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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.,
Capt. R. H. Pratt,
10th Cav'y, Supt.

April 10, 1893.

Requests to be furnished
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U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have concluded that the school room work here will be in a healthier condition and better performed if I have a proportion of male teachers, and propose hereafter in making changes to secure male teachers until I have about one-half. The resignations of Miss Phillips and Miss Cory gives me a place for two at present, and I purpose also having a gentleman for principal teacher.

I have been at some pains to seek out persons who would probably satisfy our needs, and I persuaded to go before the Civil Service Commission Prof. O. H. Bakeless, of the Bloomsburg Normal School; Mr. Philip L. Drum; Mr. T. L. Deavor; and Mr. J. A. Ressler. Prof. Bakeless is one of the most competent and best of men, has had experience as Superintendent of town schools, and has been connected with Bloomsburg Normal School for several years. The State Superintendent of Instruction assures me that he knows of no better man for the place in this State. The others are young men, all Normal

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graduates, and I believe will fit into our work and be especially helpful among our boys out of school hours, besides being especially competent as teachers. Mrs. Bakeless has been in charge of the Normal Department at Bloomsburg for several years and is considered one of the best teachers in the State. I hear her praises on all sides. Gentlemen of prominence who have had their children under her care, speak of her most favorably, besides educational people who know her. It is questionable whether Miss Hamilton can return to the school and carry this heavy department successfully, and I have felt it best, and believe that it will be for her good to change her to one of the sections where the duties are not so diversified and onerous. Her place is at present filled by Miss Gaither temporarily. Miss Gaither had to leave the school work at Crow Creek on account of ill health, and she needs more rest than she took before and possibly a change. She thinks she would like to go home and stay until the beginning of the school work in the fall and then take an appointment either here or at some Western school. This seems to me the best for her, and if I can have Professor and Mrs. Bakeless to run these two departments I shall feel that we are in the best of hands.

Professor and Mrs. Bakeless, Mr. Ressler, and Mr. Deavor and probably Mr. Drum take the Civil Service examinations tomorrow in Washington.

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I respectfully request to be furnished now with one Principal Teacher, which shall be Prof. O. H. Bakeless, if he passes the examinations successfully; one Normal School Teacher, which shall be Mrs. Bakeless, if she passes the examinations successfully; and two male teachers, which shall be Mr. Ressler and Mr. Deavor, if they pass the examinations successfully.

Very respectfully,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.