

APPOINTED ADVISORY SECRETARY

A Strong and Capable Leader for the Y. M. C. A.

The selection of Mr. Mann as advisory secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Carlisle Indian School is a most admirable one. Mr. Mann is instructor in mathematics in the departmental grades and looks after the sophomore class.

He is a young man of splendid education and of experience in teaching. He graduated from one of Pennsylvania's best normal schools, and has taken special work at Columbia University in New York. He has come into close and intimate touch with boys, both through the class rooms as well as by the experience as assistant Outing Agent this past summer, when he visited most of them at their outing stations.

He is a man of clean habits and strong character, with high ideals and a pleasant personality. Under his leadership the Y. M. C. A. will take on a new lease of life, with true service and Christian ideals as a keynote.

*Supt. F. M.
"Carlisle Arrow"
Sept 19, 1914.*

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss.

Roy L. Mann, being first duly sworn by Inspector E. B. Linnen, on oath deposes and says;

My name is Roy L. Mann, I am 21 years of age and have been employed as a teacher at the Carlisle Indian School since April 2, 1913. The position I occupy is that of teacher of mathematics.

Q. Prior to coming to Carlisle Indian School, where did you reside?

A. At Stroudsburg, Pa.

Q. Who were your neighbors there, or people who could tell about your character?

A. Thos. Davey, Master Mechanic Erie Ry. Shops; A. Mitchell Palmer, Representative in Congress from that district; Wesley D. Lee, Teacher of Manual Training in the school; Edward Buzzard, Mail Carrier.

Q. Where did you attend school?

A. At East Stroudsburg State Normal School.

Q. Did you receive your appointment at Carlisle School through competitive examination and appointment?

A. Yes.

Q. Since coming to Carlisle and being associated as a teacher here, what has been your conduct towards the pupils, employees, and the public in general?

A. It has been a good feeling towards all.

Q. Have you had a kindly feeling toward the pupils and towards your superior officers?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever, at any time, criticised the Superintendent of the Carlisle school, and his conduct of the school?

A. Not up until the last week or so; about two or three weeks.

Q. Have your relations been pleasant with the Principal of the school, Mr. Whitwell?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you had a good deal to do with him by reason of your position?

A. Only through school work.

Q. How have you found him?

A. A good, true, honored man.

Q. Have you endeavored to perform your duties in a conscientious and, as you believe, a satisfactory manner?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you had any criticism of your work on the part of the Principal, Mr. Whitwell?

A. None at all.

Q. When you first came here, and for some period, where did you room?

A. In the Athletic Quarters.

Q. In the building known as the Athletic Quarters?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Nobody occupies that except the boys, do they?

A. No one except the boy students and Mr. Behney, another employee, who was dismissed a few weeks ago.

Q. What position did he occupy?

A. Assistant Storekeeper.

Q. What was your conduct while rooming at the Athletic Building?

A. I considered the conduct good.

Q. On January 10, 1914, the Superintendent, Mr. Friedman, addressed a letter to you in which he said that you were up late at night disturbing the premises; that your talk was not proper; that you used obscene and profane language; and that you encouraged smoking among the students. What have you to say as to that?

A. If we were up nights, we were in our rooms; and for making noise, if it was made, it wasn't made by me alone. And in my room there wasn't any noise because nobody was allowed in my room late at night. Now and then we would meet in Mr. Behney's room with Dr. Hallen, but no profane language was used. As for smoking, I smoked in my room but did not encourage it among the students.

Q. Do you consider that your conduct was entirely proper while rooming in the athletic building?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you believe there was any justification for being moved from that building, or for the Superintendent writing that letter?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever entered into any combination or conspiracy with Miss Sweeney, Mr. Whitwell, or any other of the employees, the purpose of which was to injure the Superintendent in his position?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever consulted with Miss Sweeney at all about Superintendent Friedman?

A. No, sir. As to Miss Sweeney, why I never said how-do-you-do to her up to the last two weeks.

Q. Why?

A. Because of our church affairs.

Q. To what church do you belong?

A. Presbyterian.

Q. And what does Miss Sweeney belong to?

A. Catholic.

Q. And you and she did not affiliate or have anything in common to do with each other?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever been engaged in stirring up difficulty and unrest among the student body?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever in talking, or encouraged the students or any of them, or influenced them in any manner against Superintendent Friedman?

A. No, but I did know about that petition against him.

Q. You did know they had drawn up a petition against him?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you know that?

A. One boy who was not a student here told me. He is a Conway Hall boy.

Q. Have you criticised the school and its various departments to the students, and told them how you thought it should be run?

A. No, because I don't visit the other departments of the school.

Q. Have you been friendly with Congressman Rupley of Carlisle?

A. Yes.

Q. Has that fact been known to Superintendent Friedman?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been friendly with Mr. Whitwell, Principal of the school?

A. Yes.

Q. And is that fact known to Mr. Friedman?

A. Yes.

Q. Has Mr. Friedman talked with you about that matter.

A. Yes, only not mentioning Mr. Whitwell's name, but hinted that way.

Q. What, in substance, did Mr. Friedman say to you?

A. He told me I shouldn't believe things heard against him on the grounds.

Q. What did you say to him?

A. I told him I had been working for myself since I was eight years old and knew enough to take care of my own affairs.

Q. Now with relation to the quarters you were moved into in the building known as Teachers' Quarters, what have you to say to that?

A. The removal was unjust and unfair.

Q. Are the quarters satisfactory for a gentleman to occupy?

A. No, sir.

Q. Why not?

A. Because of the condition that exists in the quarters.

Q. Are your quarters all surrounded by women?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any separate bath and toilet for gentlemen?

A. There is a separate bath and toilet but very unsanitary.

Q. Are the quarters suitable and satisfactory which you now occupy?

A. No, sir. Further reasons why my quarters are not proper for a man to occupy are because I must carry my toilet water, which happens twice a day, by a porch about 60 feet long, where people are passing all times of the day.

Q. Again on January 19, 1914, Superintendent Friedman addressed a letter to you in which he said your room was a rendezvous for the boys in the school. What have you to say as to that?

A. It is not true.

Q. What boys have been in your room, and for what purpose?

A. The following boys were in my room: Nelson Simons, who brought a pair of skates; Simon Needham came in one Sunday afternoon, about the 20th of the month, and was reading from Stoddard's lectures for almost an hour. On January 19, at 11:45 A.M., Edward Bracklin, Joseph Jocks and Peter Jordan called and remained about ten minutes. Joseph Jocks and Peter Jordan called only to accompany Edward Bracklin. Edward Bracklin came in for the purpose of me securing him a position as brush agent. Those are the only boys who have been in my room since I have been there.

Q. Then you say that while you roomed in the Athletic Quarters your conduct was good, that you did not make unnecessary noise or a rendezvous out of your room; did not use obscene and profane language; did not encourage smoking among the students. Is that true?

A. ~~No.~~ Yes.

Q. You simply smoke yourself, and then only in your room?

A. Yes, sir, in my room.

Q. Have you caused or created any disturbance that would annoy any of the other students or employees?

A. I have not.

Q. What then, is your belief as to the reasons why Superintendent Friedman has written you these letters dated January 10 and 19, 1914, and of filing charges against you?

A. Because I am a friend of Mr. Whitwell's and he has seen me talking with Congressman Rupley, and has moved me from one quarter to the other so that I might resign from the Service. He told Dr. Hallen, who was a dentist here, that I would be better off if I would resign, and at the same time, tells me in his office that I should remain in the Service. The latter was said about the first of October.

Q. Do you know of any students or employees who have complained to the Superintendent as to your conduct?

A. No, sir.

Q. Is there any other statement now in connection with this matter that you would care to make.

A. I know of nothing further.

Roy L. Mann
Teacher

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Carlisle, Pa.,
this second day of February, A.D. 1914.

E. J. Limen
U. S. Inspector.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

January 19, 1914.

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

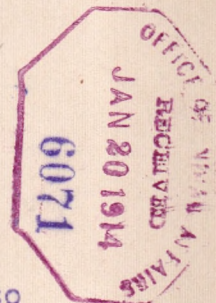
Sir:

I transmit herewith a note which has been sent to Mr. Roy L. Mann, teacher at this school, with reference to his personal conduct, for the information of the Office.

I desire to say further in this connection that Mr. Mann has been actively engaged in criticising the school and its various departments to the students and telling them how it ought to be run. This kind of agitation had a very bad effect on the immature minds of the students with whom he came in contact. Since I have moved him to the teachers' quarters, I notice he is again making his room a rendezvous for certain of the boys. Aside from the bad effect he has on the students, this has always been against the school rules, it being necessary for students to obtain permission from the disciplinarian for this purpose.

Mr. Mann in conjunction with Miss Sweeney and possibly one or two others have formed a coterie with Mr. Whitwell, the principal teacher, who is now awaiting transfer, to stir up all the difficulty and unrest that they possibly can among the student body.

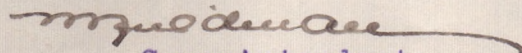
Each I write this to the Office so that it may be informed of the vicious influence of Mr. Whitwell, and the need, as a



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matter of fairness and justice, for his immediate removal.
No man can cope with insubordination of his kind unless he
is given the support of his superiors.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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January 10, 1914.

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Mr. Mann:

On complaint of some of the most reliable students in the athletic quarters and upon investigation, I understand that you have been coming into the athletic building, where you now have a room, at very late hourd at night, disturbing the premises, and that your talk is not of the kind which should be used by an employee of the school, or which should be heard by students, and that often in conversation with the students in the athletic building you use obscene and profane language. It is also reported that you encourage smoking among the students, which is forbidden by the school rules.

I have decided to move your room to take effect at once, and you will move to No. 2 in the employees' building. I also desire to call your attention to the fact that an employee of the Government, who is a teacher of Indian youth, should so conduct himself during his private hours, and should use language of such a kind as not to bring reproach on himself and on the school. The private life of an employee and his influence on the students should be in the nature of a good example for the development of clean living and right thinking on the part of the latter.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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January 19, 1914.




Mr. Mann:

You were removed from the athletic quarters because of your bad influence on the boys of those quarters and assigned a room in the teachers' quarters. Since you have taken this room I notice you have again started to make your room a rendezvous for some of the older boys of the school. This is against the school rules, and as these quarters are on the girls' side of the campus, it is detrimental to discipline.

Hereafter when you desire a boy in your domicile you should first obtain the permission of the disciplinarian, Mr. McKean, or the assistant disciplinarian, Mr. Denny.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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