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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Greenville Boarding School,
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Mrs B W Tourgei
Mayville, N.Y.

My dear Friend

The barrel reached us safely and the contents will be very useful indeed. To give to older Indians, women, laborers and children who do not come to school. Government now furnishes clothing etc for all the children in the Boarding School, but does nothing for the outside Indians or for Christmas so, as the ^{old} Indians are very destitute, and the children would be very much disappointed - if they had no Christmas tree - anything suitable for either is very acceptable. I have often thought of your mother and wondered if she is still living. She made some needle books for us once some after

are first in charge of the day school.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and trouble

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mr Ament and myself I am
very sincerely yours

Fry W. Ament

P.S. I forgot to say that there is no day school now, and the children advance very much more rapidly as boarders - as they do not have the habits and language of the camp to draw them backward. FWA.