

# Letter from H. Bentley Wells to Leon C. High

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Manzanar, California  
June 17, 1943

Mr. Leon C. High  
Principal, Secondary School  
Manzanar, California

Dear Mr. High:

It is with genuine regret that I submit my resignation, effective July 17, 1943, plus accumulated annual leave, from the position of Teacher in the Manzanar High School.

Two things have prompted my resignation. My first consideration is for my wife. It has been impossible for us to have a normal home situation in the three and a half years we have been married. It is my duty to her to provide that situation now that we are expecting an addition to the family.

In the second place, I wish to advance in my profession into administrative work. An opening in that direction has been offered to me, and, since I have decided to return to public schools rather than to advance in government education, I feel that I should not allow this opportunity to slip by.

Very truly yours,

H. Bentley Wells