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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
December 20, 1904.

Capt. W.A. Mercer,
Superintendent.

Makes recommendation relative
to new hospital at the school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.
CARLISLE, PA.

J.R.W.
December 20, 1904.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the inclosed copies of letters by Dr. S. L. Diven, contract physician at this school for a number of years, dated October 1, 1904, and of Dr. F. Shoemaker, the present school physician, dated the 19th instant, relative to the unsatisfactory condition of the present hospital building as regards location, construction, arrangement, etc., and the desirability of erecting a new building in a more desirable location and better adapted as to arrangement and construction for its purpose.

These letters speak for themselves and the existing conditions are so clearly expressed that comment is unnecessary. As to the present building I have to state that it stands in close proximity to both the large and small boys' dormitories. It will be recalled that plans have been under consideration for sometime to increase the capacity of the small boys' dormitory by the addition of another story. The present hospital building is well adapted to use for dormitory purposes and if a new hospital building is erected the old building could be used as an annex to the boys' dormitories, thus meeting the requirements for more room in that respect and dispensing with the necessity of devising larger dormitory facilities

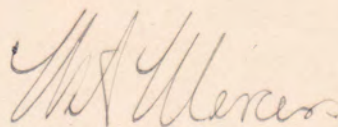
for the boys.

Referring to the suggestion of Dr. Diven that the tract of ground adjoining the present school grounds on the east be purchased in order to provide a site for the hospital building, I have to state that I deem it unnecessary to purchase the ground in question for this purpose, as it is believed a more desirable location for the new hospital building will be on the south end of the school grounds where it will be isolated and on high ground. I regard this site as a most excellent one.

In conjunction with such a new hospital building I have to state that I think it would be very desirable to establish a course for trained nurses. It is found from experience that Indian girls are well adapted to this work and the establishment of such a course, which would be little or no additional expense to the school, would afford opportunity for training which must now be sought outside the Indian school.

This subject is submitted at this time for the consideration of the Office and in connection therewith I have to say that I expect to be in Washington about the 3d or 4th of January, at which time I desire to take up the matter for discussion more in detail.

Very respectfully,



Captain 7th Cavalry,

JRW-AES

Superintendent.

Inclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA. Hospital, Oct. 1, 1904.

Capt. W.A.Mercer, Supt.

Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the Hospital, the location, character of the structure, its internal plan and furnishings.

Its location is bad, because of its immediate surroundings, horse-stable, athletic field, work-shops, Large and Small Boys' Quarters.

Its construction is flimsy, thin walls, single windows, requiring patients to be moved from one side of the building to the other according to direction of wind.

The stairways are narrow and practically inaccessible for a hospital. The ceilings are so high that disinfection and proper cleanliness are almost impossible. The floors are of soft wood and worn out instead of hard wood, tightly laid.

The walls are plastered and whitewashed with lime, and uncleanable except with another daub of the lime.

The water closets and bath rooms are placed adjoining the kitchen instead of in the vicinity of the sleeping rooms.

The whole building should have a cellar under it, dry, well ventilated and easily accessible instead of a small portion of it.

Its furnishings, or working apparatus is very meagre and incomplete from the kitchen to the Doctor's office.

I suggest that five acres of ground adjoining the executive building be purchased and proper and adequate Hospital be erected.

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Respectfully,

S.L.Diven,

School Physician.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

CARLETON PARK HOSPITAL, Cal. J. 1924.

John C. A. Johnson, Esq.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA. December 19th, 1904.

Capt. W.A.Mercer, Supt.

Carlisle Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

I desire to respectfully call your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the hospital located at this school, owing to its location as well as to its unsanitary condition generally.

The building should occupy a position more isolated than the one it at present occupies. It is located adjacent to the large and small boys' quarters, shops and stables, all of which make it very unsatisfactory in case of the presence of contagious diseases as well as from an unsanitary standpoint.

The building is old, is constructed entirely of wood whereas it should be of brick. Its construction is faulty, making it almost impossible to keep it warm enough for patients during the winter months, which is the time of year that it is most needed.

The closets are located in inaccessible places, necessitating patients to walk through several halls in order to reach them. The floors should be of hard wood and waxed, and the walls covered with paint or other material which would admit of frequent cleansing instead of whitewash.

The building should be constructed of brick, of a convenient arrangement, be provided with a modern system of ventilating and basement, and should have one room fitted up for the care of sur-

gical cases when emergency required.

For the reasons above stated I respectfully recommend that a new modern hospital building be erected as an early a date as possible.

Very respectfully,

F. Shoemaker,

School Physician.