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Regarding Miss Gertrude E. Simmons, Sioux, who is taking special instruction on violin in Boston, Mass.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., January 27. 1899.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst., marked education 54037 - '98. in regard to Gertrude E. Simmons now studying music in Boston. I respectfully state as follows:- That just now Miss Simmons is not at any expense except for personal maintenance, owing to the kindness and interest of her instructor Prof. Groenberg, whose letter enclosed herewith will inform you as to her ability and persevering effort.

Her purpose is to attend the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston and so get the advantage of the lectures and privileges of that institution, winning a scholarship if possible; but not to enter as a boarding pupil as she can manage more cheaply by boarding outside.

While her special study is the violin, she is also taking other lessons, at an expense of $4.00 per week for the lessons, which with her board and incidentals will make her expenses as closely cut as possible $10.00 per week.

I will say for Miss Simmons that she is a full blood Yankton Sioux; that she has unusual ability in the directions of music and elocution; that she has shown great perseverance so far in her career,

and if enabled to follow out her idea of a three years course where she is now, I think she would stand well to the front in her profession as all who have had to do with her give uniform testimony as to her ability. I trust therefore that a way be found by which her support may be assured. She is of a practical turn and will help herself all she can Iam sure.

Miss Simmons gives me the name of E. Noyes Whitcomb of the National Bank of Redemption Cor. of Devonshire & Water Sts., Boston, who is willing to undertake the managing of affairs in her behalf in Boston if any such service is needed.

Very respectfully,

R H Pratt

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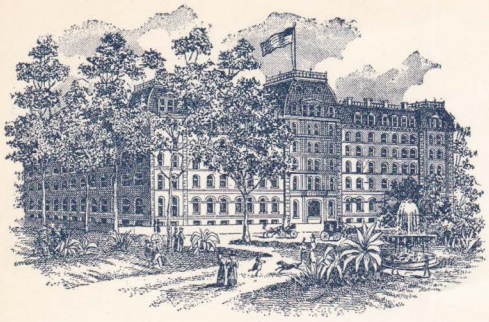

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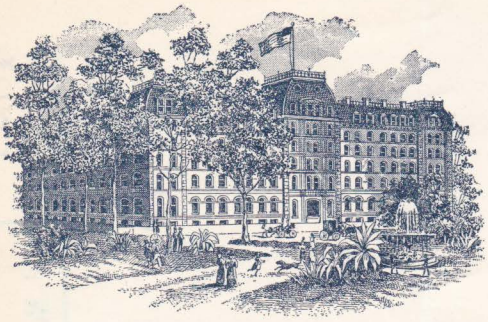
Hon. William A. Jones
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to submit to you the following statements in behalf of Miss Gertrude E. Simmons.

After a profound and careful examination I can say with conviction that I consider that young lady an earnest and promising student of art who, being gifted with a sufficient musical talent, high intelligence and an unusual readiness to work persistently, will, no doubt, benefit not only herself, but also her race.

For arts sake I agreed to give her instruction free of charge, and owing to the results, attained so far, I am very happy to have done so.



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Any material aid that might come to her through your authority and influence would be no loss to the race from whose funds it may be drawn, and I trust, it is in your power to help one so ambitious and so worthy of sympathy and support.

Ready, to be at your service for any desirable information of a more particular character, I beg to remain, Mr. Commissioner,

Yours most sincerely

Eugene Gruenberg

Teacher at the N. E. C. of Music
Boston, Mass.