



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

May 24, 1913.

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

Sir:-

I am sending you under this cover copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr. R. A. Richards, of Carlisle, with reference to the activity of his sisters, Miss Annie and Miss Jean. I have sent this to him as he is the head of the family. I was interested to know the origin of some of these communications which are going through your Office.

John Jackson stated definitely that these young women inspired his own communication, and since his appearance before the faculty, he realizes how unfounded the allegations, which he made, are. I ascertain from him that the letter which he mentions as having been opened was opened in 1909. I did not open this letter, and know no one else who did, and he had no excuse to offer for not bringing the matter to my attention immediately. He acknowledged that this was the first time that he made mention of it to the school authorities.

The Office will be interested to know that these young ladies were friends of James W. Walker, who left the

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school the first of April, on account of pernicious interference with legitimate work of the school.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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Mr. R. A. Richards,
30 West High Street,
Carlisle, Pa.

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Dear Sir:-

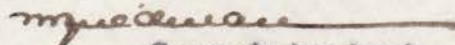
About a month ago a student of this school by the name of John Jackson wrote a letter to Washington making unfounded charges against the school officials. This communication, as with all such communications, was returned to the superintendent and was answered and it was shown how false and libelous the statements of this boy were.

I sent for Jackson, who has been out in the country at work under the Outing System, to ascertain just what his motives were and what other information he had to substantiate the statements which he made. He came in from the country this afternoon while a faculty meeting with the various heads of the departments of the school was in progress. At this meeting there were present the various disciplinarians, the principal teacher, the director of music, and the matron. The boy stated before those present that your sisters, Miss Annie and Miss Jean Richards instigated the writing of this letter making these false charges. I was glad to know the origin of John Jackson's letter.

Mr. R. A. Richards, #2.

The action of your sisters in this matter shows entire lack of accurate knowledge concerning the school and a much to be regretted and misdirected activity. Under these circumstances, I deem it necessary to bring this matter to your attention. In a great educational institution like this where there are many hundreds of young Indian men, I think it advisable that young women not employed at the school, for their own protection, should be most discreet and careful of their contact with the boys.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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