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Carlisle Barracks, Pa.,

Capt R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Dec. 29, 1892.

Reencloses letter from
Morgan Toprock.

Encloses letter of Miss E. L.
Fisher to Capt. Pratt, in
relation to Morgan Toprock.

Report on case of
Morgan Toprock.

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U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

December 29, 1892.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of December 28th, marked "Education, 45331 - 1892," enclosing letter from Morgan Toprock, I have to respectfully advise you that Morgan has been one of the problems here, his great lack being stability, but he has been otherwise somewhat characterless.

Out of six outings during his period here, three of them were failures. He came to me twice to attend school all day. I gave his application full attention, consulted with his teacher and the principal teacher, and both felt that aside from the fact that he was not making as good use as he could of the half day period and the evening study hour - which he frequently shirked - it was not practicable to place him in any other class. He has done better of late than formerly, and seems to have made improvement in his intentions, but it is not worth while to make special arrangements for all day school, except in a few cases where students will fit into other classes, and by so doing for a short period they can be brought up in some particular studies so as to fit them in

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with grades, or where they show special aptness and can by a little extra effort jump into a higher class. Whenever such cases come up I always cheerfully grant the petitions.

I enclose note from Miss Fisher, principal teacher, written me after reading Morgan's and your letters.

Morgan has one virtue which is that he has been very contented at Carlisle and has always decided to stay when the home-going time came and he was offered the opportunity. Of the nearly nine years spent at Carlisle about two have been away from the school under the outing system.

I think a little advice to make better use of the opportunities he does enjoy would be sufficient answer.

Very respectfully,

2 enclosures.



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In regard to Morgan Toprock's request to attend school all day. His teacher agrees with me that it is not best. That Morgan has not been making the most of the time he is now in school. He is in a class numbering eight - composed of boys and girls who are unfortunately dull and who have been pushed on as fast as capabilities would allow.

With two exceptions, Morgan one of them, they are industrious workers. But the past week he has been doing much better - probably as well as he is able to do.

There is no other class in which Morgan could with profit recite - and if he sits at his desk through a half-day session, trying to fix his mind on study, his naturally sluggish intellect will become more so. He is also unfortunate in having weak eyes - which have prevented him studying for weeks at a time - Resp'y
Thurs. Dec. 29. E. L. Fisher