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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.

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Pratt, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

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Advising that Miss Knickerbocker  
of Morris, Minn. cannot come to  
Carlisle & asking permission to  
search outside the service for  
the proper person to fill the place.

To Carlisle Sept. 20/02  
To Morris Oct 6/02

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 18, 1902.

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

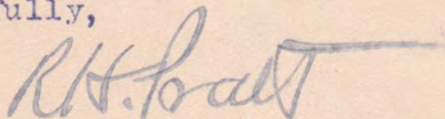
Sir :

Referring to the appointment of Miss Etta Knickerpacker of the Morris, Minnesota school to this school as Outing Matron, I have to respectfully advise you that I am just in receipt of the following telegram :

" Morris, Minn., Sept. 18, 1902.  
Col. Pratt.  
Personal business matters not settled. Cannot come.  
Etta Knickerbacker. "

If necessary, Miss Jackson will remain a short time after the first of October. Meanwhile, I desire to state that I have no faith whatever that a woman of the ability required for the position can be got from the present Civil Service lists. If I may search outside I think it entirely practicable to find the proper woman, who could then take special examination. Unless I am permitted to do this I feel greatly discouraged by the outlook. The duties and responsibilities in connection with the place in order to make it any kind of a success can be performed by no ordinary woman. Among the many I know in the service now including those here now, none are to my mind equal to it.

Very respectfully,

  
Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.