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Rev. A. C. Farrell,
Mission Rooms, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Farrell:

An incident that occurred here recently might prove of interest to our friends and supporters, as rather tangible refutation of the contention of many people that there is no such thing as gratitude in the Indian character. I may say that this is a view I have never held and am satisfied that it will be impossible ever for me to take such ground. There are too many cases of it already passed into history beyond recall to allow such a view, - not that I am desirous of taking it at all.

My own opinion is, if I may express it, that Indian character does not differ so much from that of the noble Anglo-Saxon as much as some would like to believe. And wherein it does differ, we may sometimes have to look to our laurels that we do not appear in the second place.

Our missionary at Kitzegucla, an Indian Village about eight miles from the hospital, was ill for some weeks in the early winter, and finally, much against his will in leaving his people just before their Christmas services, had to be brought to the hospital. He and his people had been planning some special services to celebrate the finishing of their school-house at New Kitzegucla, which they are using also as their church and meeting house. It was a great disappointment to the people, as well as to pastor, that their leader should not be with them then. But of course everything had to stand aside in view of his sickness.

His people frequently came to see him during his 4 1/2 weeks stay in the hospital. And when he arrived home, his parishioners organized a surprise party. They brought provisions with them to the parsonage, and then sat down and disposed of them in the most orthodox manner. After that they told him of their grief at his having to be taken to the hospital; of their prayers during his absence that he might be

restored to them, and of their present gladness to have him back again. They wished to know the amount of charges for his care while in the hospital, and being told it was \$33.00, they expressed their purpose of relieving him of the responsibility of it.

A few days later I was at their Village, and when about to leave was asked to sit down a few minutes. Mr. Edgar told me of this action of his people, and had no sooner done so than one of the leading men laid down \$35.00 on the table with the list of subscribers and asked me to take it for the purpose stated. I confess to feeling almost guilty in taking the money, but knew that their feelings would be more hurt by refusing to do so.

~~I enclose copy of the list of subscribers.~~

To me it is difficult to conceive of a more loyal and appreciative action than this. The band of Indians is less than a hundred, and none of them have any means ahead. They earn very good wages at times, but do not get steady employment, so that in giving even two or three dollars none can give without feeling it.

I told the people I should certainly let you at the Mission Rooms know of their kindness to Mr. Edgar. I hope you will find it of sufficient interest to give it mention in the "Outlook".

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Wrinch

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Rev. G. Edgar's Hospital Expenses - January, 1912.

Mr. Morgan and Wife	\$3.00	M.W.Edgar, wife and	
B. and J. Morgan	1.00	daughter	2.00
A. McDames and Wife	2.00	J. Wesley and Family	3.00
M. and Mary McDames	.50	S.Wesley,wife and Son	2.50
Peter Mark	4.00	Joseph Dalke	1.00
Mr. Isaac Brown	4.00	Geo.Moore and Wife	2.00
Mrs. Lucy Mark	4.00	Geo. Milton	.50
Mrs. Milton	1.00	Thos.Brown, wife	
		and family	5.00
