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Lt. A. M. Pratt
Carlisle Pa
Sept. 15. '83

Rel. to pupils at Carlisle
being permitted to attend
Catholic services -
Returns letter of complaint
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Copy to A. M. Beadle Sept. 20/83

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept 15 1883

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I return herewith the letter of H. M. Beadle, Editor of the "Washington Catholic", complaining that Catholic pupils at this school are deprived of the opportunity to attend Catholic churches. In accordance with your instruction I have to report that my arrangement with the Rev. Father Hickey, Priest of that church in the town of Carlisle is that Catholic pupils shall attend such services as do not interfere with their school duties, and if there are exceptional services which he desires they should attend and which would interfere with their school duties,

Father Hickey is to inform me of the fact by special request when if consistent pupils will be allowed to attend. I do not know of any violation of this arrangement on my part and Father Hickey has made no request that I have not complied with. I have just visited Father Hickey and after a full discussion of the matter we are unable to find any ground for the complaint, and Father Hickey authorizes me to deny that there is any undue hindrance to our Catholic pupils attending his church services.

I would suggest that Mr Beadle be called upon to make specific allegations

We intend to give the broadest opportunity practicable to our pupils to attend the churches

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R.H. Pratt

Capt and Supt.

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Henry M. Beadle
City - Sep. 11. 1883

Has received information that Catholic Indian children at Carlisle School are not permitted to attend the Catholic Church; and asks that matter be remedied.

Copies of Pratt's reply No. 17216 furnished
Beadle, Sept. 1983
To Pratt, Sept. 14/83

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Washington, D. C., *Sept. 11*, 1883

Hon. H. Rice,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

Sir: I am informed by ~~what~~ persons whom I believe reliable, that Captain Pratt, who has charge of the education of Indian children at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, does not permit the Catholic Indian children to attend the Catholic church at that place, but that he compels them to attend churches of other denominations. Will you please investigate this matter, and if the information is true, take such measures as to you seems just to remedy the wrong ^{being} done to the Catholic Indian children?

Most respectfully

Your obedient servant

Henry M. Beadle

Editor of Washington Catholic