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Carlisle, Pa.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Lawrence, Kansas, April 25th, 1898.

Hon. W. A. Jones,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Acting upon your orders of April 9th, 1898, I have inspected the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., and herewith submit my report on the same.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS.

The excellent discipline; the scrupulous neatness and cleanliness; the exact methods of instruction; the elimination of heavy faces in the higher grades of pupils; the enthusiasm for American citizenship; the system of records; the outing system and the multitudinous benefits derived from it, directly and indirectly, all point to an established fact: Carlisle is a success. Every dollar used by this school is certainly wisely expended, if education is better than ignorance.

PECULIAR FEATURES.

Particular stress is laid on their system of outing which gives the boys and girls an opportunity to become acquainted with the best people of this country and civilized methods of creating comfort and a competence. Any thinking person can, with but little reflection,

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appreciate, in a measure, the influence such a system must have on these young minds. Nowhere in this country are there better opportunities for this system than at Carlisle.

Another feature of Carlisle is the idea that the Indian should be made competent, head and hand, to compete with his White brother in the East. It is hoped, also, that intelligent American citizenship will absorb him and the savage become a cosmopolite. Carlisle is doing all in her power, which is commendable, to attain these ends. Of course, these features are open to discussion and are examined by all true friends of the Indian youth of this country. Being based on humanitarian grounds, the above represents the best thought and experience of Carlisle and its friends.

PLAN OF WORK.

In all its branches the instruction in the school room, the trades, the manual school and other departments, is being conducted as it would be in similar schools for White children in this country. The trend of all the work noted by me was on modern lines.

IMPRESSIONS AS TO OFFICIALS.

Courtesy, diligence, capability and celerity characterized the work of the employes at this school. Harmony and a laudable esprit de corps apparently existed among the employes. Cheerful obedience by the students was noticeable. I am convinced that this is a happy home of eight hundred loyal, progressive souls; and that

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the institution and its graduates are destined to occupy a prominent place in all that relates to the permanent advancement of the American Indian.

Yours very respectfully,

R. C. Bauer

Supervisor and Special Disbursing Agent

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