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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Sept. 25, 1905.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Reports on letter of Edith A.
Bartlett complaining about the
superintendent in charge of the
Ft. Hall reservation, Idaho.

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

J.R.W.
Sept. 25, 1905.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter "Education 74913-1905," from the Acting Commissioner, inclosing a letter from Miss Edith A. Bartlett, dated the 17th instant, relative to the needs of her people, the Indians of the Fort Hall reservation, Idaho, and the incapacity of the superintendent to do for them as much as he should.

In reply to the inquiry as to whether credence can be placed in the statements of Miss Bartlett I have to say that this young lady is a graduate from Carlisle and since her graduation two years ago has been attending the Bloomsburg, Pa., State Normal School. She is unusually bright and I am sure is deeply interested in the welfare of her people. However, she is far from mature and too much weight should not be given to any statements she may make with reference to the shortcomings of the superintendent. Full credence may, however, be given to what she says so far as her judgment goes. I am sure she is conscientious in every way and would not wilfully misstate or misrepresent conditions.

As requested her letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer
Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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*Edith A. Bartlett,
Bloomsburg, Pa.
Sept. 17-1905,
Rel. to the need of
a man at Ft. Hall
A. who can man-
age the Indians
better than the pres-
ent agent,*

*Encl. Carlisle 9/21/05
To Bartlett " "*

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D.

Bloomsburg, Nowral, Penna.

Sept. 17, '85

Commissioner Leuppe of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have decided to write you, some of my summer experiences on my home reservation, the Fort Hall Agency Reservation in Southern Idaho. After having eight years of experience, and training in the Carlisle Indian School, and gaining a little of the vast experiences that the East affords, my heart goes out in pity for my dear people.

While being home this summer I was constantly reminded that I as one must lead the way for a new way of living and doing, so I can but cry out to you in behalf of those I love, or they shall all be lost very soon.

Our agent allowed them to dance during the summer; the very time that their crops and hay needed their attention. I do not know what will happen, where they have not put up hay for their winters use. The indebtedness at the agency store, for things of little usefulness, will cost the Indians there hundreds of dollars.

Dear sir
Can not some thing be done, to help my people understand, that this sort of thing cannot last long.

Please give us a just, and honest man, one that is strict and won't let each do as they like best. I don't mean that our agent is not just, but he is so kind that it is hurting, rather than helping. I know you will help us and very soon please.

Very Respectfully,

Edith Alvah Bartlett

Bloomsburg Nowral,
Penna.