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# United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., February 24 1880.

To the

Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir,

In Connexion with the proposed increase of Students here, Contemplated by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, I beg that the following views may meet with your consideration and orders.

1<sup>st</sup> That no boys be sent here over fifteen, nor girls over thirteen years of age, nor of either sex younger than eight years.

2<sup>nd</sup> That only as many boys be accepted as there are girls, sent from any one Agency.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the most rigid Medical examination be made, and under no circumstances, any youth be taken, who have organic disease or are Constitutionally weak. Consumption and Scrofula to be especially guarded against.

In general. The children of Chiefs and Headmen should be preferred, as their presence here



binds the parents to good behavior. The same reason applies in favor of full bloods.

I would suggest that an authoritative agent from this School, could best represent all the interests of the Government, at stake in making the selections.

Very Respectfully  
Your obedient servant.

R.H. Pratt  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
In Charge