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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Dec 5th 1879

Lieut. R. H. Cratt, M. A.
Carlisle, Penna.

Sir:

Both the Hon. Secretary of the Interior and myself are of opinion that you ought to have a better arrangement for medical attendance on your pupile. I remarked to you, when at Carlisle, that I considered it very impudent to allow a boy with Pneumonia to be put up bed and in a room with open doors and windows. While your army surgeon may do very well for soldiers, he evidently is not accustomed to the treatment of children.

Will you see if you cannot make an

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arrangement with the best physician in Carlisle to visit the school every day, and oftener if necessary, and ascertain whether any are sick and give the needed treatment. I should prefer a homoeopathic physician as safer and better for your children.

Will you see what such a physician would charge annually for that service?

I do not wish to disturb your army surgeon in his quarters, but I certainly think there should be an immediate change.

There ought to be little or no mortality among your children, and if the mortality should increase it would certainly operate against the success of the school. I do not think there is any matter more important or requiring more

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careful attention than this of which
I write.

Yours respectfully
& a hearty
Companioner.

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