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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
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To The Honorable  
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your<sup>s</sup> marked "Education, 27947" I have respectfully to inform you that I am myself in search of a competent teacher to take the place of my Miss Cook who is to fill her sister's position as telegraph operator in the Interior Department for six months or a year, and that I find it difficult to secure a teacher whom I esteem competent for the salary I am authorized to pay.

I know of no "experienced lady teachers who understand the Indian work and thoroughly appreciate it and are interested in it" to recommend to you for the places at Fort Totten, who would go for the salaries allowed. The only employe I have here who has expressed a desire for a change to the west is Miss Seabrook, in behalf of whom I wrote to the Commissioner some time ago, and she would only care to go in case of a material increase in salary. She was a most acceptable teacher here for five years, when, purposing to give herself a medical education, she asked for the nurse's place in the hospital. She is by far the most competent person we have had in that position since the school was established. She is tireless and most skillful in her attention to the sick and understands from her study and practise a great deal of the uses of medicine. As I wrote Gen. Morgan she had intended to leave us this fall to take a

course in a medical school but the drafts upon her savings on account of family needs led her to put it off for at least another year and she asked me if I could not secure her a place at one of the larger western schools where she could obtain a greater salary, coupling her skill in medicine and nursing with some other position. I should unhesitatingly recommend her for the management of some school, or she could teach and give attention to the sick at the same time. She would not care to leave here unless she could get at least one thousand dollars and then would not care to go to a point so remote as to make the cost of traveling too expensive. It would be next to impossible to fill her place here satisfactorily and yet I should be glad to oblige one who is so deserving.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt  
Capt. U.S.A.