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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 17 1882

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indⁿ Affs.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

From the start of this work I have felt the great need of having a physician, who was familiar with the Indian in his native condition, and who would give his whole time to the school. Dr. O. G. Given of Washington Iowa, formerly of the Kiowa & Comanche Agency had been recommended to me highly, and as I knew something of his work, I felt he would probably be such a man as I wanted, and I corresponded with him more than two years ago. He seemed willing to re-enter the Indⁿ service, but could not close out his business then. On the 10th of August last, he wrote me he could now sell his property and close his affairs, and although pressed by Lt. Miles for Chey. & Arap. Agency, and Mr. Standing to go to Genoa Neb. he preferred Carlisle and would come for the \$1200. he could get

elsewhere. I had been without an assistant Disciplinarian for sometime, and believing there would be no objection to a consolidation of that salary with the physicians and so have \$1000.⁰⁰, I wrote him on the 4th of Sept. offering him \$1000.⁰⁰ from Govt. and agreeing to stand for the \$200.⁰⁰ myself, and so reach the salary he required. So Given accepted and reached Carlisle in accordance with my agreement with him, on the 1st of November. I have placed his name on my Report of Changes of Employes which I transmit today, at a salary of \$1000.⁰⁰, and have to request your approval.

I may say in addition to the foregoing that So Given comes with the interest of the work fully grounded in him, and with the special arrangement that he will undertake other and valuable duties outside his profession.

Very respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 R. H. Pratt
 Ch. & Supt.