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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 19 1893

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington, D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from L. D. Davis, Supt. Pawnee Boarding School. I have written him to make application through the agent to the Department for permission to enter a party of not more than twelve, half boys and half girls. Should such application be made I would request it be granted, provided the health and other requirements are conformed to.

In this connection I beg to inform you that we shall be able to take care of something over four hundred children the ensuing year. We cannot determine

how many to accept until the replies to your communication to Agents in regard to those who should go home this year, are received. I should say that we might arrange for one hundred. Twelve you have already ordered from the Crows.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R.H. Pratt

Capt and Supt

United States Indian Service,

Pawnee AGENCY, Ind. Ter.

May 14th, 1883.

Capt. Pratt,
Carlisle,

Dear Sir:

In behalf of some of our school boys and girls, I desire to ask if you can accommodate any more pupils at your excellent institution.

Several of our best boys, and a few girls are very anxious to be sent to Carlisle, and for various reasons I recommend that if possible, they be allowed the privilege. One of the greatest reasons (and one often urged by the boys themselves), is that while at school here, where none but Pawnee children attend, and when they are too near their homes, the temptation to use their own language in communicating with each other is so great as to be almost irresistible, and consequently their acquisition of the English language is very slow.

Another reason is that here they are too much

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under the bad influence of their homes, and their progress in civilization and refinement, though highly commendable, is not so satisfactory to themselves or to their teachers as it must be when isolated from home surroundings, and with the better facilities offered by your school for their improvement.

Then too, some of our boys, or rather young men, (for some are over six feet high), will soon be compelled to shift for themselves, and the time remaining for them to spend at any school must be necessarily limited, and the sooner they are prepared for active business life the better.

As soon as the new school at Arkansas City Kansas (or just south of there, in the Territory) ^{is completed}, I shall send quite a large delegation of younger pupils to enter it; but our older and larger boys prefer to go to Carlisle - partly, perhaps chiefly, because some of their former school mates are already there, and constant correspondence with them attracts them that way.

Please let me hear from you on this subject at an early day, and believe me,

Yours Sincerely,
L. S. Davis,
Supt. Indian Bldg. School.