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Capt. R. H. Pratt

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outside the school room.

Very respectfully

[Signature]

Com. & Capt.

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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

September 20th 1892.

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

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 12th marked "Education, 32540," in relation to the application papers of three candidates for teachers, I have respectfully to advise you that the averages in the papers of Mr. Loren E. Wolf, who stands highest, show that in orthography, technical grammar, arithmetic and algebra he is fairly drilled in school books. But the faulty English in answer to questions on "Pedagogy" and in the essay on "The Responsibilities of a Teacher," also in the answers to questions in "History" and "The Government of the United States" indicate a lack of culture in the English language most unfortunate in one who aspires to be a teacher. The erasures and omissions in the same subjects show a careless habit. Imperfections like these ought not to be constantly presented to students and especially to those of the grade for which I ask a teacher. These conditions being true of Mr. Wolf who stands highest it does not seem necessary to remark upon the others who are less qualified. Mr. Wolf uses tobacco, and to keep this out of the school has been a constant fight.

It has seemed to me that the Honorable Commissioner, who

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is at the fore in school matters, would have required that
this new system should at least give us as well qualified and
as desirable employes as we could ^{and did} so easily secure under the
old system.

It may be that better quality can be secured if we take
a female teacher. If so I would rather do that, though I have
intended for some time to secure a few male teachers, as vacan-
cies occurred, in order that we might have more help in affairs
outside the school room.

Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.