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Capt. R. H. Pratt ⁸⁵
Carlisle School
19/182nd Jan. 8. 1886

Returns, disapproved,
request of Dennis
Wheelock for per-
mission to return
home.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 8th. 1881

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 2nd inst. marked *Education, 30353*, in regard to a letter from Denison Wheelock a student from Oneida Wisconsin, at this school, I have to inform you that there is in my judgment no reason why his request should be granted. I learn that his habit is to appeal to everybody for a change, and I think his being held to the work here, will be a very great advantage to him.

In regard to his health, and the sanitary conditions he complains of I enclose a ~~xxxxxx~~ copy of the report of my physician on the subject. If it should appear at any time that his condition is serious I will ask for his return home. His letter to you is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

R.H. Pratt

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and good many thing that
I bought dont know
where it is gone. The boys
take out of the box when
I am not there, I think
this is all for this time.
Hoping to hear from you
soon, and will make ^{me} happy.
For if you reject it I dont
know what will I do.

Respectfully,

Harrison

Please write
soon, Wheelock

Send let-
ter to Carlet
Pisitt. J. No. 6.
Write to my
him his name
-give that his
be denied.
J. No. 6.
tell
in terms of
agreement should
J. No. 6.

Indian Training School

Carlisle Pa

Dec 19th 1885

Dear sir - I thought I would
write a few lines to you in
order to inform you that
I am very unhappy here
in school. I want to go
home very badly, so I thought
I would ask you if you
will let me go. The reason
why I want to go home is
this. First The cold rooms
we have here my health
is not good enough for such

a cold rooms You could
see by telling you how
many were sick. the Hospital
is most full of sick boys
we had a funnral day
for yesterday one boy died.
Secord. The disease that came
in this school called each
it will take several years
to get over it. The boys
that have it is scratching
all night when they go to
bed they just scratch the
skin off and I don't want
to get it for it is about

just as bad as smallpox
and my father and
mother feel very bad a
bout it. So I ask you with
all my heart to let me go
home. I don't know how
glad we will be if I can
go home. If I go home
I can go in school in the
Grass Bay Agency school
and learn just as fast
there as here in Carleton.
And besides the boys are
very mean some of them
I spent several dollars

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan 6 1886

Capt R. H. Pratt
Supt

Sir: In compliance with your request I would respectfully report in the case of Dumison Wheelock a pupil of this school from Green Bay Agency Wis., whose letter of grievances to the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs you have referred to me that his statement in regard to his health and condition of his room is wholly unfounded.

He entered school Sept. 28 /85 weighing 87 lbs and now weighs 96 lbs. He has at present a number of ulcers on the leg, the result of the depraved condition of his system due to bad air, poor food, neglect of sanitary conditions

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and other deteriorating influences of reservation life.

If not personally the subject of such influences he is the progeny of those who were.

His room is maintained at a healthful temperature with a due regard to proper ventilation.

The number taken care of at the hospital during the time that Dismison has been here has been no greater than for the same period in former years, in proportion to the whole number of students.

The number of cases of skin diseases is larger now than at some other times. He are never without more or less of it; but a very much less percent

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than at their homes.

By reference to the Medical Statistics as published by the Commissioner in his report it is found that Integumentary diseases together with Syphilis, Scrofula and Itch, which are not so classed, make up a larger list than any other disease.

Since it is so prevalent among the Indians at their homes and has been bred into them for generations is it any wonder that we find it developing in all its varied forms, here, among the children.

The reservation life is a hot bed, well calculated to propagate and perpetuate just such a train of ills as we find among the Indians.

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The only salvation for the race,
in a physical point of view,
is to break up the damnable
tribal, Congregate system and
force them into lives of cleanliness
decency and activity.

Among some of the varieties
of skin disease we have
at present is Eczema, Scabies,
Psoriasis, Prurigo, Itch, and
Chicken Pox, Ulcers, abscesses
Boils and Scrofulous sores

Very Respectfully,

O. G. Given

School Physician