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

Carlisle, Pa., April 17th 1895.

Dr. W. N. Hailman, Supt. Indian Schools,  
Indian Office,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I regret that Circular Letter of February 12th, marked "Education," calling for quarterly reports, escaped my attention.

I would make the following report for the quarter ending March 31st:

The schools have continued their work without any break or hindrance. The teachers have lost no time by sickness excepting Miss Cummins one day and Miss Bowersox one day. The Vocal Music Teacher resigned March 1st and her work has been in part in the hands of the Instrumental Music Teacher.

Our Commencement exercises took place February 27th and 28th. The graduating class numbered nineteen. I sent you copy of The Red Man containing account of the Commencement exercises and also a photograph of the graduating class.

On March 1st our regular yearly class promotions took place, although the plan of individual promotion has been continued monthly as the bright pupils became ready for advancement. A class numbering

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twenty-eight started with the senior work and are doing well. Their work has been hindered somewhat because of a lack of text books on some subjects; the class being larger than any previous class there were not enough books in stock to supply all. All classes started fully up with their grade, excepting Rooms 2 and 8 and part of Room 12. The new schedule of grading and work went into effect March 1st. I enclose copy of that schedule.

There is strengthening in the work in Arithmetic throughout, but we are still hindered by much necessary individual work upon students coming from Catholic schools. Evidently these schools pay no attention to the Government grading system, putting extra stress on reading and neglecting arithmetic. Teachers have been required to give more individual attention to pupils backward in English.

Nineteen new Pimas arrived in February and have been assigned to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. They seem delighted with the School and take hold of their work with energy.

The old, condemned text books have been cleaned out and sent to the quarters for distribution among the home-going pupils. All useless and unused material is being turned over to the Store-keeper and taken from the school report.

The industrial departments of the school have been conducted as usual; all students, excepting the smallest, dividing their time between the school rooms and industrial work. The various work shops

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in operation constitute the main feature of the industrial work during the winter months; but, in addition, we have the care of the extensive heating plant of the School, the care of the dairy and other stock, to keep the paths and roads free from snow, etc., etc.

During the severe blizzard of February the railroad travel was blocked by deep snow drifts. On the request of the officials of the two railroads I furnished 150 boys to help open the lines. The boys responded with alacrity to the requests and rendered such service as to call forth high praise from the railroad officials, and during the three days they earned over \$500.00.

My constant aim in all of our industrial training is to make it productive as well as instructive. To this end I have uniformly demanded that there should be something to show for every effort.

With the approach of spring the usual preparation for the summer outing was made and on the 30th of March 103 of our boys, full of enthusiasm and hope, started for farm homes; quite a number to experience this outing for the first time, others, having had the experience, desired to repeat it. On the 9th about sixty of our girls left for the country, and they too look forward to the life and experience in household duties in their farm homes during the summer with great anticipation.

I may add that the industrial departments have been improved particularly in the management.

The health of the School throughout the quarter has been

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unusually good. For one period of eleven days there was only one student in the Hospital, and when we consider that that represents the disabled of an average of nearly 750 pupils, the health conditions must be considered exceptionally excellent.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)  
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A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R. H. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

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

Supt.