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Replying to Circular Letter of  
Dec 7, marked "Education" re-  
fering to Normal Training  
School at Santa Fe, N. Mex.

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In reply

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 19th., 1893.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

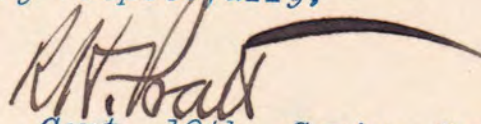
Replying to your circular letter of Dec. 7th. marked "Education," in reference to students for Normal Training School at Santa Fe, N.Mex., I have to respectfully advise that throughout the whole history of this school, I have provided normal training for all students of the school qualified and willing to take such a course. It has been with great difficulty that I have succeeded in bringing students to the ability to enter the Normal School, and equally difficult to keep them under normal training thereafter, but we have succeeded in producing some tolerable teachers. Just now I have one girl in the West Chester, Pa., Normal School, who is in her second year and taking the higher course, who I feel confident will make a most excellent teacher, far superior to any we have yet produced. I have also three young men in the Preparatory School of Dickinson College, all of whom seem to have both ability and grit to hold out. Others who started

as students of Dickinson in the beginning of the year, have fallen by the way. Quite a number of the next graduating class will be qualified to enter a Normal School, and several want to do so.

Attending a Normal School already established, having in its care and training white youth for the public school service of the country, and a very large proportion of whom have already had experience as teachers, and associating with such higher intellects, and surrounded by the push and go of our best American life and its institutions, will produce far better teachers out of our material than any school can possibly do, made up entirely of Indian youth and located in such a sleepy old Mexican town as Santa Fe, in contact with little or nothing that is truly American.

I can not only take care of the competent material we may produce, but could take care of more if we had it. Unless I receive your further order, I shall take it that the circular letter above referred to was not intended for Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

  
Capt. 10th. Cav'y, Supt.