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Replying to Dept. letters of, trans-
fer of Mr. & Mrs. Odell, & changes
here to cover positions they vacate.
Suggesting Dr. Morden formerly
of Sacaton, Ariz. as perhaps the
right man for physician here.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 7, 1901.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to yours of the 6th marked "Education" in reference to Dr. Clark, you have my letter of yesterday. Just as soon as I can find a man of superior worth both as a physician and otherwise I would like to have a resident physician at the school, one who can not only look after the medical affairs of the school but will be useful in other directions, such a man as Dr. Given, Dr. Dixon, or Dr. Grinnell, all former physicians at this school.

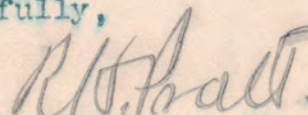
I am informed that Dr. A. E. Morden, formerly agency physician at Sacaton, now helping the Rev. Mr. Cook in mission work there, is not only a most excellent physician but a most excellent man. If his record in the service is satisfactory to the Department and he could be reinstated, I am inclined to think he would be the man for us. When the right man is found I will request the salary.

In regard to Mr. Odell; his desire for promotion is of course a proper one, and as he and his wife are both young and have spent a good deal of time and money in fitting themselves for the Indian work it seems well to give them special opportunities. I therefore telegraphed you my approval of his transfer from Carlisle. I think I can make a shift among my people here to supply the place he will vacate. Miss Carter, one of my teachers, who has been with me many years, has

special qualifications for matron of the small boys. My difficulty in her case in the past has been that she preferred teaching. I shall hope to prevail on her to make the change to this position, and we shall not be disadvantaged by the transfer. It seems best to have someone in that place who will be as permanent as possible because there is so much value in a knowledge of the young people dealt with. I trust therefore that Mr. Odell's transfer to the superintendency of the Pottawatomie school may be accomplished.

Mrs. Odell is rather a superior teacher and prefers that work. She accepted the position of Assistant Matron for the small boys here only on condition that her salary would not be reduced. She was getting \$540 as teacher. I put her on the roll at \$420 and agreed to make the balance up to her from a separate fund. Would it not be practicable to transfer her to the position of teacher at Pottawatomie at \$540 so that she could be with her husband? I would then return Miss Moul to her position as Assistant Matron for the small boys which work she prefers and for which she is really better adapted, and that would leave a vacancy here in the teachers' force. If Miss Bertha D. Lockbridge stands well as a teacher she might come in that place. I fear however from the salary she is receiving and the fact that she has been in the service since '93, she may not be just what we would like and it would be better for us to look elsewhere; but with this expression of opinion I shall cheerfully leave it to the decision of the Office.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.