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Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replying to circular
letter from Mr. M. M.
Hailman dated
Nov. 9th. regarding
use of evening study-
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Supt

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 17th, 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to circular letter from Dr. W.N. Hailman, Supt. of Indian Schools, dated Nov. 9th, directing a report upon the use of the evening study hour, I have to respectfully advise you that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week the pupils of each section are gathered in their respective school rooms, and the teachers by use of books and blackboards help the pupils to prepare lessons for the following day. Two rooms of smaller pupils are kept only three quarters of an hour, the occupation of their time being varied by their teacher to suit their needs.

One of the four evenings is devoted to miscellaneous reading, not necessarily having any relations with the lessons at the time.

The younger pupils are required to retire at eight o'clock, and the older ones at half-past nine. The larger ones, after study-hour, go to the gymnasium, the time being divided. The large boys have floor and apparatus work in classes and general practice work Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, and the girls Monday and Wednesday evenings from eight until nine o'clock. The smaller boys and girls are given an hour each Saturday. In addition to this, the gymnasium is open at all times and all the students encouraged to utilize its advantages, and considerable special instruc-

tion is given to those who need it most.

Friday evening is devoted to the literary societies, of which there are three, the girls having one and the boys two. The girls' society numbers 90. One of the boys' society numbers 77, and the other 40. The evenings in each society are devoted to declamations, essays, contemporaneous speech, music, the discussion of some question, and the business affairs of the society. Each society has a comfortable hall. The meetings begin at seven and last until about nine o'clock.

Saturday night we devote to a general meeting of all students, at which the Superintendent (or some other) addresses the students. In addition to this there are four circles of King's Daughters, numbering above 200, and a Y.M.C.A. Association among the boys, numbering 120. Each of these societies at some time during the year hold a social reunion, to which many of the other students of the school and employes are invited. The school sociables are held on the last Saturday of each month, which all the pupils and employes are expected to attend.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

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