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Mrs. Lea Ligner.

Bedford Station.

Westchester Co. N.Y.

Madame:

Replying to your communication of the 24th ult. I have to say that a "Christmas box" would be most acceptable to the Berkshire school. There are now 158 children in that school for whose subsistence, clothing^{and} education the Government provides; but many articles which would add greatly to their happiness cannot be purchased by this Office, under the law, and, if supplied at all, they must be furnished by out-

side parties who have become interested
in the work which the Gov^t is trying
to do.

Your letter has been referred to
Capt. Pratt, who is in charge of the
school at Carlisle, and who, I have
no doubt, will be glad to correspond
with you in regard to the special
needs of the pupils there.

Yours respectfully

E. A. Pratt
Commissioner