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*Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 20th 1894.*

*Pratt, Capt. R. H., 10th U. S. Cav'y.,
Superintendent.*

*Reports the number of Gospel
Hymn books on hand, and gives
reason for request for the pur-
chase of "The Epworth Hymn Books"*

*To Secy Sept 27/94
To Pratt. Oct. 3/94.*

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
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In reply to:
Finance.
L.-34,338,-'94.
Authority,41,249.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 20th 1894.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

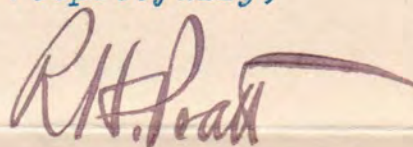
Replying to that portion of your letter of the 19th instant marked "Finance, 34,338, Authority 41,249," which says: "The Honorable Assistant Secretary of the Interior, remarks: 'Captain Pratt's request for the purchase of 650 copies of "The Epworth Hymnal," Nos. 1 and 2, at a cost of 338.00, will be further considered when the necessity for the same is fully stated, and he should be called upon to report the number of hymnals of Gospel Hymns, or other singing books on hand, and his reasons for making the proposed change.'" I have respectfully to advise you that we have only 36 Gospel Hymns on our papers and they are awaiting the action of a board of survey to be condemned. Since the beginning of the school, with one exception, (when these 36 Gospel Hymns were purchased by the Government October 26th 1891,) Hymn books have been purchased by a Quaker lady who has given me the means from year to year to replenish our stock. Two years ago she gave me \$400.00 to purchase "Songs of Praise" a book published by A. S. Barnes & Co. In every case the books were given directly to the students and the changes of two years and the wear of service has brought our

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Stock of these books so low as to make it necessary to replenish. Our benefactress is now dead, hence our necessity of appealing to the Government. We have found this objection to "The Songs of Praise," that there has been a shifting of tunes to old hymns which takes away their familiarity, and also that the book costs 30¢ more per copy than the book we propose to buy and has not as many hymns. I think also that "The Epworth", Nos. 1 and 2, bound in strong canvas, is equally as durable a book. "The Epworth" contains many of the best selections from "The Gospel Hymns." We used "The Gospel Hymns" for many years but it is so poorly bound that the wear and destruction is much more rapid than in the case of either of the other books, and "The Gospel Hymns", 1, 2, 3 and 4 costs twice as much as "The Epworth." I therefore make the change on account of better selection, both in words and music, and on account of economy.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)



Capt. 10th Cav'y., U.S.A.,

Supt.