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## Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 6, 1902.

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

My dear Mr. Commissioner :

Dahney George's case has for some time been in the Bureau for consideration. I do not know exactly when her application went in but she wrote me in May last for advice on the subject. Dahney is an excellent girl and in my judgment would make about as good an assistant teacher for one of our western schools as you could find. We considered here one of our very best. She graduated here in '99 and has had the pluck to work out of school hours and take a full course at the West Chester Normal, this state, paying in part and running into debt for the rest, expecting as some of my other girls have done, to repay the Normal School from her first earnings. When we get character like this into full blood Indians as Dahney is and the real push and go of our best America, it ought to be recognized.

Miss George has property interests at Cherokee and younger brothers and sisters there to look after, and was hopeful she might go there. When Mr. and Mrs. Spray were with us at Carlisle I know they thought a great deal of her. I do not know what he thinks now, but I agree entirely with the Department's plan to give young Indians employment positions away from their tribes.

Dr. Philips, whose letter is enclosed, is one of the best and noblest of men, and has taken at least half a dozen of our best girls through the Normal in just this way. Some of them, I am glad

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to say, have been successfully employed and are now teaching in white schools, which is of course a broader and better outlook.

Sincerely yours,

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## State Normal School, FIRST DISTRICT, Mest Chester, Pa. GEO. MORRIS PHILLIPS, PRINCIPAL.

September 5, 1902.

Col. R. H. Pratt,

Indian Sohool, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Col. Pratt:

Dahney E. George graduated here in June, as you know. She confidently expected to get a school of the Cherokee Reservation, N. C. where her home is, but she has been disappointed, and can hear nothing from the gent leman there who she was expecting would secure her the place. She has been working during the summer and has earned a little money, part of which she paid to me on account of her bill.

I have wondered whether it would be possible for her to go out to you and through you find a position. Possibly you have semething that she could do until one opens. She is in a good deal of distress, I find, although very averse to showing it. She is just now with the family of Mr. Chrisman, in West Chester. I suggested that she write to you but she may not have done so.

Yours very truly,

G.M. Philips