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Ind. Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 3, 1903.

Pratt. R. H. Col. & Supt.

Forwarding report of Dr. S. L.
Diven, School Physician, in
compliance with circular "Edu-
cation #99" dated July 1st.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 3, 1903.

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

Sir :

Conforming to your circular marked "Education # 99, " dated July 1st, I forward herewith report of my school physician covering health conditions among the pupils at this school.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt
Col. & Supt.

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Carlisle, Pa., 31, 1903.

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Report of Dr. S. L. Diven, Sch.
Physician in compliance with
circular "Education # 99" dated
July 1st.

In reply to:

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Indian Industrial School

W. M. Pa., July 1, 1903.

Col. R. N. Pratt,

Supt.

Sir:

In response to circular letter of The Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs of July - 1 - 1903 concerning vital statistics & sanitary matters I submit the following:

I have been the Physician at this school since 1897 continuously. During 1895-+1896 I was employed irregularly.

We practically have but one disease to contend with - namely, consumption. We have an occasional case of rheumatism or syphilis. I do not see any abatement in the number of cases occurring; or in the general sickness or

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shown by the number responding to
sick call. The greatest number of
calls are for diseases of the respiratory
tract - from coryza or acute "cold-in-
the-head" to bronchitis & pneumonia.
Many calls are for diseased
teeth & diseased eyes.

During the fall, winter & spring the
dentists give one whole day in each
week attending their teeth. The privilege
is highly appreciated & the best work
is demanded.

A majority of the scholars come to
the school with their teeth neglected.
We have a number of cases coming
every year of trichoma, or granula-
ted eye lids; and with opaque spots
in the cornea, the result of previous
inflammatory conditions. These
eye afflictions are almost always

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incompatible with successful attendance
at school; sometimes requiring
months and even years to correct
when remediable at all. The disease
should be looked after carefully at
its inception & if necessary inspec-
tion made monthly of all the
children under the care of the various
agency physicians.

The same suggestion would apply
to the teeth.

During the year 1897 we had.

30	cases	of	consumption	2	deaths.
23	"	"	"	3	" 1898.
22	"	"	"	5	" 1899
24	"	"	"	6	" 1900
32	"	"	"	2	" 1901
32	"	"	"	70	" 1902.
17	"	"	6 months.	2	" 1903.

Population 1897-8-800.

" 1899-0-1-2-3-1000.

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Number of days treatment in Hospital.

1897 -	3210	days.
1900 -	3606	"
1903 (2 3/4)	2123	"

Concerning conditions that would be advantageous to health conditions. Floors - should all be of hard wood. & walls should all have hard, smooth-finished surface. to reduce labor and facilitate successful cleaning.

Bathing - should have a place on the curriculum so that time could be had for proper supervision.

Concomitaneous & properly constructed bath rooms with abundance of hot & cold water. As much as one fifth of the waste matter of the body is removed through the skin the in-

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importance of the subject becomes apparent.

Cooking + Baking. This work should be done by the best of experts.

Improperly prepared food - no matter how good the raw material - will make a well person sick. but those you are catering to those whose health depends primarily on keeping digestion at the highest notch, the matter assumes a degree of the very greatest importance.

Abundant supply of concentrated, easily digested food - such as whole milk - eggs - vegetables - meat - fruit morning + evening, daily.

Hospital: I would suggest that same be remodelled or a new one provided. The walls + windows should be made thick, light - double - so that the patient

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very not readily feel the variation in
out-side temperature; a room or a
apartment for contagious diseases;
a disinfecting^{room}, bath rooms & closets
properly placed; broad open stair-way
& the whole plainly but well furnished
& equipped.

Tuberculosis-cases. When stage of pure
formation is reached should be
sent home or to an out-door
camp or consumption hospital
if not sent home.

Those not afflicted should be
kept out of the way of this contagious
disease as much as possible.

Respectfully,

J. L. Dixon
School Phys.