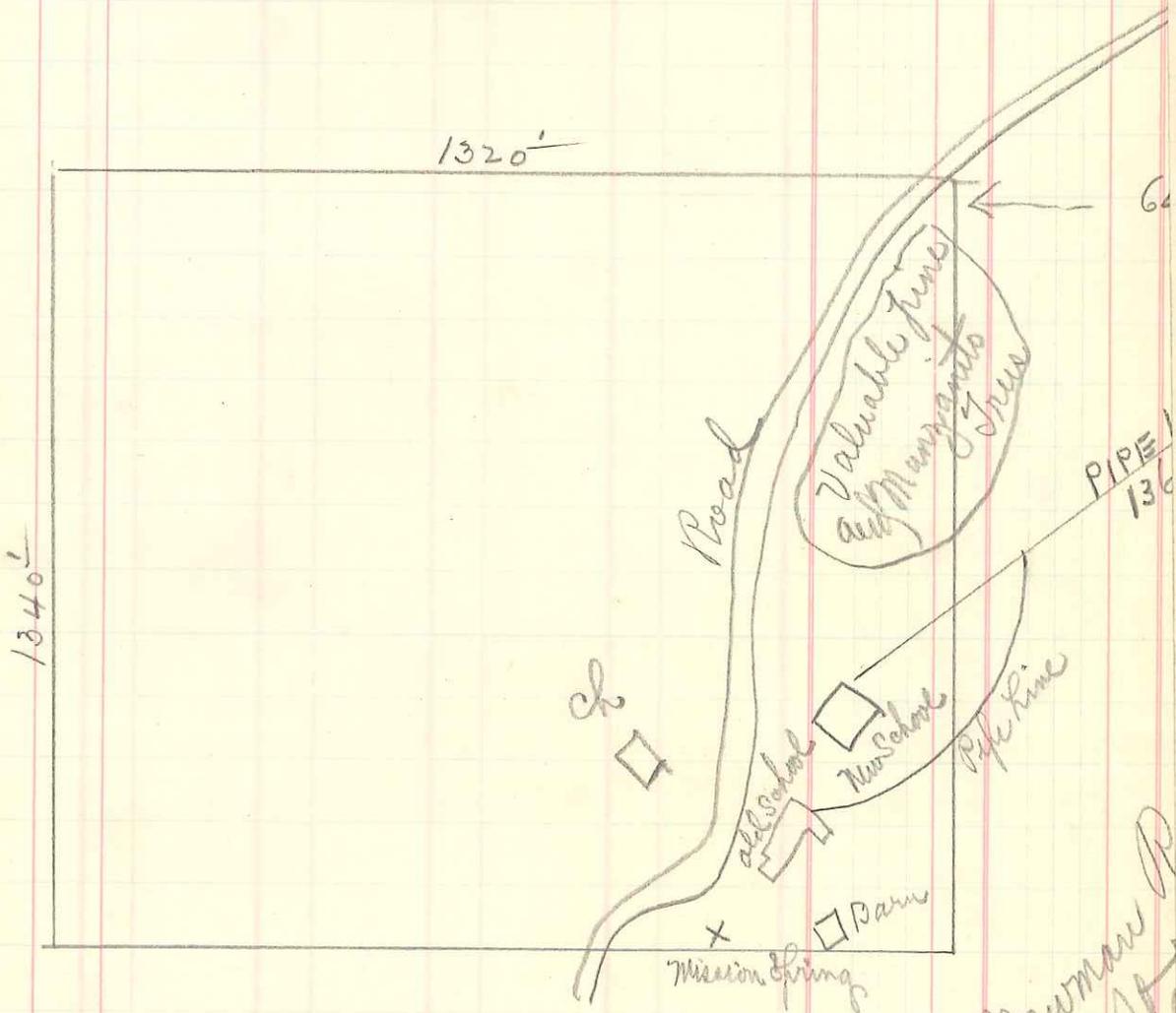
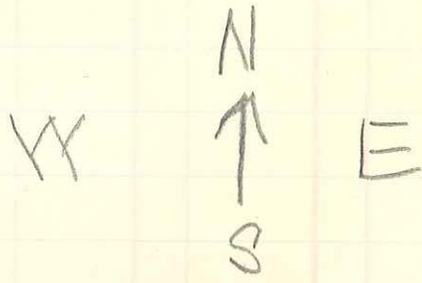
C-D - road to North Fork - drawn by one of the surveyors, relatively correct; he also sketched location springs, of new bldg. & of church.

XXXXX - barbed wire fence; there is also a very poor barbed wire fence on our front; not an inch of fencing on our property across the road: this is very poor, rough mountain land; I have reason to believe if we would propose to deed this to Indian Church, if Government would give us an equal quantity on our southern boundary, embracing property called the Meadows & including the Meadow Spring - the Gov. would seriously consider doing this; however it will not do it unless we act energetically & are willing, if necessary to put a special act thru Congress: we could secure some strong influence. It is worth trying.

E-F - pipe line - ~~from~~ conveying water to mission & house.

↓↓↓ - general "pitch" of land: it is no gentle "slope" - but a mountain "pitch": XII - only spot - emu approximately level.

- I - Lower Spring
- II - favorite standing place of cow & horse, covered manure, 30 ft. above Spring.
- III - Barn - 40 ft. from center of spot "favored" by cow & horse
- IV - Chicken house 50 ft. from edge of barn
- V - "Old Building" - across ravine from chicken house
- VI - "School" - 40 ft. beyond - laundry at rear, open drain to Ravine - stench
- VII - Old toilet (only one there is, however) - ^{70 ft. beyond School} ~~at 100 yds of cleaning~~ - Stench awful (dreadful)
- VIII - New Bldg. - ^{Pipe Line} open drain in front - bad smell - Children's playground in 4-4-
- IX - Indian Church
- X - small water "hydrant" - (it is only an out-of-doors faucet)
- XI - only spot I could find in our enclosure, where water does not drain into Lower Spring
- XII - ideal place for new site for old barn. we could probably secure permission to put barn there before we secured title to Meadows.



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Land dips sharply from East to West

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