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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Aug. 26th 1897

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y. Supt.

Regarding qualifica-
tions of Timothy
Henry applicant
for position as Indus-
trial teacher

Transfd. to Supt. Aug. 30/97.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., August 26th 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to letter from your Office dated August 24th, signed "W. N. Hailman, Supt. Indian Schools," stating that Timothy Henry is applicant for position as industrial teacher and asking my views as to his fitness for such work and the desirability of appointing him because of his own interests, I have to respectfully state that Timothy graduated from this school, class of '95, and has since attended the High school in Carlisle. His character is excellent, but he is not strong in the way of pushing work, though reasonably industrious. As industrial teacher he would lack in discipline and in resources. He could fill a subordinate position carrying out someone else's plans, far better than he could originate. He is entirely capable of making his own way in the world. His good character and manliness will earn him a welcome everywhere. With the equipment he has, I would esteem it a real disadvantage to him to give him an appointment and so allow him to feel, because of his Indian blood, that he has a claim upon the Government for position. He has been highly favored with

training and education, which he has received at the cost of the Government, sufficient to enable him to cope with the whites, and it is far better for him to do that and thus farther develop his manhood and independence. His help to the Indian cause will be far greater by demonstrating to the public at large that an Indian, having had a chance of training, is relieved of the weakness which prevented him from before competing with the Whites.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

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

supt.