

Dear Sir -

Sir: Enclose you Mr. Hall's letter in regard to the Indians in Indian Valley, Plumas County California, written in ~~resp~~ response to my inquiries which you will see covered very much the same ground as those you requested me to make in your letter of the ~~5th~~ 5th.

Also a letter acknowledging receipt of one sent making the inquiries you desired me to transmit.

I send these letters, without copying or making any change, ~~in~~ in order that you may judge of the man for yourself. Omitting a tendency to moralize ~~was~~ which is natural in one evidently unaccustomed to much business as official correspondence and it seems to me that the letters show 1- That he is a candid unpretentious man who has his head set on doing a good work even if it is a small one.

2- That his ideas are practical and economical. His information and estimates as to school house furniture, &c, seems to me clear, explicit, very reasonable and to show a thrifty economical turn. The whole sum for the house, you will see is \$ — adding \$ — for matched flooring and \$ — to put into a room for his own use and contracting with him for the ~~to~~ ten acres for five years — and it would be equivalent to a rental of only \$ — <sup>5</sup> per annum.

3- The man does not seem in peril from the "Big-head" which so often swamps such people, for though he takes occasion to tell what he would like to see done but seems to realize that this is merely a dream which he can only do the very best towards realizing. He does not, therefore, "want the earth," but tells what would pay his current expenses and what he could afford to work steadily for neither of which, it seems to me, shows any inclination to "exploit the surplus" for his personal benefit.

I will send as soon as received his categorical replies to the questions you desired of me to ask, though, I fancy the important part of

the information desired may be found in the enclosed letters. I am sorry to send you so much chaff along with the wheat, but you seemed desirous of knowing what manner of man he is and as I am not personally acquainted with him, I thought his letter to me would be your best opportunity to "size him up."

I will confess that the man impresses me as offering good material for effective work with the people he seems inclined to labor for.

Yours very truly