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Repts damage to
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Cyclone - asks au-
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& rebuilding certain
buildings

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To Secretary, July 24

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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.
July 21, 1887.

To the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:-

On Sunday at 2 o'clock P.M. our school was struck by a small cyclone and all of the buildings more or less damaged. A portion of the roof of the girls building was carried away and nearly half of the roof of the small boys building. About 300 lights of glass were broken by the large hail which accompanied the storm. Several hundred yards of fencing was blown down also many shade trees, and others broken.

The storm came from the Northwest, and lasted but a few minutes when it changed and came back with almost equal force.

I find on examination that the repairs necessary to all the buildings and grounds can be attended to by my own workmen and with material on hand, except the small boys building, the repairs to which I roughly estimate would cost between five and six hundred dollars. I respectfully invite your attention to the fact that this building, as well as the large boys building were in the Book of Estimates for the last year, to be rebuilt utilizing in the rebuilding, the suitable material in the present buildings. This plan already has your endorsement in your letter under date of June 26,

1886, and also the endorsement of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior Congress failed to give the appropriation, but I am assured by Mr. McComas, one of the members of the Appropriations Committee in charge of the Sundry Civil Bill in the House, that a clause in that bill had given us the money, but as you know that bill failed to become a law.

It would seem to be useless to spend anything on repairs to a building already condemned, and to be rebuilt. I find that it is practicable to take down the present building and rebuild it this fall, without interference with our school work. I respectfully urge that this be done. By strict economy we can accomplish it for \$9000.

I invite your attention to information previously given the Department in reference to this building. It was erected for Military purposes in 1835 and 36, it was destroyed by fire at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg, and rebuilt in 1864 and 5, and the same walls used - the walls are cracked and bound together with iron rods, and the whole building is very much out of repair, and never was suitable for school purposes. The rooms are large and all entered from the outside, and we have been compelled to place large numbers of boys in each room for sleeping - which has had the effect to perpetuate instead of break up the communistic habits of

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the Indians.

Urging prompt action, I am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R.H. Pratt

Capt. and Supt.

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