

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

Subject:

Dec. 17, 1907.

Charges against Carlisle's Football Eleven.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

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Replying to your letter of December 16, 1907, Education 96886-1907, File 154, relating to newspaper clipping containing charges against Carlisle's football eleven, enclosed, I have to say that no word of protest has come from any university or college, that these charges emanated from W.G. Thompson, who was practically discharged, and from Frank Hudson, a former clerk, football player, and coach here, who was discharged for embezzlement. Both of them offered the charges to newspapers, but as they declined to sign their names, they could not get them published, either because of this fact, or because of the character of the charges. The only way they got them before the public was through Dr. Montezuma, who had them published in the Chicago Tribune over his name the day after Carlisle's great victory over Chicago. It has come from pretty good authority that Miss Bergess is interested with the other three in this matter, and that this letter was prepared and held with the intention of not publishing it in case Carlisle lost the game, but if they won, they would give it to the public, which is in keeping with their other actions in this connection.

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Dr. Montezuma's action in putting these charges before the public is pretty well criticised by an article which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, and which is enclosed herewith marked "Exhibit D". The other charges are practically all answered in a statement by myself and Coach Warner, and given to the press, and enclosed herewith marked "Exhibit A and B"; also a statement of the Carlisle Indian Athletic Committee made not only to the universities and colleges which met Carlisle this year, but to nearly every educational institution in the country.

I believe nothing more can be said except that if the exhibits do not cover every point, you may rest assured that those that are not covered are all false, or misleading, as the others. For instance:- the statement, charge No.3, that the superintendent about a year ago, "strenuously objected to the audit of the athletic fund", is absolutely false. To the contrary, the superintendent urged that the fund be audited, or at least a statement be submitted periodically to the Indian Office, that he would be only too glad to have this done, that his objection was against the deposit of funds in the hands of the Government because of the impossibility of utilizing them, and such care of the funds would practically amount to the abandonment of athletics at Carlisle. I cite this instance as one in the article which is perhaps not covered in the statement, and give it as an example of how misleading and untrue they are. Again, charge No.19, about Samuel McLean, this is absolutely false; the initiative to come to Carlisle arose with him, and he came here and is legitimately enrolled as a student of our present Junior class at the school.



In closing, I want to say a commentary on how these charges have been received by the college world, that Pennsylvania has already signified its desire for a game with Carlisle next year, and we have had applications from the Navy, and several other important institutions, all since the publication of these charges. In addition to the above, there was organized at Harrisburg, December 6th, a Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic Association composed exclusively of Pennsylvania colleges, with one exception, that, admission of Carlisle Indian School was embodied in the constitution.

I first saw the Carlisle team play in 1904, and made up my mind that if some few of the handicaps they were laboring under could be eliminated, they could win the championship of the United States, and I admit that in football matters, I have strained the harness a little bit, <sup>enthusiastically</sup> in order to give the Indians, as nearly as possible, a fair test with their white brethren; the result being that in the opinion of many critics, Carlisle put into the field the best football team in the country; that they played a sportsmanlike, clean, gentlemanly game, and the boys behaved as well as could be asked for.

They have already provided for a healthy reaction in football matters and another season, will reduce the number of large games (although every big university in the country wants a game) and take on such institutions as Annapolis or West Point, where there will be no money received beyond sufficient to pay the actual traveling expenses of the team. This with a view of relieving the situation

of criticism, that we think too much of the financial part of the business, which is not the case. It is really embarrassing to have more money than we really need, but it has come without solicitation on our part, and dropped into our laps as it were.

Very respectfully,

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*W. A. Mercer.*

Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

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N.B. I desire to add a special report on charge 13, that according to our best information, Hunt did not kill himself in prison while awaiting trial for murder, but his death resulted from a blow on the head received while with a party of drunken Indians engaged in a fight, he being the only sober man in the party. He was a young man of excellent habits, and good character. I will add, however, that the only information we have ever had on this subject has come from statements of his acquaintances and friends, but it is undoubtedly true.

*W. A. Mercer.*



Department of the Interior,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.



Superintendent Indian Industrial School,

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**INDIAN PLAYERS  
PROFESSIONALS?**

Carlisle Team is Accused of Paying  
Men and Using Them Under  
Assumed Names.

**EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 5.

Carlisle's Indian foot ball eleven is, according to government officials formerly in the Indian service, largely a professional team, paid for its services; many of the players are graduates of from two to four years' standing, says the "Tribune." Several of them have been expelled from other government schools for wrong conduct, and therefore are ineligible to enter any other government school, while others are playing under assumed names.

Charges of this nature have been laid before Dr. Charles Montezuma, of Chicago, a well known and reputable physician of that city, a graduate of the University of Illinois, and for four years resident physician at the Carlisle Indian School.

The attention of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Francis E. Leupp, in Washington, has also been called to the conditions existing at the Indian Industrial School at Carlisle though formal charges against those in authority have not been made.

This information was given to Dr. Montezuma and is vouched for by a former instructor at Carlisle, who asserts that in 1904 and 1905 he was required to negotiate with some of these players. Affidavits to the correctness of these statements will be made, if required, he says. The charges, so far as they relate to Haskell, are upheld in every particular by a high official of the school.

Pete Houser, the marvelous fullback, who smashed to splinters the defence of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Minnesota and Chicago, and who is rated as one of the greatest foot ball players in the country, is one of the Indians against whom the most serious charges are made.

**SUBSTANCE OF CHARGES.**

In substance the charges laid before Dr. Montezuma and of which Commissioner Leupp has heard, are as follows:

1. That the Carlisle Indian School has degenerated into a school of professional athletics.

2. That the guiding spirit of Major Mercer, superintendent of the school, and "Pop" Warner, foot ball coach, is to win.

3. That the superintendent about a year ago, strenuously objected to an audit of the athletic fund on the ground that he was not accountable to the government for this money.

4. That the discipline of the school has so degenerated because of the class of athletes brought to Carlisle that the ministers of the city were recently about to petition the government in protest.

5. That the disciplinarian of the school has at different times received orders not to permit punishment to interfere with the athletic duties of the students.

6. That Metoxen, fullback of the Carlisle team in 1899, was paid \$200 for his services.

7. That in 1900 every player on the team was paid something for his services.

8. That Coach Warner once made a trip west at government expense in search of foot ball players.

9. That last year nearly every player was either a graduate of two to four years' standing, retained to play foot ball for pay, or were players brought there under pay.

10. That Exending, Mount Pleasant, Bowen, Lubo and Charles are graduates of from two to four years' standing and are now attending business or "prep" school in Carlisle, except Charles, who is an employe.

11. That Shouchuk, the Eskimo, former centre of the team, went west and was induced to return and become an employe.

12. That Dillon and Charles, both married men, left school when the last season closed and that, while both were employed, their employment was a farce.

13. That Hunt (who formerly played centre on the team and later killed himself in prison while awaiting trial for murder), Dubois, Porter, Archiquette, Emil Houser and Gardner played four years at Haskell Indian School (Lawrence, Kan.), and were members of the Haskell championship team of 1904, and that they were brought to Carlisle under pay and attended, or pretended to attend,

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14. That La Rocque was brought back for the season.

15. That Emil Houser is now playing on the team under the name of Wauseka. He was a student at Haskell for three years, was an employe there, and finally had to be discharged for misconduct.

16. That a price was offered to induce better playing; a goal, touchdown, blocked kick, etc., having a regular value to the player making them.

17. That Pete Houser, the present Indian full back, was a member of the Haskell team of 1904, and has been added to the team under the same conditions as the others.

18. That under the present system at Carlisle colleges, which play the red men, are being imposed upon, as well as the public; the discipline of the school is being ruined; all the departments of the school interfered with, and the individual student's welfare neglected.

19. That Samuel McClain, playing under the name of Afraid-of-a-Bear, was a student at Haskell for four years, leaving that school because he was offered a salary to go to play at Carlisle.

20. That Little Boy's correct name is Porter; that he was at Haskell one year when it was learned that he was expelled from Genoa, Neb. (another Indian school) for bad conduct, and was not, therefore, allowed to return to Haskell.

21. That Pete Houser was in Haskell from 1900 to 1904, going into athletics in 1902, and making a wonderful record, but that he drifted into bad company and was finally expelled from the institution.

22. That John Aiken was a student at Haskell for several years, but got into bad company; that he was sent away from school until he could straighten up; that he took the Keeley cure, but went wrong again, and that later he joined the Carlisle team.

#### NOT BONA-FIDE STUDENTS.

"This kind of a team does not represent the Indian school at Carlisle," says Dr. Montezuma, "and no true lover of that institution wants to see it misrepresented by such an aggregation of men.

"Carlisle is in a peculiar position, athletically. The students attending the school are nearly grown to maturity, though they are still in the grammar grades of school work. Realizing this the strict rules of college athletics relating to length of service are not applied to them so long as the players are bona-fide members of the school. That is all right.

"But these men are not bona-fide students. Some of them have not been connected with Carlisle as students, for years. Some of them are earning their living elsewhere.

"In any event, such men as the Housers and Porter, playing under the name of Little Boy, have no right whatever to play on the team, for they have been expelled from one Indian school already and are not eligible to attend another.

"In addition to this, the sentiment it creates at the Indian school is bad on the students. Carlisle has degenerated into a school of professional athletics, where everything—the welfare of the individual as well as that of the community—must step aside to gratify the desire of those in authority to win, and at the same time create a large account to use as they wish, without supervision from Washington. When an official was there some time ago from Washington the athletic finances were not inspected, a fight being made against it on the ground that this money did not belong to the government, but was for the use of the athletes. Government authorities as Washington upheld this contention, and now the athletic association has thousands of dollars to spend, with no one to supervise it in any way except the athletic directors themselves.

"The colleges and schools that have been kind enough to place Carlisle on their schedules have been imposed upon, as well as the public, the discipline of the school has been ruined, all the departments of the school interfered with, and the welfare of the individual student neglected.

"These conditions are intolerable, and it is time the public understood exactly what the Carlisle Indian foot ball eleven represents."



*Exhibit 51*

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THE NORTH AMERICAN, PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907.

*Carlisle Indians Reform Eligibility Code; Basketball, Bowling, Track Athletics*

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## CARLISLE TIGHTENS ITS RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

Indian Students Can't Play More Than Four Years on Football  
Eleven—Employees Barred

Special Dispatch to The North American.

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 17.

IN ORDER to avoid any further criticism regarding the eligibility rule at the Carlisle Indian School, the athletic association has decided not to allow any students to represent Carlisle in football more than four years, and, also, the players must be regular enrolled students, and not employees of the school.

The recent criticism of Dr. Montezuma, charging that the team was made up of professionals, has caused the athletic association to issue a circular letter, in the hope that it may in a measure put Carlisle right where any apprehension may exist.

Accordingly the athletic association announced that the Carlisle football squad this year consisted of fifty-four boys; that of this number fifty-two were bona-fide pupils, duly and legally enrolled at the school under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Indian Office at Washington.

### Study at Dickinson.

"Five of this number are taking special work in the Commercial College, the Preparatory School or in Dickinson College, in the town of Carlisle," the announcement reads.

"They are Carlisle Indian School students, under the care and support of the government, the same as the other students, and are subject to all the school rules, and live up to them—the one exception being that they are permitted to go to town to attend recitations in advanced or special work.

"Forty-seven members of the squad are in daily attendance at the school, and subject to the same rules and regulations as the rest of the student body. The other two members of the squad, a regular and a substitute, were Indian employees at the school.

"Of necessity, the eligibility rules for athletics at Carlisle cannot exactly coincide with those of the universities, as conditions here are entirely different. Throughout the Indian service—at agency schools and government Indian schools of all kinds—it is customary, and has been

always, for young Indian employees, who, as a rule, are ex-pupils, to participate in the athletics of their school while so employed, and this custom has obtained at Carlisle to a very limited extent.

"This is not a fact that we attempt to cover up or deny; it is a custom of the Indian service schools for which we make no apology. The other members of the squad, fifty-two in number, are absolutely bona fide students at the school, and are entitled in every respect to represent Carlisle.

"They are as fine a body of men, morally, of as correct habits and gentlemanly demeanor as anybody, school boy or university student athletics in the country. The school is proud of them all, including the three or four boys who had their preliminary training at Haskell, and upon some of whom a cruel, unjust and villainous attack has been published in criticism of their conduct before coming to Carlisle.

"It is a fact that not a single protest has come to Carlisle from a university or college that have met the Indians this year, either as to their eligibility or the conduct of the players.

### Five-Year Term.

"The term of enrollment at Carlisle is five years, and students often remain longer, and have been allowed to represent Carlisle in athletics as long as they have been here. There were two members of this year's football team who had played more than four years.

"This being the case, and there having been perhaps some unjust criticism as to the length of time players were allowed to represent Carlisle, and also to the custom of playing Indian employees, it has been decided to enact and enforce eligibility rules preventing any students representing Carlisle in football more than four years, and providing that only regularly enrolled students, and not employees, shall be eligible to represent the school in athletics in future contests.

"It may be of interest to our competitors to know that any surplus receipts over and above the sums necessary to maintain athletics at the school which come into the hands of the Athletic Association are used entirely for mental, moral and physical welfare of the school in the necessary ways that are not provided by the government appropriation.

recruiting them, who comes to Carlisle, being necessary to sign an application blank, and, if under age, to have the written consent of parents.

"This covers about all the accusations mentioned by the Pennsylvania player in the interview republished above. The interview may not have been intended for publication, as it seems unlikely that any one would be cowardly or unprincipled enough to cause such absurd and damaging statements to be published without having investigated the matter at all, or if he had, knowing them to be false, and not permitting his name to be used.

"It has been said that Carlisle has no eligibility rules, and to a certain extent this is true. The only requirement necessary for eligibility has been that an athlete representing Carlisle shall be a regularly enrolled student who has been admitted to Carlisle under the rules and requirements laid down by the United States Indian Department at Washington. Conditions at Carlisle are so radically different from those surrounding colleges and universities that there has never been the need of eligibility rules governing athletics here. As I understand it, college eligibility rules are made to discourage professionalism and competition among colleges in securing preparatory school stars, and star athletes from minor colleges.

"Under the conditions here, no such evils have ever existed. Only Indians can come to Carlisle, and as there is no other school in Carlisle's class, there is no competition in securing prep. school stars; in fact, there are no Indian preparatory schools unless we consider every reservation school and the minor non-reservation Indian schools in the West as such; and as Carlisle has the highest standing of any Indian school, both in educational advantages and in athletics, it is only natural that the Indian youth who has gone as far as the Indian school in his neighborhood can take him, and especially if he is interested in athletics, should desire to avail himself of the advantages of Carlisle. And this being a Government school and the expenses of every student being paid by the Government, it can easily be seen how nonsensical it is to accuse Carlisle of professionalism and of making inducements to athletes.

### Haskell a Prep. School.

"It has been said that some of the members of the Carlisle football team have played at Haskell, and other Western Indian schools. This is true in some cases, but is it necessary that Carlisle should bar out every player except those who have never seen a football before coming here? Haskell occupies about the same relative position to Carlisle as Ursinus College does to Pennsylvania, and yet Pennsylvania is not criticised because a member of her team played several years on the Ursinus team before entering Pennsylvania. As a matter of fact, most of the Carlisle players have been developed right here at Carlisle, and the average experience before coming here has been practically nothing.

"Hauser, who played three years at Haskell, is the only Carlisle star, who ever obtained his knowledge of the game, or his reputation, at any place except right here at Carlisle.

"It has been said that Carlisle played men under assumed names. Such statements are entirely false. A great many students at the school have two names—one being their tribal or Indian name, and the other an English name which they have taken; some may be commonly known by one name while enrolled under another, and it has been a matter of choice with them as to whether their Indian name or their English name goes in the line-up, and no deception whatever has ever been intended.

"Another criticism which has been made is that some members of the team are attending Dickinson Preparatory School and Dickinson College, in Carlisle. This is true, but when the system of Indian education at Carlisle is explained I believe no just criticism will be made in that regard. The Carlisle idea of Indian education has been to encourage the Indian to mingle and compete and associate with white people, in that way learning their ways of living, doing business, farming or house-keeping. Under the outing system, which is a feature of the school, nearly all the students are placed in country homes during the Summer, where they are employed, the boys at farming and the girls at housework. During the Winter there are between two and three hundred who remain out in good homes in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, working for their board and attending public schools. Those are regularly enrolled students of Carlisle—under the rules of the school—and are looked after by an outing agent for the boys and an outing matron who keeps in touch with the girls. Following out this plan there are quite a number of students at Carlisle who show the requisite ambition and desire for knowledge who are permitted to take special work at the Carlisle Commercial College, Conway Hall Preparatory School, Dickinson College and the State normal schools, but they are under the same rules and regulations, the same discipline and are considered just as much Carlisle students as those who are attending school on the grounds.

### To Change Rules.

"The only real criticism that can be made of Carlisle football methods is the fact that men have played on the team in some instances more than four years. The term for which students enter Carlisle is five years, unless they graduate sooner, and they are encouraged to stay even more than five years, if it is necessary, to graduate. Many come to Carlisle without any education whatever, and some even without knowing the English language, and it is not uncommon in such cases for students to remain here six or seven years. Not having had any athletic evils to contend with, the authorities have never prohibited a student from playing on the team as long as he was a regular bonafide student. However, since there has perhaps been some just criticism in this regard the authorities will, no doubt, before the next football season, make a rule which will prevent any student from playing on a school team more than four years of the five-year term for which he enters. This will remove the only cause for criticism that exists in Carlisle athletics.

"It is not intended here to defend Carlisle's methods, as no defense is needed, but only to explain, as best I can, conditions as they exist.



Exhibit A

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Athletic

THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS,

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WARNER REPLIES TO  
CARLISLE TEAM CRITICSAnnounces That Indians Are to Be Limited in Playing  
Years—Ugly Charges Against Many of the Football  
Players by Former Students.

Some eligibility rules for the government of its football players is to be adopted at the Carlisle Indian School. This comes not at the request or suggestion of any of the universities or colleges whose teams are met upon the gridiron by the Indians, but simply through the pressure that public opinion has brought to bear through the newspapers. And this pressure was entirely of a negative character. It was exerted when most of the newspapers in ranking the 1907 Carlisle football team and players insisted on putting them in a class by themselves and not recognizing them on an equal basis with the colleges and universities because the Indians were not hedged about with eligibility rules as are their paler opponents.

While giving Glen Warner credit for developing this season one of the finest football teams that ever stepped on a gridiron 'The Press' very frankly gave the reason why but at the same time it was distinctly said that in their great strength and ability lay the attractive power of the Indians. It has also been questioned in these columns whether or not it would be entirely fair to expect Carlisle, owing to the peculiar conditions obtaining at the Government school, to subscribe to the same ironclad eligibility rules that are in force in the colleges and universities. Certainly there has come no request on that point from Pennsylvania, Princeton or Harvard, the three big Eastern universities whom the Indians play. They recognize the Indian team as an opponent hard to defeat, yet one that gives them splendid practice and one that draws a big attendance when played. But at the same time these universities realize the unfairness of classing the Indians as a strictly college and university team. And until the same rules and regulations govern the Carlisle players that are in force in these universities their equality will not be recognized.

## Glen Warner's Statement.

All this leads up to a signed statement upon the subject issued by Glen S. Warner, the physical director at Carlisle and the announcement by him that beginning with next season the athletes at that school will be put on a four-year playing basis. He also admits that some of the 1907 players were attending other institutions of learning in the town of Carlisle but justifies it under their system of "outing" education. He also partially explains the dual name habit which some members of the eleven have contracted. He denies that the men on the eleven have played for a long term of years or that they are professionals.

Mr. Warner opens his statement by quoting an alleged interview with a Penn player printed in a Detroit newspaper. In this interview the absence of eligibility rules was given as the basis for the great strength of the Carlisle eleven. Commenting on this interview Mr. Warner enters a defense of the methods at Carlisle, in the course of which he says:—

"There are no men on the Carlisle team this year who have played eight years, and there are no men on the Carlisle team who have played seven years. The Pennsylvania team—I am assuming that the team is perfectly on the square, and a representative comparison on this account.

Neither the coaches, nor any one else connected with the school, tried to get Matosen or any other old star back to Carlisle this Fall, and the records show that Hauser, who is accused of being 32 years old, married and having children, is really 22 years old, unmarried and on the Pennsylvania team. There are two or more men any man on the Carlisle team who are older than

for the information of the public. If Carlisle's methods are not liked no institution is compelled to co-operate with the Indians.

Mr. Warner ends his statement with a criticism of those who in ranking the Carlisle team do not do them to the college and university class.

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"There are no men on the Carlisle team this year who have played eight years, and there are only two who had played three years prior to this season. Furthermore, the average years of experience on the Carlisle team will not figure up as much as the average of the Pennsylvania team. I do not wish to cast any reflections upon the Pennsylvania team—I am assuming that the team is perfectly on the square, and a representative one, and am using the Pennsylvania team for comparison on this account.

Neither the coaches, nor any one else connected with the school, tried to get Metoxen or any other old star back to Carlisle this Fall, and the records show that Hauser, who is accused of being 32 years old, married and having children, is really 22 years old, unmarried and a bona fide student. There are two or more men on the Pennsylvania team who are older than any man on the Carlisle team, and the average age of the Carlisle players is less than the average age of the Quakers.



## MALICIOUS CHARGES

### Gus Beaulieu, of The Tomahawk Defends the Carlisle Indians

THE ARROW clips the following from the *Minneapolis Tribune* and publishes without comment:

Gus Beaulieu, the well-known Chippewa sportsman and editor of *Tomahawk*, official publication of the White Earth, in the issue of Nov. 28 takes exceptions to the charges against the members of the Carlisle Indian football eleven made by Dr. Montezuma, and in a short article shows the injustice of these accusations. Mr. Beaulieu speaks vehemently when Little Boy is referred to, as the great center rush is from the White Earth reservation, and his whole history is known to every man, woman and child of the section. It was charged by Montezuma that Little Boy was expelled from Haskell, but this is not true in any particular. The player in question is one of the steadiest young men ever sent forth from the reservation and he has never even been open to criticism for his conduct at school.

Mr Beaulieu says in part:

"One Dr. Montezuma, in a lengthy article makes some serious charges against the personnel of the Carlisle football team. He assumes to speak with confidence when he says that the team in question is made up of Indians picked up here and there and everywhere, and are not in truth students at Carlisle school.

"We do not know by what process of investigation he has arrived at this conclusion, but that the conclusion is incorrect we do know. The team is made up of Carlisle students, of boys who never knew anything of football until they attended non-reservation schools, and therefore they should receive all the credit to which they are entitled by reason of their victories.

"We are at a loss when we come to analyze the criticism, coming as it does from an Indian, or one who claims to be such, unless we assume that personal differences with Major Mercer, superintendent of Carlisle, lie at the bottom. We have been informed that Major Mercer did not treat him well at Carlisle upon one occasion. If this is so, we still do not see why this should be justification for his attack upon the personnel of the Carlisle team, and to make the assertion that not more than one-third were bona fide students at the institution.

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Dr. Montezuma evidently *has none of the feelings of kinship with the Indian*, and perhaps this is not to be wondered at since he has not been much in contact with his red brethren since his childhood, and because the greater part of his life has been passed within the circles of refined civilization. Fairness, however, should have prompted him to adhere to the truth, and which is as we again assert, that the team is purely made up of Carlisle men.

"Does anyone suppose that the aggregations which Carlisle has met would have been in ignorance of the fact, had it been a fact, that the Carlisle team is a fake so far as constitution is considered? Colleges and universities know a thing or two and would long ere this have made a protest or have refused to play with Carlisle, had the case been as Dr. Montezuma represents."

As to what the *Tribune* thinks Carlisle deserves is shown in the following from its issue of December 8th:

☞ The Carlisle Indian team has, perhaps, the best right to be proud of the season's work of any of the big teams. They have played the hardest schedule that any team has ever played in the history of the game, starting, on Oct. 26, with the Pennsylvania team, they have played a championship game every following Saturday. Princeton, Harvard, Minnesota and Chicago came in the order named, and the red men suffered but one defeat in the whole season. This game might have ended either very close or in a victory for the Indians had they not been suffering from over-confidence and handicapped by a muddy field and a pouring rain, which reduced their speed and trick plays about one-half.



Exhibit B

# FOOTBALL

## MAJ. MERCER DENIES INDIAN CHARGES

Superintendent of the Carlisle School Insists That Accusations Emanate from Discharged Employees.

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Special Despatch to "The Press."

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 6.—Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School Major William A. Mercer, when asked to-day for some expression bearing on the widely published statements relating to the eligibility and status of the Carlisle Indian football players, the alleged bad effects of athletics on discipline at the Carlisle School, and insinuations respecting the Indian Athletic Association's funds reluctantly issued a brief statement replying to the criticisms, mainly because he says he has received positive evidence that the charges emanate from sources inimical to the interests of the Carlisle School.

Superintendent Mercer said that the published criticisms had their inception in the malice of three individuals formerly connected with the Carlisle School. One, who was lately relieved from the Indian service at Carlisle, had been, until recently, one of the most active factors in engineering the Athletic Association's business. Another was an Indian employee, recently discharged for embezzlement of money belonging to Carlisle Indian children, and the third was a former employee, whose outrageous conduct on a public occasion at the Carlisle School necessitated his forcible suspension.

Major Mercer stated that the criticisms as affecting the question of football players' eligibility, the status of athletics, or their effect upon efficiency and discipline at the school, as well as the statements referring to the auditing of athletic accounts, are either absolutely false or misleading in spirit. No body of young men in the country, he declared, is better disciplined than the Carlisle Indian football squad, and that the effect of athletics on discipline and efficiency at Carlisle has been most beneficial.

He stated that the Indian athletic funds are used exclusively for the mental, moral and physical interests of the Carlisle students, and that the accounts are carefully kept by clerks of the school and officers of the Athletic Association, by authority and general directions prescribed by the United States Indian Office and audited monthly.

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## College Sports Will Remain

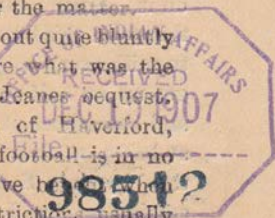
Rowing races at Oxford and Cambridge have been made the theme for classic literature. The claim has never been made that football hurt the famous boys' school which gave its name to the Rugby game.

It would be a sad commentary on the American character if football and other wholesome college sports should have to be legislated out of existence. There does not now appear to be any danger of such a proceeding, although two seasons ago there was much noise raised over the matter.

College presidents spoke out quite bluntly when asked by Swarthmore what was the best thing to do with that Jeanes request. Now president Sharpless, of Haverford, comes forward to say that football is in no sense a menace but a positive help when under the very proper restrictions usually laid down. The head of the Carlisle Indian School writes in the same fashion. Instead of destroying discipline, football and other sports help it.

The American boy has, like the American man, his full share of common sense. In the long run he will not be swept off his balance by too much play. To make rigid rules that he could not play at all would be to assume that the youths are not the sons of their fathers, and therefore could not be trusted to play with discretion.—Editorial in Phila. Press.

Exhibit E



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*E. Hibbs*  
*Athletic*

# The Carlisle Indian Athletic Association



Carlisle, Pa.,

To .....



The Athletic Management of the Carlisle Indian School feels that, owing to the publicity given by the press to a lot of sensational charges as to the eligibility of the members of the present season's football squad, it would be but justice to the Carlisle players that an explanation be made to the several colleges and universities who have met them this year, to the end that the misrepresentations that have affected them morally, as well as casting a slur upon the eligibility of some of the members, and accordingly, the Athletic Association desires to say, that the Carlisle football squad this year consisted of 54 boys;—that of this number 52 members were bonafide pupils, duly and legally enrolled at the school under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Indian Office at Washington. Five of this number are taking special work in the Commercial College, the Preparatory School, or in Dickinson College, in the town of Carlisle. They are Carlisle Indian School students, under the care and support of the government, the same as the other students, and are subject to all the school rules, and live up to them,—the one exception being that they are permitted to go to town to attend recitations in advanced or special work. Forty-seven members of the squad are in daily attendance at the school, and subject to the same rules and regulations as the rest of the student body. The other two members of the squad, a regular and a substitute, were Indian employees at the school.

Of necessity, the eligibility rules for athletes at Carlisle cannot exactly coincide with those of the universities, as conditions here are so entirely different. Throughout the Indian Service;—at Agency schools and Government Indian schools of all kinds, it is customary,—and has been always,—for young Indian employees who as a rule are ex-pupils, to participate in the athletics of their school while so employed, and this custom has obtained at Carlisle to a very limited extent. This is not a fact that we attempt to cover up, or deny, it is a custom of the Indian Service schools for which we make no apology. The other members of the squad, 52 in number, are absolutely bonafide students at the school and are entitled in every way to represent Carlisle. They



are as fine a body of young men morally, of as correct habits and gentlemanly demeanor as any body of school boy, or university student, athletes in the country. The school is proud of them and of their character, including the three or four boys who had their preliminary training at Haskell and upon some of whom a cruel, unjust and villainous attack has been published in criticism of their conduct before coming to Carlisle.

Finally the Athletic Committee, with the approval of the school authorities, desires to say that the whole squad in every way reflects credit upon the school, and every institution that has met them upon the gridiron can rest assured that they have met as fine and deserving a body of young men as the Indian race can produce, and that in meeting them, they met the truly accredited representatives of this school.

It is a fact that not a single protest has come to Carlisle from a university or college that have met the Indians this year, either as to their eligibility, or the conduct of the players. On the other hand, nothing but praise as to their sportsmanlike and gentlemanly conduct wherever they have played has reached the authorities.

The term of enrollment at Carlisle is five years and students often remain longer and they have been allowed to represent Carlisle in athletics as long as they have been here. There were two members of this years' football team who had played more than four years. This being the case and there having been perhaps some just criticism as to the length of time the players were allowed to represent Carlisle, and also to the custom of playing Indian employees, it has been decided to enact and enforce eligibility rules preventing any students representing Carlisle in foot ball more than four years and providing that only regularly enrolled students, and not employees, shall be eligible to represent the school in athletics in future contests.

It may be of interest to our competitors to know that any surplus receipts over and above the sums necessary to maintain athletics at the school which come into the hands of the Athletic Association are used entirely for the mental, moral and physical welfare of the school in necessary ways that are not provided by the government appropriation.

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

G. S. WARNER, Prest. and Athletic Director

A. M. VENNE, Secretary

W. H. MILLER, Treasurer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Carlisle

Dec. 17, 1907.

Subject:

Fund of the Athletic  
Association at Carlisle School.

To the Honorable,

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



Sir:-

In connection with my letter of even date in regard to Carlisle's foot ball affairs, I want to say a word about the athletic fund.

Admission to games on the home grounds is generally 25¢, occasionally one of the larger games, 50¢, receipts are very small, sometimes as low as \$5.00 or \$6.00, and this year's games, together with the other games away from home taken in the aggregate, up until the team went away to play our first university game, - net a loss to the Athletic fund.

It is the profits of the two or three big games that give us the sinews of war. Usually these good paying games do not exceed three; this year, however, there were five, and while the sum received by the Indians was perhaps one-half that which the public imagines they receive, still it is enough to be a source of responsibility.

The universities beg us for games, they provide many



seats, they fix the prices, and the popularity of the Indian with the people fill the seats. All financial arrangements are handled by the university management, and a few weeks after the game, a check is sent us for our portion of the receipts. The only remedy for this is to cut down the number of large games, and such is the intention another season, and never will the team meet more than three, and probably only two, of the large universities. It is already decided not only to cut the size of the schedule, but to take on such institutions as Annapolis or West Point, where there is not really enough money in the game to pay the expenses of taking the trip. In this manner, we will avoid a possible criticism of the public, that it is the desire of the authorities to give undue consideration to the financial part of the sport.

The expenses, of course, are enormous in carrying out such a schedule <sup>as</sup> we had this year, but after all accounts are settled, there will remain quite a good sized sum in the treasury of the Association. Though we have not had returns from Harvard and Minneapolis, I think it will be a safe estimate to say that there will remain about \$37,000.00 in the treasury; \$20,000 of this is now on hand, and has been invested in gilt-edged bonds.

The accounts of the Athletic Fund are kept by the school financial clerk, and in a most careful and thorough manner, and every penny is accounted for and supported by proper vouchers, and the accounts audited monthly by a council appointed by me and the work of




the council is gone over and approved by me.

I wish, however, as a favor, that you would send a representative of your Office to go over these accounts and audit them and make such report to you as you may require.

I will say in closing that the money of the athletic fund is used entirely for legitimate expenses of athletics, and for the mental, moral, and physical welfare of the pupils of this school.

Very respectfully,

  
Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

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## Number to Pick From.

"In regard to the number at Carlisle to pick from, I will say that there are less than 250 boys in school who are old enough to engage in intercollegiate athletics, and it may be of interest to those who have not thought of the matter before, to remember the fact that the total Indian population of the United States is only about 270,000, which is less than one-ninth of the population of the city of Philadelphia, and the total number of Indian boys enrolled, over 17 years of age, in the schools of the United States, is less than half the number of students at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Neither I—nor any one else connected with the school—have ever traveled over the country collecting athletic material, and every student at Carlisle does so voluntarily, it