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In re conditions
 in hospital.

Miss Anna Bebeaux,

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(Through Superintendent Carlisle Indian School),
 Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Referring to your letter of November 18, in which you
 make complaint about conditions in the hospital, you are ad-
 vised that on investigation the Office found that there was
 little cause for the criticism.

The Office regrets that your conduct while in the
 hospital was such as to make it necessary to reprove you, and
 it believes that if you will make an effort to comply cheer-
 fully with the rules of the hospital there will be little cause
 for complaint.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. H. Abbott,
 Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

December 30th, 1910.

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Complaint of
pupil.

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

Sir:

Upon receipt of Office letter of December the 9th, the same was handed to the Nurse in charge of our School Hospital, together with enclosures. The following reply has been received from Miss Guest:

"Received Miss Anna Bebeaux's letter and am very much surprised at its contents. When Miss Anna wrote the letter she had been under punishment for a week for misbehavior while she was in town one afternoon. I kept her from going to the Quarters for a week.

When patients are able to go to the Quarters to visit, and to play about the Campus, without any harm to them, I expect them to make their beds, keep their clothes in order and help with the cleaning.

No treatment was ordered by the Doctor for Miss Anna's arm, except to keep it bandaged, which was done without her asking. The eye was treated according to the Doctor's orders. It was only sore a few days.

I do correct and scold patients when they disobey. I must maintain order in the wards.

In regard to the piano, when there is serious illness in the Hospital I never practice."

Visiting School Physician Dr. Allen was also asked to note the contents of Office letter and the enclos-

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ure with it. He replied as follows:

"In reference to letter sent to the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated November 18, 1910, by Anna Bebeaux, I wish to say that this girl came into the Hospital and complained of some pain in her arm. On examination, the arm looked suspicious and she was kept there at the Hospital under observation to see whether the case might be one of Sarcoma or Periostitis. This condition had followed a fracture in the upper third of the Humerus, and was due to poor treatment, the bone uniting at an angle, causing certain pressure on the musculo-spiral nerve and at the insertion of the deltoid and coracobrachialis muscles. The only treatment that this girl received was to keep her arm bandaged and in a sling to keep it quiet and to remain in the Hospital under observation until we could determine the exact condition of affairs, which finally showed that the girl had a slight attack of Periostitis.

The girl was more or less sullen and impatient and gave us a certain amount of trouble during her stay. The treatment that she received was that indicated in her case, and we feel that her complaints are absolutely unjustified. The affairs of the Hospital, so far as I have been able to determine, have been satisfactory. The Nurse has attended to her duties and I can see no reason why this girl should complain, except a disposition to be dissatisfied with everything she comes in contact with."

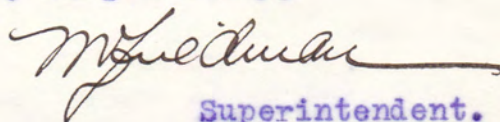
From my own personal observation I know that this girl's complaint was not founded on fact. Dr. Allen is in full charge of affairs at the School Hospital, and as he has had ample experience in supervising the work of nurses and assistants at other Hospitals, he is in full control of the situation and insists that all his instructions

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are carried out in minutest detail.

I also want to take this opportunity to add that under the new arrangement whereby two physicians are now employed at this school, splendid results are being obtained. It not only gives us the services of a well trained resident physician, just out of the medical school, and well versed in all the latest medical practices, but also those of a visiting physician whose standing as a prominent physician in this community has been well established for a number of years and who has had sufficient experience to render expert medical and surgical service.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

There is enclosed, for your consideration and report,
a letter written by one of the pupils of your school relative
to conditions in the hospital.

Please return the letter with your report.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hawke,
Second Assistant Commissioner.

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Carlisle Pa.

Nov-18-1910



Commissioner of Judicial Affairs
As I saw a patient over here with a broken arm and sore eye, I know how things are going on all the time.

The head nurse don't seem to take interest in the patients she has a piano in her room which is going from morning till night and we never know no rest.

Instead of the nurses doing their ~~work~~ the patients do most of it and if the patients are able to do the

how they get along over here. Miss Alice Guest doesn't deserve her salary she gets here if she doesn't do her duty and all the patients over here know it.

She scolds the patients when they are sick in bed and is hardly up here to see them, she lives in her room with her piano and we hear it all over the hospital.

I hope you may be able to do something for the patients over here.

Anna Bebeau

nurses work they ought to be able to go back to the quarters.

I have been over here for almost two months and they haven't done a thing for my arm, they don't even look at it. The patients have to remind the nurses about their medicine or they will never get it. I go down every day and tell them about my arm or eye and they never seem to care and something has to be done over here for this is the first place

that I have ever come to where the patients are neglected and there is always lots of noise which I know is not allowed in any other hospital.

The nurse we have here is the same nurse we had at Haskell and she never did her duty there so she left and came here and she doesn't seem to know her duty here either. She doesn't take any interest in the Indian children so that is why she doesn't care