

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

June 23. 1877.

Circular

To U. S. Indian Agents:

Your attention is called to Office circular of April 3, 1877, relating to the information required to be given in your Monthly Reports as Agent: and you are especially requested to transmit such reports, as well as your school and sanitary reports, promptly at the close of each month.

For the purpose of obtaining a fuller and more accurate knowledge of Educational matters, particularly in respect to the Religious supervision, location, character and means of support of each school; and, also, in a Sanitary point of view, of the effect of civilizing influences as to the increase or decrease of the Indian races, a new supply of Educational and Sanitary blanks has been sent to you for use hereafter, and you will immediately discon-

Continue the use of the old forms, taking care to give the indicated new data, so far as you are able.

It is expected that both agents and Teachers will energetically cooperate with this Office in an effort to increase the efficiency of the Indian schools, and that the reports will furnish evidence of such increase, both in the number of pupils and their progress from month to month.

Modes of Burial<sup>and</sup> or Disposition  
of the Dead<sup>and</sup> Funeral Cer-  
emonies:

In connection with Sanitary and Mortuary statistics, you are requested to obtain and transmit to this Office, in the form of a special report, a full and detailed statement of the modes of burial or disposition of the dead, both at the present time and as formerly practiced by the various Indian tribes under your charge, and the ceremonies observed on such occasions.

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and how far the Indian customs  
have been modified or superseded  
by Christian teaching and influ-  
ences.

Respectfully,

J. I. Smith  
Commissioner.

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Relating to Monthly Reports