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Capt. R. H. Pratt,

Carlisle School,

March 24, 1890,

Encls. letter of Mrs.  
E. A. Wheeler, rel.

to an Indian woman  
who wants a position  
in an Indian school,

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To Mrs. E. A. Wheeler Apr. 1-90

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
CARLISLE, PA.

March 24, 1890.

To the Honorable,  
The Com'r of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter just to hand which will explain itself and in regard to which I respectfully ask your decision.

A person with so many qualifications could surely be useful somewhere in the Indian service, but it does not seem necessary that she enter here as a student at her age; neither is there any place where there is need of her as a helper at present. It occurred to me there might just now be a vacancy in some other school which she could fill satisfactorily and get the opportunity she desires.

Very respectfully,

*A. J. Standing*

Ass't Supt.

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New York City,  
122 West 45<sup>th</sup> St.,  
March 22, 90.

To the Superintendent  
of the Carlisle Indian School:  
Dear Sir:

Will you be so  
kind as to let me know  
at your earliest conven-  
ience if you can ad-  
mit into your school  
an Indian girl in  
whom I am much in-  
terested? She was taken when  
about 12 yrs. of age from  
her home among the brow-  
dayas - near Syracuse, by

an excellent Christian woman brought up in her family under most definite religious influences, and was most thoroughly trained in all household work. Now both the lady and her husband are dead the house broken up and the girl is at service in a Christian family in Rochester, New York.

She is a sincere Christian, long a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in every way trustworthy, and being now nearly thirty years old is settled in her ways and plans. She desires

to work among and for Indians. She loves her race and has the true missionary spirit. She desires to be for a year, more or less, in an Indian school that she may learn how to work for and with them. It does not seem wise to herself nor her white friends that she go among the savages because she has many relatives among them who are most unkind to her because she is "too civilized for much white folks". Her father is a bad man and would discourage her and

defeat her usefulness.

She is a most excellent nurse, a superior bread maker and cook. understands dairy work - soap making - plain sewing - rag carpet making &c &c - all those useful things that so few Indian women know. She is loving and patient with children. Clean & tidy in dress and habits. I speak with knowledge of the girl and much affection for her, for it was my own mother who rescued her from her evil surroundings. Hoping to hear from you very

soon I am

Very truly yours

(Mrs.) E. A. Wheeler.

P. S. The name is Lizzie  
Griffiths.

My own references  
are, Genl. C. W. Fisk and  
Mr. Theodore Living  
of New York.