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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 23, 1904.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Replying to Office letter "Education, Circular # 113" dated July 14, 1903, calling for information respecting the present condition of the school with reference to heating, lighting, sewerage, and attendance during the year, and needs for the fiscal year 1904, I have the honor to report that as a whole the school plant is in good repair. This is particularly true of the Large Boys' Quarters, one of the largest buildings at the school. This building has been replastered, repainted throughout, and newly supplied with electric wiring and fixtures. All the other quarters have been recalsomined and are being repainted, putting them into good shape for the filling of the school from the country and the reservations this fall.

The present enrollment of the school is 856. This represents the lowest stage, as practically all students whose terms have expired have been sent home, and from this time on new parties will be coming in from the reservations.

The average attendance for the scholastic year covering the ten months from September to June, was 1040. The greatest number enrolled at one time was 1087; the total enrollment for the year, 1259. The average attendance for the coming year should be about the same as in the year just ended. There will be increased accommodations when the additional story is put on the Small Boys' Quarters, plans

for which have been approved by your Office. However, the additional room is in large measure needed to provide for our attendance should it be any larger than in the past three years, for there are times when our quarters are crowded. The intention at Carlisle is to have three students in each room, but it has been found necessary to place four in many of the rooms during the winter months.

The value of the plant as reported last year was $204,000. The only material change is the erection of a double cottage for employes which will soon be completed. This building will cost us, including labor of students and regular school employes, about $3,500, increasing the value of the entire plant to $207,500.

The sewer system is fairly satisfactory, the discharge being into the creek at a distance of 1,000 feet down stream from the school.

The water supply furnished us by the Carlisle Gas & Water Company , as reported last year, is inadequate but of good quality. New 6" pipe for laying an additional water main has been purchased and will be laid during the coming autumn. This will make the supply ample and the pressure will be sufficient for all domestic uses. Extra pressure in case of fire is had by means of our hand fire engine, which gives excellent service.

All the school buildings are heated by steam from a central plant composed of an excellent battery of four 150 H. P. high pressure Geary tube boilers. To this equipment is being added now four automatic stokers that will give us an almost perfect system for converting coal into heat with elimination of smoke.

The Carlisle Gas & Water Co. , the same organization which furnishes us our water, supplies electric light at a rental of about $2,200 annually. The service is satisfactory, the one defect being

caused by the installation of arc lights in our chapel, gymnasium and dining-hall. It is proposed to replace these with incandescent lights, when we shall have much improved service in these rooms at no additional cost.

The most patent need of the institution is a building in which to quarter the small girls. We are providing, as above stated, additional room for boys, and it is equally necessary that the girls have greater space. In doing this, it is planned at the same time to provide for the separation of the large and the small girls, which division appeals to me as a proper measure also upon moral grounds. The cost of such a building would be about $15,000. This in addition to the $150,000 regularly appropriated for the school would mean $165,000, which amount I respectfully request be appropriated for the support of this school for the fiscal year 1906.

The appropriation for all purposes for the fiscal year 1905 was $158,000.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Glasgow

Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

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