

Paston Project, Arizona  
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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Thank you so much for straightening the bills which were left behind, and also for sending in the balance of the income tax. I have deducted the amount paid out from the paper which had the arrangements typed on, so the balance stands as yours will.

The oranges, all the blankets, dried fruits, tomato juice and candies have reached Paston safely. A few of the oranges were taken out, probably by the boys who work in the express office, but under the circumstances, I imagine I'd be tempted to do the same. Good oranges, especially from California are really scarce. We are enjoying all of the things which Mr. Whitney and you sent in to us, a great deal. Thank you very much.

I am sending the Bishop's letter back in this letter. This help and understanding the Japanese are getting from the Catholic Church is really a remarkable thing, Mrs. Whitney. You know their interest in doing things for us is because they are sincere and very much interested in seeing that justice is done where it belongs. There are many other white Americans working here too, but one can easily see it's because they were appointed to do so, and I understand the pay is very good. To them, I suppose the old saying "each man for himself" holds true.

74 I know you will be very much amused to hear I am going to be a teacher in the nursery school for children between the ages of 3-6. When we first registered here, I put in an application as being interested in that work, but was told later, one had to have a college education, which left me out completely.

Then Virginia got in, and knowing how people talk, about one member of the family pulling the rest in, I gave up the idea of teaching. Several days ago, Dorothy and I wandered down to the administration building, told Mr. Powell what we had in mind, the amount of education we had & etc, no experience other than a distinct like for children. He was most happy to give us a work card, so classes start Monday morning. I feel much better about it all, because we went on our own, with no help from Virginia to get us in. He said part of it all is, we will teach at the same nursery. The teacher who is at the head of the nursery in this quad is a girl about Virginia's age, or perhaps a few years older. She is part Japanese & Hawaiian but married to a white American. Up until she came to Boston she was a teacher in Kern County (ten years experience). She certainly knows all about teaching too. I like her personally, very much.

This afternoon, I am going to my first teacher's meeting. These meetings are held once or twice a week, and I know I will enjoy them a

great deal. There are other summer schools for children too, Christian Church, Buddhist summer sessions & etc. These are outside the regular school jurisdiction, but I have been told, the nursery school will be under the California Board of education, as will the grammar school to Junior college inclusive. This means, the pay will be more, but until the day comes, I look forward to only receiving the regular pay of \$4 an hour.

I attended a lecture last night, although I missed the first in the series of six. They showed some beautiful colored slides too, the first "movie" since leaving Iceland. This project by Jan 1 will certainly be an immense undertaking. The speaker last night said plans were underway to have a poultry farm of about 40,000 chickens, 500 hogs, fish hatchery (if enough were interested), dairy farm and the 80 acre (present project) extends to 80,000 acres. Of course a great deal of this land will have to be cleared first, and irrigation seems to be another main "hold up" for progress here. About 25,000 - 40,000 acres of quinquina is going to be planted too, so all in all, when it gets started, it will surely take a lot of man-power.

Next Monday night, Miss Finley is going to speak. She is at the head of the Education Department with Doctor Powell, and undoubtedly I will see much of her.

With Louis's help, I've made up  
a lot of animals, and greetings for the  
children to trace. Then, I am making  
bean bags ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> there are no toys to  
amuse them with. I am looking forward  
to having a great deal of <sup>fun</sup> with the  
children, not to reform them..

40 I can imagine how very excited  
all of you are over the possibility that  
Braddo may come home for a day, and  
I hope very much that day will come  
soon. With Georgi's leaving too, you  
must be terribly busy making preparations.  
All of us are hoping, and praying for  
the best for you all, always.

It is close to lunch time, so I  
must close my usual lengthy letter.

Dad sends his regards, and says  
the fruits and tomato juice has  
certainly helped him a lot. I thank  
you from him too.

With love,  
Jemiko

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