

this district farmer system would entirely overcome at any and all agencies. These assistant or district farmers would also exert a wholesome influence over the Indians in reporting the status of each man in his efforts of self improvement and keep a record of those encouraging or discouraging education of the children which would enable the Agent to more easily reward the well disposed and chastise the less deserving. I have given the foregoing as my views and have long believed that such system as outlined above is necessary and I speak from an experience of thirteen years continuous residence among the Sioux Indians at Devil's Lake and this Agency, and know that the Indian is susceptible of advancement but patience and persistent perseverance is necessary to effect it.

I have the honor to be

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