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George Kings request to have his daughter, Louise, sent home.

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To Sec. King Aug. 20/91.

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Capt. 10th Cav., U. S. Inf., C.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

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August 18th, 1891.

The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reporting upon the letter of George King, from Oneida, Wis., addressed to the Hon. Commr., under date Aug. 5th, in reference to his daughters, I have to respectfully advise you that Louisa King is 16 years of age and came here with the party transferred from Martinsburg in June 1888. A younger sister, now about 12, was sent here in 1889, and another, scarcely 10, came with a party brought in by Mr. Campbell a few weeks ago. Louisa is the only one of the three who is of an age to properly belong to Carlisle. The others are more of a care and not prospectively proper students for our course for several years to come. When the last daughter came I found, on inquiry, that she had been sent here to relieve the family from the care of her. That was the statement made by her mother. Louisa's career at Martinsburg and here entitled her to return home this year,

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and the question was submitted to her, under the general verbal instructions of the Commissioner, that if any students entitled to go home wanted to remain at Carlisle they should be allowed to remain. I kept her, she asking to stay. Quite a number of others who came from Martinsburg at the same time chose to go home and were sent home. Louisa is at just that point where she is opening into a broader and higher and better intelligence, and it would be a great injury to her to turn her back to the home life and cares of a family, which it is proposed to place upon her. I wrote fully upon this head to the Missionary at the agency who wrote me in regard to returning her some time ago. If Louisa goes home, her sisters had better go too, because it is not proper for us to be made a nursery of. There are appeals constantly to get children home on the ground of sickness of father or mother or grandmother or great grandmother. The devices to get children away from school are manifold, and if we yield in these matters we shall be at a constant and, I fear, fatal disadvantage in our school work.

Mr. King's letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y., Sup't.