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Indian Training School
Carlisle Barracks Pa
Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav
Enft.

Sept. 13. '89.

Recommends George
Bushotter (an Indian)
and wife for positions
in Indian School Service.
Incloses letters.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 13. 1889.

To the Hon.

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

Sir:

Three weeks ago a young Indian named George Bushotter, whom I brought in 1878 from Crow Creek Agency as one of the first students to Hampton, called upon me here. He was, I think, six years at Hampton and two or three years at a Divinity School somewhere in Virginia. While there he met and married a young lady whose home was near Hedgesville, W. Va. They were married two years ago. He is a manly, honest, energetic fellow, of considerable ability. I believe he served one year as teacher at St. Stevenson School, Dak. His wife is a music teacher and belongs to a family of some considerable

local standing. He stated he was anxious to have employment in the Indian Service, and that his wife would like to engage in the service. I told him to write, and have his wife write to me on the subject, and that I would present ~~their~~ case to you. He would particularly like to go into the South West, but is willing to go to other tribes.

I can recommend him, and think well of both his and his wife's ability for some of the outer schools. I inclose their letters, and would suggest, that if you can consider their applications, you invite them to come to Washington and judge them from personal observation and inquiry. They would cheerfully go. I think Senator Faulkner of W. Va. would speak well of both of them. He has, for many years, been acquainted with Mr. Busholter and her father's family.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav. Supr

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Hedgesville W. Va.

Aug. 29, 1889.

Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir;

I will write you a few lines and will ask you to do me a favor. You will please see if you can secure me an appointment somewhere in southwest among the Indians as a teacher.

It is not necessary to waste too much time in writing such a long tiresome letter and give an account of myself and my standing generally. You know me very well from the very beginning and can tell about my qualifications far better than any white man could, therefore I shall have to ask you to see the Commissioner, and tell him what I would like to do. If you see proper, show

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this letter to him. I will here say that I am an Indian of Dakota, and have been among the civilized people for good many years. I have spent eight years in school, five years in Normal School at Hampton Va., and three years in the Theological School near Alexandria Va. I can teach advanced classes as well as beginners, because I made a special study in the arts and science of teaching. My wife is a white Lady well suited for a teacher. She loved to work for the advancement of the poor Indians. Knowing her disposition, I venture to say that she and I could do a good work among my people. I will let her write you a few lines.

Very respectfully

George Bushotter.

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Hedgesville W. Va.

August 29, 1889.

Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle Penna.

Sir:

Mr. Bushotter has just written a letter to you and requests me to enclose one also. He has asked you to obtain a position for us both. I would be highly gratified to get one and know I would work for their advancement because I feel (and have always felt) a great interest in the welfare of the Indians. I have had no great experience in teaching but have been quite successful in managing small children and gaining their confidence.

Very respectfully

Mrs Lina Bushotter.