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U.S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 7, 1904.

Capt. W.A. Mercer, 7th Cav.,  
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PENNA.

*JRM*  
December 7, 1904.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that it has been the practice for a number of years to hold non-sectarian religious services in the chapel at this school on Sunday afternoon, a minister of the gospel from Carlisle being employed to conduct the services. Payment for such services has in the past been made out of the charity funds, and the small balance of such funds turned over to me by my predecessor has now practically been exhausted in paying for the continuation of these services to date.

It is felt to be most desirable for the good of the pupils at this school, as well as of the employees, that these services should be continued, but I know of no other way in which to pay for the same than by using money from the regular appropriation for the school.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that authority be granted for the employment of a minister of the gospel at \$5.00 per Sabbath, the compensation heretofore paid, to conduct non-sectarian religious services at this school each Sunday afternoon during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

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*W. A. Mercer*  
Captain 7th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.