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Ind. Indl. School, Carlisle Pa.

Capt. R.N. Proctor, ^{to} ~~Chief~~ ^{Supt.}

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25, and to do this, have arranged for 30 more from the tribes in
the western part of the state. I am sorry to say that I find them
too much missionary-ized; i.e., held together and embraced by a
course of management enjoined to unfit them, rather than fit them
for competition with other people of the country, and their loss
of right sadly depraved. Wild Indians are more promising material.
Let Mrs. Cox, and the state of New York, struggle along with the
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Very respectfully,

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To the Honorable,
The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

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Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.