

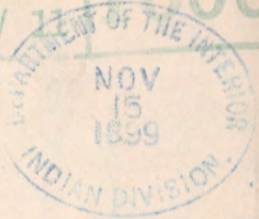
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Nov. 10, 1899

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Requesting the appoint-  
ment of Dr. Elias A. Eastman  
as Acting Agent.

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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

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Carlisle, Penna., Nov. 19, 1899.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to our several conversations in which I have explained to you the necessity for an outing agent to specially take charge of the interests of our boys out from the School, and your verbal approval of my plans I have respectfully to advise you that we have to-day in the country, at work on farms and attending public schools 161 boys. This, you will see, is quite a school in itself. These boys are practically earning their own way, working morning and evening out of school hours for their board and attending the several public schools in the vicinity where they are placed. I insist that they are thus getting lessons of manliness, individuality and courage to cope with the affairs of our every-day civilization, and gaining other necessary qualities in a way that cannot possibly be put into them in any school anywhere. The fact that they go to school with white children and into the same classes, gives them the beginning of the standards to which they must rise in order to be the equal of the white man. That they can successfully enter our schools and work their way through is important and points a direction in considering what is to be done for and with the Indians. The boys live in the families, eat at the same



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tables, share in the work of the farm, and in all respects are treated like young Anglo-Saxons under the same circumstances.

In the enlargement of the School this year we have reached a point where it is practically impossible for me to properly look after these pupils with the force of employes already at my disposal. This service has heretofore been performed by my Disciplinarian or his assistant, or some other employe of the School whom I could send out from time to time. The out pupils are visited twice a year in mid-winter and mid-summer. During vacation the past summer the boys out averaged three hundred.

With a suitable agent in the field a good part of the time I should be able to greatly improve the quality of this outing. In the more careful selection of places where boys are to be located, in more frequent visits and greater tranquility of both boys and patrons on that account, and in being able to see that justice is done in cases of difference. My agent becoming acquainted with the qualities of the patrons, could advise and often prevent annoying differences, many of which have had to be settled by correspondence from here.

When not required on these special duties, I would use the outing agent to send west after and make selections of new pupils.

I do not see how it would be possible for an examination by the Civil Service Commission to secure for me a proper agent, qualified to fill this place. A solution and means of avoiding that possible contingency occurs just now in my being able to secure the services of Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a Sioux Indian, with both a college and medical



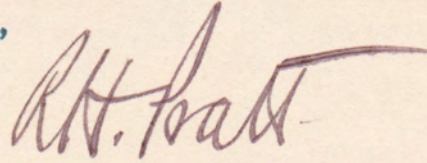
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education and who for several years filled the position of agency physician at Pine Ridge.

I therefore respectfully request to have the position of outing agent for boys created at the salary of \$800 per year, and that Dr. Charles A. Eastman be appointed to that position, dating from to-day.

Presuming upon your concurrence in this matter, I place Dr. Eastman on duty at once.

Very respectfully,



Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated.  
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