

Yakama Indian Agency
Fort Simcoe Wt. Aug 23^d 1873
Rev. James H. Wilson
U.S. Ind Agent.

Sir

I have the honor to Submit
the following annual Report for the School
year Commencing Oct 23^d 1872 and
ending Aug 16th 1873

The School has been in
Session the whole time, with the exception
of about three weeks vacation had at
different times to accommodate the hol. days
&c The average attendance has been about
thirty eight. Twenty five Boys and thirteen
Girls. We have had during the year forty
five Schollars Enrolled. Three have died
Two were poisoned from eating wild
parsnip root for particulars see report
for May 1873 and the other died from
Natural Causes. Two have left School
and we now have but forty Schollars.
upon our list. Considering the number
of our pupils their attendance has been
very prompt and uniform. No expense
attends the parent in the Education of
the child, for they are all properly clothed
and fed and all necessary Expense
borne by the Department. It has been

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our aim to keep the children properly
Employed. During the winter months
our School was six hours each day.

Two hours in the forenoon, two in the after-
noon, and two in the evening. We have
found that two long a School Session at
a time is detrimental to the progress of
the School. Before and after School the Boys
were engaged about the Station in
Sawing and Splitting wood, in feeding
Stock, Chaining Stables assisting in
getting wood to the Station, and such
other work necessary to be done, while
the Girls were Employed a part with the
Matron Mrs Kittredge, in preparing the
Meals for the children, washing dishes,
Sweeping rooms, making beds, and other
household duties and the remainder
were engaged with Mrs Maudlin where
they have assisted in making, mending
and ironing the clothing for the children.
Their under clothing is washed each week.
During the Spring and Summer months
the School Session has been but four
hours long, two in the fore noon and two
in the after noon. Before and after
School the larger Boys have assisted in
gardening and farming and have been
useful in doing any work required of

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The Small Boys have been mostly employed in Sawing wood and Chaining up about the Station while the Girls were employed the same as in the winter. A due regard has been paid to the health and Cleanliness of the Children. All have been required to bathe at least once a week, and as a result of such a course and the skillful management of our Physicians, they have been reasonably healthy. At the Close of the School Sep 16th they were all well with the exception of one. It is our aim to keep the Children under our own instruction and influence. They are not allowed to go home but once a month and then only from Saturday after noon until Monday morning following. I am happy to report a marked improvement in the School, in their Mental, Moral and physical Culture. The Teacher H S Powell has been untiring in his labors in the School room, and in doing all he can to advance the Children in practical Knowledge. But we labor under many Embarrassments for want of Means in the School Department. With the limited Appropriations we are unable to Sustain but one boarding School and can only accommodate about forty five Scholars, and with the average attendance

reported, and a large majority of these
primary Scholars, one teacher however
faithful he may be fails to be as efficient
as he otherwise could be, had we a better
System of Education. Our Boarding
School instead of being the Nursery of the
Educational interest upon this Reservation
Should be the High or Graduating School
and no Scholar Should be allowed to enter
it without having first attained a certain
proficiency in learning. But this is impossible
until we first establish day Schools where
they can be educated for a higher grade
The time has now arrived which would
indicate that a liberal policy adopted
by the Government towards this people in
appropriating a few thousand dollars in
addition to our present School fund, would
be an investment yielding a perpetual
Revenue in securing their lasting friendship
and enabling them in a few years to become
Self Supporting, and independent.

I would sincerely recommend an additional
annual appropriation of three thousand
dollars to our School fund, which would
enable us to establish three day Schools in
different parts of the Reservation and secure
competent Teachers who were willing to
make a sacrifice in order to elevate this
people

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We have Saw Mills upon the Reservation
Ample Sufficient to Supply all our wants
for lumber and School Houses, and
Churches Can be built with but little
Expense.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) F. Kittredge
Supt of Teaching

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