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Death of pupil.

Dec. 16th, 1912.

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

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Sir:

I respectfully report that Carrie Dunbar, who was enrolled here from the Blackfeet Agency in Montana, died in our school hospital on the 13th instant. I submit below a copy of a communication that was handed to me by Dr. Allen, our visiting school physician, regarding the case:

"The following is Carrie Dunbar's record: Admitted to the school September 1st, 1911. In pupil's health report of July 2nd, 1912, the patron notes "Carrie complains quite a good deal of a pain in her side".

She was admitted to the hospital Dec. 10th, 1912, for pain in her side. The next day her pulse at 3.15 P. M. was 160. I saw her at 11.00 A. M. December 11th, and immediately asked that consent be asked for operation. This permission did not arrive until the following afternoon. At that time, December 11th, her white blood count was 20,000 and still increasing. The pulse was thready and weak and abdomen bad-

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ly distended and with board-like rigidity. Pulse was ranging from 150 to 162. The operation at this time was impossible owing to her condition, as the indications were she would not survive the shock. The white blood count increased, December 12th, to 50,000, showing that there was no resistance. Answer was made to telegrams giving consent to operate, that they were received too late for early operation and that we would await a more favorable period. This did not develop. The patient gradually sank and died Friday, the 13th at 11.00 A. M.

The sudden and quick death of the patient showed that the case was one of a fulminating type of appendicitis, and only an early, immediate operation would have given any chance to save her life, and the chance was a meager one at that".

This is also to state that funeral services were conducted at 12.45 on Saturday noon, December the 14th, and that at the request of the parents the body was shipped to Cut Bank, Montana, accompanied by Frances Dunbar, a sister of the deceased girl.

Very respectfully,



HKM.

Superintendent.