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Reports bringing to
 the School 32 pupils
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 23, 1888

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with your letter of June 20. marked "E." I have to respectfully report that I left Carlisle at 2 o'clock P.M. Thursday and arrived at Martinsburg, Pa. at 10. I had a conference with Prof. Breidenbaugh at once; arranging that the students be called together at 8 o'clock in the morning to hear the views of the Department expressed in your letters to Prof. Breidenbaugh & to me. When we assembled, Prof. B. made the children a very clever talk in regard to their continuing at school and going to Carlisle. I then explained to them your views and laid before them

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The situation both in reference to remaining at school and going home. We then left them together for twenty minutes to talk it over, with the full understanding that they would give their answer at end of that time. When we returned I simply stated that all who desired to remain East and go to Carlisle should go to one side of the room, and that those who desired to go home should remain seated. The following named at once arose and went to the side of the room designated :- Of the Oneida boys, Hugh James, aged 18, Roger Silas, aged 14, Thos. Woodman, aged 13, Nelson Green, aged 13, Frank Smith, aged 16, Isaac Baird, aged 16, Abram Hill, aged 11, Jno. Hill, aged 13, W^m Archiquette, aged 12, Rich^d Metoxin, aged 11, A. Silas, aged 10, - Of the Osage boys; Gurney Miles, aged 19, Harlow, aged 12, Arnos, aged 14, Eddie

Strike One, aged 13, Lester, aged 16, and Harry Koppay, aged 15. ^{17 boys.} I learned after leaving that the other boys, mostly the larger ones, said the reason they did not want to come to Carlisle was because they could not use tobacco here.

Of the Oneida girls the following: Dollie Wheelock, aged 10, Sarah Smith, aged 15, Mary Parkhurst, aged 17, Angeline Baird, aged 17, Lucy Webster, aged 15, Sophia Hill, aged 16, Saffye Hill, aged 10, Rosa Metoxen, aged 15, Linda Silas, aged 16, Louisa King, aged 14, Melissa Green, aged 12, Sarah Archiquette, aged 13, Carrie Cornelius, aged 13, Phebe Baird, aged 14, Lena Green, aged 16, Belicia Schanandore, aged 16, Sarah Ninham, aged 17, Belinda Metoxen, aged 17. - Of the Osage girls, Myrtie Tall Chief, aged 17. - ^{19 girls.} Leaving four girls, as I telegraphed you, to aid Prof. Breidenbaugh with the work until the boys remaining go home, I brought this

Party to Carlisle yesterday. There is no doubt about their own willingness and desire to be at Carlisle.

I would respectfully advise that a letter from the Office, of the same nature as that to Prof. Breidenbaugh and to me, be sent to the Breidas through some creditable Agent among them; this would, I think, nearly or quite settle the Parents to this change; but in addition, I am inclined to think that, as there are 29 of them, it would not be out of place to let one of my ^{at once} Employe's go to the Agency to see the Parents directly. I would recommend this, the more ~~so~~ because Prof. Breidenbaugh has been writing and making promises to the Parents, and if any of the Parents should not be satisfied with the change, it would be advisable, because of his course in the matter, to send such children home. If you approve this course

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I respectfully request your authority to incur the expense of sending an agent to Green Bay. It would be economical to do this.

In regard to the Osages, I feel sure a letter from the Office to the Osage Agent, directing him to explain the matter to the parents, would accomplish the purpose. I have a number of times since the Osages were sent away from here been advised of their preference to have their children here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav.
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