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Miss Georgia B. Carpenter,
State Historical Society,
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In response to your inquiry relative to the standing of Carlisle Indian School, you are advised that it is not, as the papers sometimes term it, a college, nor is it a preparatory school for college entrance, but is strictly a vocational school, its aim being to train the Indian youth of both sexes to take upon themselves the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. The same is true of the other large nonreservation schools in different parts of the United States, and the scope of their work is given in the enclosed course of study for all Indian schools.

The requirements for admission to any of the nonreservation vocational schools are that the Indian applicant must be in good health, of school age, and must have completed the third grade. The Superintendents are

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directed when arranging for transfers to nonreservation boarding schools to consider carefully climatic conditions and, so far as is practicable, the distance to be travelled. There are several other limitations to the enrollment of pupils which can be found in the enclosed copy of the Rules for the Indian School Service, 1915.

Carlisle secures most of its pupils from New York and the central western states.

Very truly yours,

(Signed E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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Jan. 6, 1916.

Office Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

The following questions have been sent to me and I am unable to answer them from our library. Will you please give me the desired information?

How does the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., differ from the other Indian schools ?

Is it an institution of higher learning and if so, is it the only one in the United States?

How is it determined to which school an Indian child must go ?

Can all Indians attend at Carlisle or if not, what are the requirements?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

(Miss.) Georgia B. Carpenter,

Librarian, and acting curator.



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