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To the Hon.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of March 1st (90) I have the honor to state that I have visited the Carlisle Industrial School. I was cordially received by Mr Standing who now has full charge of the institution during the absence of Capt. Pratt. I have visited all the different departments, and the advancement is beyond my most vivid expectations.

(1st) The buildings are all substantially built - all of brick except Dining Hall Hospital - Asst-Supt-Quarters, and one or two small houses. They are large well drained and ventilated. The dormitories are so arranged that overcrowding is avoided - Not more than 3 pupils occupy the same room except in

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cases of small boys and small girls where most sleep in one room. The buildings are conveniently located and their Sanitary conditions very good.

(2) At this date (March 5-90) 495 pupils are present and 172 absent on furlough. A regular account is kept of all pupils coming in and going out also of those admitted and sent home. The Reports to the Dept are made out from this daily account as I understand.

(3) I consider the Employes Thorough and efficient for the position in which they fill.

(4) The clothing is ample and of good quality most of it is made at the school. Fresh beef of good quality is furnished every day it is well cooked and quantity is sufficient. Good bread and enough of it is regularly supplied from School Bakery. Potatoes, Rice,

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Meat, sugar, coffee, syrup, &c. form part of regular fare. I notice no deficiency in respect to food. The children appear well nourished and comfortable, and I hear of no complaints.

(5) The discipline is mild but firm and seems entirely efficient and effective. No severe measures are resorted to except for grave offences, which I am told, ^{are} very rare. The pupils are orderly well behaved respectful and contented.

(6) Carpentering, Blacksmithing, Wagon Making, Harness-making, Shoemaking, Tailoring, Tinning, Painting, Printing, Farming and Baking are taught boys. Sewing, Laundering, Crocheting, and general Housework, are taught the girls.

(7) Judging from recitations in school rooms blackboard work and proficiency of students in English and from an examination of written work drawing &c. - I can say that considerable progress in educating Indian youth

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has been made here, and the outlook for greater progress in the future is good. On the whole the general appearance of the school is elegant every department seems to be complete within its self. Few western ^{men} who are accustomed seeing the reservation Indians (often in a pitiful condition) have any intelligent conception of the progress that has been made at this school. The contrast that exist between the boys and girls of the Carlisle Industrial School and the boys and girls of the Reservations is simply marvellous. Showing conclusively to every fair and unprejudiced minded person, that the School Room with its adjuncts is the proper avenue through which the complicated Indian Question will ultimately be solved. I will now state in conclusion that it will be one of my chief efforts to help carry

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forward and put into effect the plans
and methods set forth and recommended
by the Hon Commissioner of Ind Affairs
in the (his) 38 Annual report.

Hoping to remain in the field long enough
to see the Hon Commis-plans and suggestions
materialize I am your to Command

Jas. A. Cooper.

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