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Mr. Albert W. Blake,
Editor, Educational Page,
The Christian Science Monitor,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Blake:

Answering your inquiry in your letter of June 5, 1922, concerning Carlisle Indian School, you are advised that it was closed September 1, 1918, because of the request of the War Department, for the use of the property for hospital purposes and for the rehabilitation and re-education of the sick and wounded soldiers. The pupils were placed in other schools located in different states in the West. While there is industrial training given, it is for the soldiers and not for the Indians.

In 1879 Gen. Hancock was in command of the Department of the East in which Carlisle Barracks was located, and upon the request of Gen. Pratt indorsed their use for an Indian school and upon a like indorsement by Gen. Sherman an order to that end was procured from Secretary McCrary, of the War Department, in September of that year. Later the act of Congress, approved July 31, 1902, authorized the setting aside of vacant posts or barracks for the establishment of normal and industrial training schools for Indian youth, "so long as they may not be required for military occupation." The reversion of this property for military purposes becomes, therefore, virtually automatic within the law.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Gentlemen:

Will you kindly tell us if there is any Indian school at all at Carlisle any longer? Although we understand Carlisle to have been closed, there is somebody here who thinks that the industrial training end of it continues in operation. Is that true?

We thank you for your answer.

Sincerely yours,

Albert W. Blake

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