

Young Men's Christian Association,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.,

April 2, 1913.

Dr. James W. W. Walker,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Walker:

We, the boys of the Y.M.C.A., are writing you this letter to tell you how much we appreciate the earnest and faithful work you did for us as our General Secretary, and how sorry we are that you were removed.

We know that your whole heart is in our Association's work and that you did everything in your power to make the work of our Y.M.C.A. successful. And we believe that the majority of us are stronger and better Christians from contact with you, while our Association is larger and its influence for good much increased.

You were both our leader and friend. You greatly strengthened our Association, led us to take an active interest in its welfare and developed new activities for us; and all this was done in such an unpretentious way that, while we felt untold respect for you, we looked upon you not as a white man who had been sent to work among us but rather as a companion and friend whom we loved. In short, you have grown so necessary to our Association that we are unwilling to part with you.

We want to thank you for your faithful services to us, and to earnestly request you to return to Carlisle this coming fall and resume your position among us, for we feel that by means of your leadership and influence we can make our Association a greater power for good than it has ever been before.

Your Association boys,

Dr. James W. W. Walker
Mountain and Crescent Avenues
Melrose Park Penna.

To the boys of the Y. M. C. A.
U. S Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
My dear Brothers:

None of you fellows could ever know what your letter has meant to me. You say you feel that my being with you has helped you but I can sincerely say that I received more than I gave, and you fellows certainly must realize now, if never before, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I do not see how anybody could be with you any length of time and not become interested in you, not learn to love and admire you, and not try to give you what assistance he could. I repeat, that if any good has been done, it is of the "good" ground the seed has fallen on.

As I look back on all of our good times, our inspiring meetings, our jolly singing, and last but not least, our trials and tribulations, which after all served only to strengthen the bond between us, I frankly declare that I expect to regard my sojourn among you as one of the very happiest experiences of my life, and one for which I shall always be thankful.

One thing I should like to suggest, and that is, do not give up now. Continue your meetings with the same enthusiasm, the same spirit of brotherly love, and I shall have no fear for the future of your Association—to which I shall belong as long as I live. I have had substantial proof of your good works, both as an Association and as individuals, and I hope and believe with all my heart that you will do even more henceforth. Remember Your Motto, "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If you would remember that this has been proved before our very eyes a thousand times, the world would be better.

If there is anything I have striven to inculcate in you more than anything else it is the spirit of independence. First reason out what you should do, and then do it at any cost. God will direct you in the right paths if you will only trust in Him, and you need have no fear of going ahead no matter what is against you. You have begun well, and with the stamina of your stalwart characters, will continue.

If you know of any way in which I can be of assistance, I beg you to acquaint me of it, and I will do everything in my power. If I do not return to you in the fall, do not forget me, but let each one do his best for our beloved Association.

I shall always remember each and every one of you, and I hope to see you all again soon. In the meantime, I wish you every success, every happiness in ambition and achievement, and may you all bless the day that you joined the Y. M. C. A. "Do good unto others".

Your sincere friend,

April 16, 1913.