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Pratt, R. H.,

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Advising that information given
in Mr. Rogers letter concerning
Ind. Dept exhibit at Paris Exp.
is inadequate, but that prepar-
ation will be continued

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., June 7, 1899.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of the 1st inst. marked "M.S.C." enclosing letter of Howard H. Rogers in regard to the Indian Department exhibit at the Paris Exposition, my first thought is that the Government is being meanly treated in the matter. (An exhibit of the Indian Schools is more purely a Government exhibit than any other educational exhibit, and it seems to me should have far more liberal consideration.) The information given in Mr. Roger's letter is exceedingly meager. He says to an important department of the Government, that "Notwithstanding the money appropriations made by Congress for the exposition, you can only be represented there at your own individual cost", and even this opportunity is given with such insufficient data of space, etc. as to make it impossible to work it out intelligently.

My idea had been the preparation of charts in condensed form, giving the same sort of information we have used at other recent expositions, printed with the best of type and on the best of paper or cards, and made attractive; all to be both in the French and English languages, and to be supplemented by samples and illustrations of the work of the school in photographs or prints, with some good transparencies of contrast pictures, and several large photographs of the most important features.

Bound books as proposed are almost valueless, as very, very, few

people take any interest in them. The charts and photographs , so far as possible, ought to be shown on mounted cards in swinging frames.)

If we are to be limited to the space Mr. Rogers' letter indicates it is possible for us to make a small exhibit of industrial work as we have done in the past, using cases 22 x 28 inches to be set up against the wall or in frames made for them. In order to make any kind of an exhibit, more knowledge of the space and its character seems necessary.

I suggest that the Indian Department would fare better at the hands of the U.S. Bureau of Education than from Mr. Rogers, who does not seem to know that (the Department exhibit is unique and would be of vastly more interest to the colonizing people of Europe than our public schools either of city or country, because it deals with the same class and problems which affects them in their distant Asiatic and African possessions.)

If these two letters contain the sum of all information to be had and indicate the final limit, there is nothing to do but to prepare what we can and submit ^{to} the misrepresentation involved, I shall go on preparing on the line of your letter.

Very respectfully,


Major 1st Cavalry, Supt.

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