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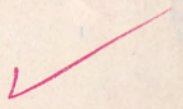
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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
August 18, 1905.

Major W A. Mercer,
Supt.

Gives information relative to
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PENNA.

August 18, 1905.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Office circular No. 126, Education, dated July 5, 1905, calling for information respecting the condition of this school and its equipment and its needs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, such report to be made prior to September 4th next. I am now in receipt of Office letter "Education, dated the 14th instant, referring to the afore-said circular and stating that the desired report should be made immediately, if possible.

In reply I have the honor to state that the school plant as a whole has been kept in good repair during the past year and that the same is at the present time in good condition. Nearly all the buildings have been painted and overhauled during the past spring and summer, and other improvements about the buildings and grounds have been made.

The following figures relating to enrollment and attendance of pupils are submitted:

1. Present enrollment, - - - - -	834
2. Highest number enrolled during year ended June 30, 1905, (in January), - - - - -	948
3. Total enrollment during year ended June 30, 1905,	1149
4. Average attendance for the 10 months from September to June, inclusive, - - - - -	904

The present enrollment of 834 is of course much smaller than it will be a month or two later, the home parties for the year having been sent in June and the incoming parties of pupils for the next school year having not yet begun to arrive. It is my purpose to keep the average attendance of pupils during the present year at not to exceed 1000, and it will doubtless be better for the student body, under present conditions, to have the number less than that, owing to the crowded condition of the quarters. It is felt that the number of students remaining in the country during the winter months under the outing system should not exceed 25%, or 250 out of the total of 1000. This would leave 750 to be quartered on the grounds, which requires that four pupils be placed in a number of the rooms. While this number crowds the rooms somewhat and makes it inconvenient, it is not believed to be detrimental to health, considering the size and arrangement of the rooms.

The sewerage system is quite satisfactory, though the same is in almost constant need of attention and frequent repairs are necessary. The sewage is discharged into the creek on the school farm at a distance of about one-fourth mile from the school grounds.

The water supply is obtained from the Carlisle Gas & Water Co., under contract approved about one year ago, by which the same is furnished at the rate of three and one-half cents per thousand gallons. Based on the consumption since the installation of the meter last March, the annual cost of the water will, in the future, be about \$700. The water is of fairly good quality but is inadequate

in supply, the pressure at times being insufficient to produce a flow on the upper floors in some of the buildings. The protection against fire, owing to inadequate supply, is not at all satisfactory.

The school is heated by steam from a central plant equipped with four 150 horse power high pressure boilers. The system as a whole is very satisfactory as to results, but is in constant need of repair and attention. The pipes are cased with wood, whereas the same should, in the main, be in conduits and properly cased, so as to prevent loss of efficiency from radiation.

Considerable work has been laid out to improve the heating facilities in several of the buildings, material for which has been purchased in pursuance of authority granted last year. With the completion of this work the conditions as to heating the several dormitories and buildings will be quite satisfactory.

The conditions as to ventilation of the dormitories and school building proper are quite unsatisfactory and should be improved as indicated in the report of Supervisor Charles dated March 11, 1905. He, however, made no definite recommendations and I am without any figures showing probable cost of providing needed ventilation. It is thought, however, that the cost of the work needed in this respect can be defrayed out of the regular appropriation for this school.

As to new buildings, attention is invited to previous correspondence with reference to the erection of a new hospital building, the need for which, so as not only to provide for a more suitable

building for the purpose, but also to afford additional dormitory space by using the old hospital for that purpose, is well understood and will not be discussed here. Should the plans now under consideration for the erection of the hospital building be not carried out, then it is most urgently recommended that an appropriation of \$10,000 for a new hospital building be procured during the next session of Congress, and that the \$10,000 appropriated by Congress during its last session for an addition to the hospital be made available for a new hospital, so as to make the total \$20,000.

In this connection I have to state that a new cottage for the school physician, adjacent to the new hospital, should also be provided for at a cost of \$2,500. Provision for such new cottage should not only be made because of the advantage as to its location near the hospital, but because additional quarters for employees are needed. The necessity for the erection of three cottages was shown by my predecessor three years ago and recommendation made for provision to erect the same.

The appropriation for the support of this school, transportation of pupils, repairs, etc., should not be less than it is for the present fiscal year, \$150,000.

I would therefore respectfully recommend the appropriation of the following sums for this school for the next fiscal year:

For support of school, transportation of pupils,
repairs, etc.(including salary of superintendent), \$151,000

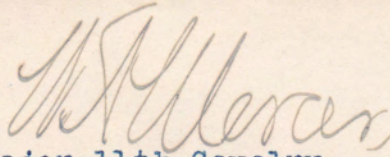
For new hospital (provided same is not erected under
plans now being considered), - - - - - 20,000

For new cottage for school physician, - - - - -	\$ 2,500

Total, - - - - -	\$173,500

The appropriation for the present fiscal year, (including salary of superintendent, \$1000), - - - - \$161,000.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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