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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,  
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Capt. W. A. Mercer,  
Superintendent.

Reports that the school hos-  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA.

*JRW*  
February 17, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Referring to the recommendation made by me sometime ago that an appropriation of \$20,000 be procured from Congress for the erection of a new hospital building at this school, I deem it proper to report that we have at the present time 47 patients in our hospital, most of whom are confined on account of minor ailments such as colds, la grippe, etc. Three pupils, who were slightly ill, had to be returned to their dormitory this morning because the hospital was filled to its capacity and could not accommodate them. It will therefore be seen that in the event of an epidemic of illness of any kind, that our hospital facilities would be wholly inadequate to meet the requirements. This condition of affairs is reported as emphasizing the need of a new hospital and in order that, should you see fit, you might present the matter to the proper committees in Congress with a view to advancing the prospects for the necessary legislation authorizing the construction of such hospital.

Very respectfully,

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

I have attend-  
ed to notifying  
Senator Sturges,

V. E.