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Maj. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

Oct. 3, 1898

Rel. to Mrs. T. B. Le
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To Carlisle Oct. 11/98

To Lemhi, Oct. 20/98

To Carlisle ^{Lemhi} Oct. 22/98

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., October 3rd, 1898.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

For quite a number of years we had at this school a bright, cheery, energetic Indian girl named Minnie Yandell. She was a kind hearted and generous and jolly in disposition as any we have had in the school. She graduated with credit, and was satisfactory in conduct while here. She was appointed to some western school, and transferred and retransferred several times. I heard good and bad reports of her, but always felt that the probabilities were her tender heart and jolly disposition was more at fault than any real overt act. She appeals to me now. I enclose her letter. It may be that there is a place where she could fit in. She has had trials and difficulties. I believe in her yet. She is certainly capable. If there is a place within the range of her wishes, I wish she might have another chance.

Faithfully yours,



(Dictated) Mc

Hon. W.A. Jones,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Pocahontas, Idaho, Sept. 20, '98.

Capt. R. H. Pratt.

Carlisle, Pa.

Kind friend Major Pratt:-

Pardon the above
mistake, and allow me to
congratulate you.

Thank you for
replying to my letter. I acted
according to your sugges-
tion regarding cattle
sale, but it will not pay
at Govt. prices. Therefore
I am going to ask you
another favor, and hope
you will assist me.

I shall appreciate
it very much Major Pratt
if you will help me get
a position in the Ind.

Service. My husband is a miner and expects to go prospecting in the near future and is willing that I should enter the service.

Soon after leaving Carlisle I took the non-competitive examination for teacher and passed.

Since have taught for \$40.00 and \$50.00 per mo. It has been sometime since and the parties whom I worked under are most all out of the service. Hence I have no reference or "pull".

On account of the damp location and my health I resigned myself.

They say I am a good teacher, but had a fault which many of the young Ind. girl employees

Grave - indiscretion, yes, I admit
I was somewhat indiscreet,
yet much of the exaggerated
reports came from envious
tongues of unkind critics.

It is different now I am
a woman a mother, no longer
a frivolous fickle girl.

I do ^{not} exactly care what
position - teaching is trying
on me. I am as competent at
one as another - matron's work
dress - making - boys clothes -
laundry - cooking - book - keeping
and clerical work in general.
I would not care to be more
than asst. clerk . . .

On account of my health
I would beg not to be sent
to a damp locality. Nevada
or Utah are in preference.

Assist me please for I
believe a few lines from
you would have more

weight than all I could
gather elsewhere. I spare me
these few lines, and I will
pay you and prove worthy
of your kindness by being
faithful to my duty. Everybody
here are strangers to me!
so, I must depend on you.

Use this letter if you
wish. Hoping to hear from
you & the Department soon
I remain

Very resptly,

Mrs. T. B. Le Sieur

nee

M. M. Yandell.

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