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Replies to office letter
of July 28, relative
to scholars from
Rez Perces

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Indian Training School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 30, 1886.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your of the 28th inst. marked "Education 19726", I have to inform you that we have four boys and two girls from the Nez Perces. Three of the boys and one girl came to us Feb. 20, 1880. The other boy and girl came to us Oct. 22, 1883. The three boys and one girl who came in 1880 were entitled to return in 1883 but remained for a second term with the consent of their friends. So far as I know the boys are all orphans, and their return is not asked now. I think they had better remain here. Two of the boys are yet under 15, the other perhaps 18--ambitious and promising,--very desirous to go through College. I hope to give him the chance.

The girl about whom I wrote you on the 26th asking transportation from Carlisle to the Railroad point for her Agency, would be much better off for one or two years more at Carlisle. She would be then much better equipped for some good work among

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her people. She has no father and her mother, as I am informed, will drag her down. However, in view of her mother's demands, and the demands of James Reuben, and a letter from Agent Montieth, to me, I concluded it would be best to let her go. If it should be determined later that the three boys entitled to go home, should go, they would need no escort.

When the new Agent comes here for Harriet Mary he can see the boys and we can discuss the matter of their return, and he determine after he reaches his Agency.

Very respectfully,

Your obdt. servant,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.