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Mr. Thomas B. Wilson,
Supt., Cushman School.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

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Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) Cato Sells

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Mr. Lindley M. Compton,
Supt., Tomah School.

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Mr. Reuben Perry,

Supt., Albuquerque School.

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Mr. Chas. F. Peirce,

Supt., Flandreau School.

My dear Mr. Peirce:

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Mr. John R. Wise,

Supt., Haskell Institute.

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My dear Mr. Wise:

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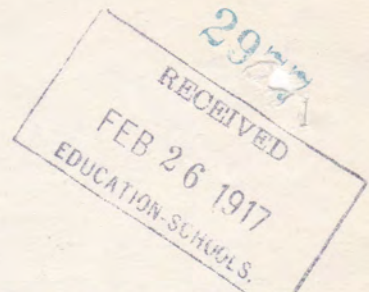
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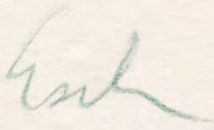
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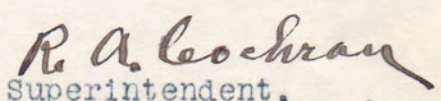
Sir:

Replying to Office letter of February 17, 1917, relative to preparing Indian girls to become nurses, I have the honor to report that I agree with the Superintendent of the Carlisle School. In a way we have been working along this line and find it to be a very satisfactory arrangement. Three of our former students, recommended by me, began this work sometime ago. One has completed the training and the other two will finish next year. Also a few of our girls who completed the course here entered Carlisle and I am informed Supt. Lipps placed them in training schools for nurses.

We have three girls now who are preparing for trained nurses but who are too young to send out to training schools conducted by hospitals. I will see that these girls enter training schools for nurses at the proper time.

Very respectfully,


R.A.C.(B)


Superintendent.

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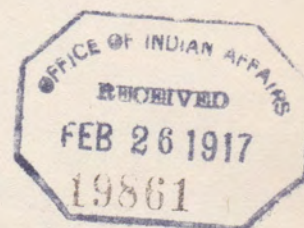
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LAWRENCE, KANS. February, 22, 1917.

SUPT. JOHN R. WISE.

Dear Sir:-



It gives me great pleasure to report concerning our student nurses both for the past and the future, the present ought to be included also, for one of our students of 1st year, Nannie Prophet, is so I understand, taking nursing in one of the Washington, D.C. hospitals; Frances Deon, who was with us last year is in a private hospital in Montana, Julia Viex and Clara Hudson are assisting in hospital work:

Of those who have gone out in former years and completed a nurse course in an accredited hospital may be mentioned Anna Smith, Witchita, and K.C. Laura Wright, Topeka, Ella Alderita, Leavenworth, Etta Sracina, Constance Madden, And Majel Spencer, K.C.; among those having taken one year besides their probationary period are;- Julia LaMere, Cora Mason, Bertha Manitowa, K.C. Maude Murphy, Topeka, and Pheobe Bird, Philadelphia.

Besides the above named I have been told that Haskell pupils have been accepted as nurses in both Muskogee and Oklahoma City hospitals.

The hospitals do not give credit for the work we do here but they are very willing to accept our girls and give them a trial, advancing them just as fast as



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they are capable, there is no prejudice against the Indian girl in the hospitals.

The fault has not been with the hospitals but with the girls; they wish to take up nursing but it is not an easy road to travel and few there be who care to follow it to the end; the three or four years of training, without any recompense, long hours, hard work, no time for social pleasures, and many criticisms, necessary tho they be, tries the metal of the best.

As to our course; we give the girls all the practical bedside training possible in a school hospital, where neither surgery nor obstetrics are handled except in chance cases; Mumps, Measles, LaGrippe, Pneumonia, Tonsillitis, minor surgical cases have been among the *in the last few months* diseases which they have had to help care, ^{for} or to take full charge under the direction of the nurse; In their class work they have taken up "Practical Points in Nursing" 'Stoney' as a text book with supplemental talks by the physician, on Materia Medica, Bacteriology, Urinalysis, etc. The girls tho are compelled to keep up their school studies and find it almost impossible to do very much Vocational study in a text book so that any thing more than a preparatory course will be impossible for us here unless we make our hospital a general hospital



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and open it to the public and give our nurses full time vocational instead of half time.

I beleive that our girls get as much training in nursing as any of the other Indian School hospitals give and to those who wish to go on and complete a course in nursing so that they can do private work or get a diploma and state registration, several hospitals nearby, in Kansas City, Topeka, Muskogee, or Oklahoma City, will accept them and give them every opportunity to become proficient: furhter I think arrangements could be made with the University of Kansas hospital in K. C. to take our girls for training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chas. F. Ensign

School Physician.



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February 23, 1917.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I have your letter of the 17th instant (reference above) in regard to the practicability of arranging for a limited number of our girls to take courses in nurse training the same as is being done at the Carlisle Indian School. In reply, I have to state that the contents of your letter have been carefully noted and that it will not only be practicable to arrange for courses in nurse training for any Haskell girl, who may wish to pursue the same, but that this is being done and has been for some years past. I never experienced any difficulty in arranging for the admission of any girl who had completed at least the academic 8th grade work here to one of the hospitals maintaining such a school in Kansas City, Mo. The facilities and opportunities there are excellent for such work. In times past, our girls have also been admitted for such work into hospital schools in Topeka, Oklahoma City, Wichita, and elsewhere.

Miss Etta Saracino graduated from the General Hospital, Kansas City, two years ago after completing the 8th grade at Haskell, and is now employed as nurse in the Service at Fort Defiance, Arizona. Other girls have completed courses and are

engaged in private nursing.

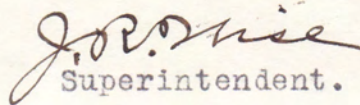
During the past winter, Miss Nannie Prophet, who completed our 8th grade course in 1915 and who pursued school work at the Emporia State Normal, Emporia, Kansas, last year, was admitted to Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, after a brief temporary employment in the Indian Office. We can give girls desiring to specialize in this work all the needed preliminary training here at our school hospital along the line of nursing in cases of illness. Of course, we do not have opportunity for training in connection with surgery cases. One of the most serious drawbacks to having our girls take an extended course here in our hospital as a preliminary to entering a regular training school, is the fact that such schools do not give any credit for previous training. I have consulted about this matter at various times with hospitals, both in New York and Philadelphia while I was located at Carlisle and also with Kansas City hospitals since coming here, and this rule is one that the nurse training schools enforce without variation,—although it is possible for a girl who is especially capable to shorten her term somewhat after serving the required probationary term.

In connection with this matter, there is enclosed herewith a report to me by our School Physician, Doctor C. F.

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Ensign, dated the 22nd instant, giving some additional information bearing on the subject.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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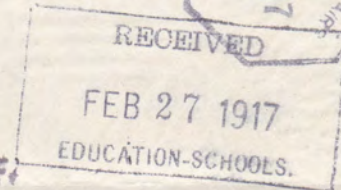
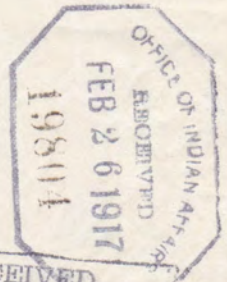
February 23, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 17, 1917, relative to the training of Indian girls as nurses is acknowledged.

In answer I have to say that we now have two girls in the first year of the vocational course who are taking training in the school hospital with a view of becoming professional nurses. As we have only two years' vocational training, they will go out of school next year, provided they pass their examinations, and it is rather doubtful if either of them will go to another school. I believe that there will be no difficulty in securing places for them in hospital training school, provided they do not change their minds about taking professional training. This is the greatest difficulty I have had to contend with in this matter. I find that a large percentage of our girls who start in with this training in the lower grades change their minds later and drop the work. So far as our records show for the past five years, only three of our graduates have taken up this work successfully after leaving school.



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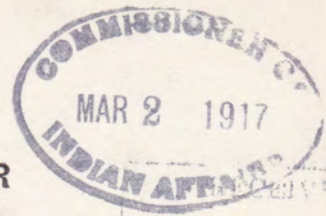
Ruth Douglass, of the class of 1911, continued her training after leaving school and is now a professional nurse. Cecelia C. Douglass, class 1913, has been in training almost the required period. Eleanor Marlowe, class 1916, entered a training school at Fargo, North Dakota, last year and is making very good progress, according to reports.

Our hospital facilities are equal, I believe, to giving preliminary training to all girls of the first and second years' vocational course who may desire to take it, and while there are no training schools nearer than Sioux City, Omaha, the Twin Cities, and Fargo, still I believe that no difficulty will be experienced in placing any girl who completes the eighth grade and two years of this work who may desire to take professional training.

Very respectfully,

J. J. Mann
Superintendent.

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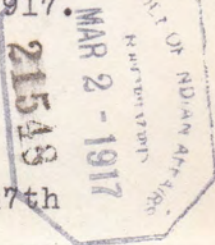
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Carson Indian School,
Stewart, Nevada.
Feb. 23rd, 1917.

Honorable Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:-

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I am in receipt of your letter of February 17th
in regard to Indian girls entering training schools conducted
by hospitals.

In reply I have to advise you that we have probably
two or three girls that would take up the work in training
schools conducted by hospitals if they had the opportunity.

You know, of course, that our school offers
two years of the vocational courses at this time. However,
I am of the opinion that girls could take up the course in
a nurses training school when they have completed the two
years of the vocation courses. However, the hospitals in
this section will not admit Indian girls to this course.
A year ago last summer, I had occasion to try to get one
of our graduates into the hospital at Reno and while the
people in charge of the hospital were will^{ing} to admit the girl
they said that if they did admit her all the other white
nurses would at once leave.

However, in Oakland, Berkley, and San Francisco
there is not that prejudice against the Indian girl, and I

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and of the opinion that I could arrange to have a few enter the training school for nurses in one of these cities, and the next time that either Mrs. Royce or myself are in San Francisco we will investigate the matter.

I feel that we can give the girls two years of as good preliminary training as any school in the Service as we have a most excellent and competent nurse.

When I have had an opportunity to visit some of the training schools for nurses, I will make a further report.

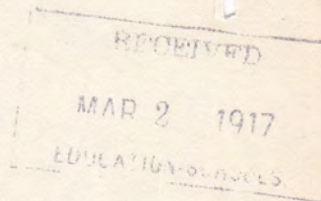
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James B Royce
Superintendent.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Feb. 23, 1917.

Carlisle

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Referring to office letter of Feb. 17th inquiring whether there are girls at this school who desire to take a course in nursing in a school conducted by a hospital, and also inquiring what arrangements can be made in this vicinity for the training of Indian girls in hospitals, I will say that we seem to have a very limited number of girls who are sufficiently matured mentally to warrant their taking a nurses' training course, and we have had some difficulty in securing the desired number of girls for the vocational course of nursing in our own school. We would therefore have no girls to send to a distant hospital for training. There is an excellent hospital in the City of Phoenix which would take any of our girls whom we found adapted to the work of nursing to such degree that they would make it a life work. This hospital

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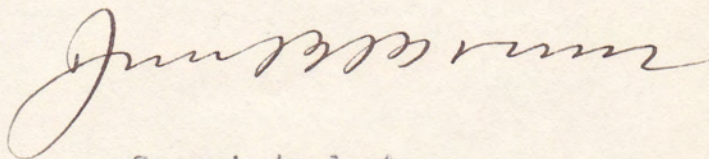
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has **taken** one Indian young woman who came to Phoenix for such purpose, but who was not a graduate of this or any other Indian School.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the Superintendent, consisting of a large initial 'J' followed by several loops and a final 'm'.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Wahpeton Indian School,

Wahpeton, N.D.

Feb. 24th 1917

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reporting in accordance with your request of Feb. 17th, 1917 I wish to advise you that we have now four girls who have been detailed to the hospital in the vocational course doing hospital work and they have chosen this course.

I gather from your letter that you want the number of girls who have actually chosen this course. I am quite convinced that there are a number of girls in the lower grades who will choose this. However I am quite sure that until a girl has been assigned to the hospital for some time and learn of the character of the work and the discipline required therein that their choice of the course would not be with intelligence. I believe these four girls desire to continue until they are able to complete the regular nurses' training course.

With reference to your other request I wish to advise that there are two hospitals within one and one half miles of the school, both of which are

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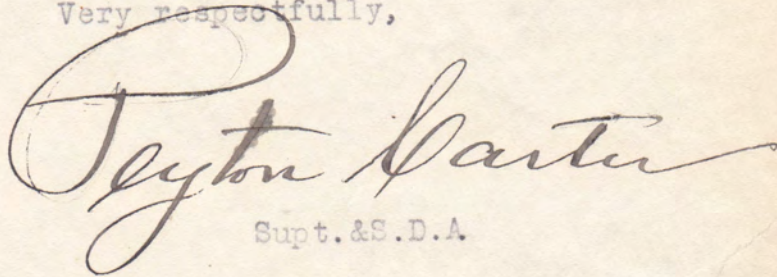
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doing very creditable work. One of these hospitals, St. Francis at Breckenridge, Minn is one of the best in this section of the country and is considered a very high class hospital and it has training classes for nurses. I will ascertain at an early date the probability of being able to have our own girls take training here and will report further in accordance with your request.

Very respectfully,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peyton Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed title.

Supt. & S.D.A.

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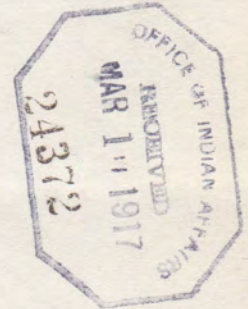
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Commissioner of Indian Affairs, FILED BY C. P. F.
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

Replying to Office letter of the 17th instant relative to the desire of Indian girls to become trained nurses and to enter training schools conducted by hospitals for that purpose, I have the honor to state that we have two such girls, Stella Santiago and Mary Thompson, both Laguna girls and in the 8th grade, are 17 and 16 years of age respectively. These two girls should remain in this school two years longer for the academic and domestic training they will receive. During this time they and other girls who may desire to become nurses can receive the prevocational training at our school hospital and possibly more than is required in the prevocational division.

St. Joseph's sanitarium conducts a training school for nurses. I have not as yet discussed this matter with the authorities in charge of the institution but shall at an early date and will then report further.

Very respectfully,

Peuben Perry
Superintendent.

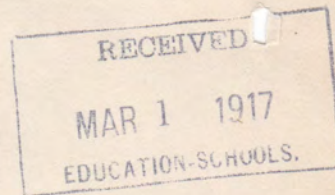
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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Genoa, Nebraska.



February 26 1917.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Referring to yours of the 17th instant relative to girls taking course in nursing, I have the honor to state that I think there will be a limited number of girls in school each year who would like to complete the course in nursing at training schools conducted by hospitals.

In accordance with your suggestions I have taken the matter up with the hospitals at Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, and will make full report at a later date.

Very respectfully,

John B Davis
Superintendent.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 7, 1917



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

Sir:

In reply to Office letter of February 17, 1917, in reference to the training of Indian girls as nurses, I have the honor to report that there are in this school only seven girls in the vocational division. Four of these girls are physically not strong, and consequently they could not be considered for this training; the other three girls are taking the course in home economics, one of them expecting to take typewriting and stenography after completing the course in home economics, and the other two do not desire to become nurses, but desire to become good housekeepers.

There is a larger number of girls in the fifth and sixth grades in this school, and it is hoped that there will be some who will prefer to take the course in nursing when they enter the vocational grades. The girls are encouraged

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to take nursing, and I think since the adoption of the new course of study, there will be a greater number of both boys and girls to remain longer at this school than has been the case heretofore, and it is expected that some of the girls will become nurses.

I think arrangements can be made for girls who desire to take nursing to receive training in St. Joseph's hospital in Albuquerque, where, some years ago, two Mission Indian girls from the Phoenix Indian School took the course in nursing and both made excellent records, and are now nurses in the Indian School Service.

Very respectfully,

Fredric Snyder
Superintendent.

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Subject:

Girls Entering
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Tomah Indian School

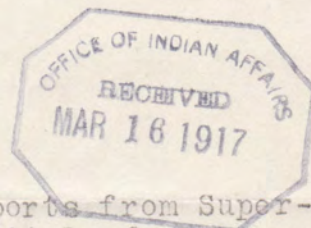
Tomah, Wis.

Mar. 14, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Commissioner:-

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So far I have not received any reports from Superintendents conducting training schools at hospitals for nurses.

It might be well, if the hospitals required such work, to have the girls take prevocational work and the first two years of the vocational work, and then take two years in the High School. We are near enough to the High School so that girls can go there, and if we want them to enter the hospital training school it might be advisable to have them take some High School work. However, the hospitals may be perfectly willing to admit them after they take our four years of vocational work.

I have not communicated with any of the hospitals in Chicago, but after giving this additional thought I have decided to communicate with some of the hospitals there. I have not done this before owing to my hesitation in recommending girls to go to as large a city as Chicago.

I will make additional report on this just as soon as I get word from the Superintendents of hospitals to whom I have written.

Very truly,

S. M. Lupton

Supt. & S. D. A.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pierre Indian School,

Pierre, S. D., Mar. 12, 1917.

Commissioner Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

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I have your letter of the 17th of Feb. before me. I regret to say that I know of no training schools conducted by hospitals in this State. The nearest possible training schools conducted by hospitals would be Minneapolis or St. Paul. I doubt whether it would be best to send girls from here to the twin cities into training schools unless it would be possible to exercise some supervision over the girls.

I will correspond with one or more physicians whom I personally know in the twin cities and ascertain if it is possible to find suitable training school conducted by a reputable hospital where a limited number of Indian girls might be placed. Should I find favorable conditions, and I can prevail upon the proper girls for this sort of training, I will take the matter up further with your Office.

I am very respectfully,

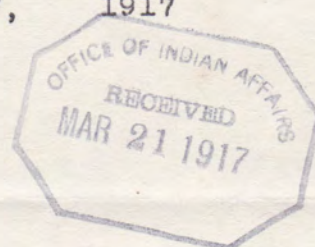
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U. S. Indian School
Albuquerque, N. Mex.
March 17, 1917



Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

In further reply to Office letter of the 17th ulto., I have the honor to report that St. Joseph's Hospital at Albuquerque conducts a training school for trained nurses and gives a full and complete course. The sister in charge informs me that they are very glad to get Indian girls who are sufficiently advanced to receive the training; that their practice is to give a girl her board for the first three months and thereafter board and \$8.50 per month until the course is completed. The authorities in charge of the Presbyterian Sanitarium, Albuquerque, propose establishing a similar course and will in the near future. They also will be glad to admit Indian girls to this course and training.

Very respectfully,

Stenden Perry
Superintendent.

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Mr. Chas. F. Peirce,

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Supt. Flandreau School.

My dear Mr. Peirce:

I have your letter of March 9, saying that the best hospitals in your vicinity require that students must have completed a High School course and you are therefore of the opinion that it will be better to transfer to Carlisle, the two girls in the Vocational course of your school who desire to take up this line of work. This appears to be the best course to pursue and at a suitable time in the work of these girls, you should take up the matter of their transfer to Carlisle.

Sincerely yours
(Signed) Cato Sells

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Commissioner.

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METHODIST DEACONESS HOSPITAL

INCORPORATED

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rapid City, S. Dak.,

March 8, 1917.

Mr. J. F. House, Supt.,
United States Indian School,
Rapid City, S. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 1st received, and at the board meeting this week I put the matter before the men, and it was fully discussed. As you probably know the bill for state registration passed and goes into effect next July, thus every pupil nurse will be required to pass the State Board examination, and an Indian girl with only eight grade work could not do it. A bright American girl with considerable knowledge outside of the school and two years of high school might be able to do it, yet the one that is sure of herself is the high school graduate. It would be wrong in us to accept girls without having a good reason to feel that they could pass and be able to practice.

Mr. House, I would be very glad indeed to help these Indian girls into this profession, as I believe it is along the line of missionary work. Can we not together form some plan where we can give them the two or four years of high school. Any girl that is bright and willing to work, I will gladly take into the hospital for dining room work, chamber work etc. and help them to earn their way through school if that was necessary. I would be glad to talk this over with you, whenever you have time to come in.

Sincerely yours,

Elva Wade Supt.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SISTERS HOSPITAL



Hot Springs, South Dakota,

March 13. 1914.

Mr. J. F. House,

Rapid City, S.D.

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Dear Sir: - Received your letter of 1st. inst. but owing to my absence the answer was delayed.

Now regarding the training of Indian girls I wish to say, our experience with these girls was not satisfactory in the past. We had started at least three such girls but not one persevered. I appear to me these girls ought to be trained in one special hospital as they don't seem to mix very good with the other nurses.

We have no vacancy for any new probationers at present; I am sorry I am not able to help you in your good cause as I am aware of the necessity of training Indian girls.

Very Respectfully

S. M. Audema.

Saint Joseph's Hospital

Neb. Phone 123

Deadwood, S. D. — 3/6 — 1917

Superintendent of Indian School
Rapid City, S.D.

Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry, March 1st will say. We would accept only the one fourth bred Indian girl into our school. Furthermore all scholars are to have at least two years high school education. There is no vacancy at present and will not be for six months or more since there are a few applicants awaiting their turn now. We have noticed by past experience that even our Indian hired help sometimes feel out of place amongst the rest of the employes. We therefore would not encourage them to enter, however we too feel that they should have the opportunity to take up this profession and wish you success in your efforts elsewhere in their behalf.

Yours respectfully
Sister M. Margaret
per S. K.

Indian School,
Rapid City, S. D.
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Methodist Deaconess Hospital,
Rapid City, S. Dak.

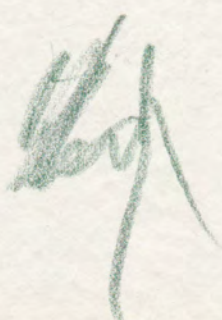
Miss Elva Wade, Superintendent.

Dear Miss Wade:

I am trying to make arrangements for Indian girls who have finishing the eighth grade work and taken some primary training in nursing so that they may keep on with the profession and eventually graduate as trained nurses. The Indian Office at Washington wishes to encourage this class of training for Indian girls and it has been found that they make very satisfactory nurses. I would be pleased to hear from you as to whether you could admit such girls into your nurse's training school and also on what terms they could be received. I can assure you that such girls as we would send to you would be of good clean character and interested in their work.

Yours very truly,

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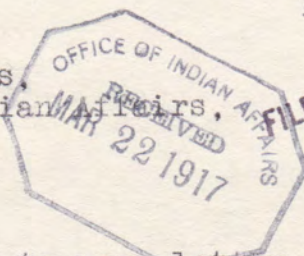
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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Indian School,
Rapid City, S. D.
March 15, 1917.

Honorable Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

In answer to your letter of February 17th, relative to arrangements for giving nurses training to Indian girls, I have to report as follows:

The profession of nursing appears very attractive to Indian girls. We find that of those who have finished the prevocational course in school that more desire to take nurses training than any other vocation, and we have in the vocational division this year eight girls and at the present time there are three in the prevocational division. We find that these girls take much interest in their work and are showing a splendid adaptation to this profession. This is particularly true of a number in the class. This school, however, is not fitted for giving a complete course in nursing as we have only a small hospital and would not have the practice that would give the actual experience necessary for trained nurses. This same condition, I presume, is true at all Indian schools.

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After receiving your letter referred to, I wrote to the hospitals in this section of the country that have training schools; namely, Our Lady of Lourdes Sisters Hospital, Hot Springs, S. D.; St. Joseph's Hospital, Deadwood, S. D.; and Methodist Deaconess Hospital, Rapid City, S. D. A copy of which letter is enclosed herewith. You will observe that these letters^{received} are not very favorable to training of Indian girls for nurses. In explanation of the condition at Hot Springs, I would state that two years ago we entered a girl for training at the Hot Springs Hospital. She was giving good satisfaction so far as I was able to learn, but after remaining there about one year she married a white man from Wyoming, a ranchman who had been sent to the hospital for treatment, and on recovery he married the Indian girl. The marriage, so far as I learn, is very satisfactory. I think he was a well-to-do young man. This incident I presume is somewhat discouraging to the sisters of the hospital. I have never entered any students at the hospital at Deadwood or at Rapid City. You will observe, however, that the hospital at Deadwood has had Indian hired help and it is very probable from what is stated that this help was not satisfactory. I presume that persons who have had little school training have been hired and they would

naturally feel the embarrassment among the other employees of the institution. The replies of these two hospitals would indicate that there is no opportunity to enter Indian girls for training. In regard to the Methodist Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City, I would state that one of our graduates from this school was employed there for sometime and the superintendent of the hospital would have been glad to have accepted her as a student. You will observe that the state laws require two years of high school for registration for nurses. This law was recently passed and perhaps an Indian girl who has not had at least two years of high school would find it difficult to register in this state. However, registered or not would not interfere with her practice on the reservation, I presume, and the nurses training would be valuable to her in her home life whether registered or not. However, the requirement of two years high school may be a good regulation as it would give the girls an opportunity to first become acquainted with people other than those in the Indian School, and thus make them able to adapt themselves to the hospital life. I believe the proper method here would be to require girls after finishing the second year vocational work or what is usually known as eighth grade to attend high school two years and then enter training school for nurses

if they wish to follow that profession. This would save two years over the plan to having to complete the full four years of vocational work.

I regard the profession of nursing one for which Indian girls are well adapted. They are willing to do actual work and are physically strong and of much endurance, which would especially fit them for the nursing profession. I shall continue to give this matter attention and will discuss it further with the superintendent of the Deaconess Hospital as soon as I find opportunity.

I wish also to state that I shall appreciate very much any suggestion that you may find time to give me regarding this subject, and I shall be glad to cooperate ⁱⁿ any plan that you may make for the advancement for the girls along these lines.

Very respectfully,

J. F. House

Superintendent.

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Mr. Jesse F. House,

Superintendent, Rapid City School.

My dear Mr. House:

I have your letter of March 15 in regard to providing hospital training for Indian girls at your school desiring to become nurses. It appears two of the hospitals in your section do not care to receive Indian girls. The other, the Methodist Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City, is willing to cooperate with you but calls your attention to the requirement whereby every pupil nurse is required to pass the State Board examination and the equivalent of two years high school work is necessary.

So far as practicable, girls who desire to take up nursing should be given an opportunity to secure necessary high school work. I note that the Superintendent of the Methodist Deaconess Hospital offers to take girls into the hospital for dining room work, chamber work, etc., while they earn their way through school. I shall be glad to have you take this matter up further with the Superintendent of the hospital and make such arrangements as will permit girls

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who are qualified to secure necessary high school work and enter the hospital.

Very truly yours,

(Signed E.B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Cushman Indian School
Tacoma, Washington.

March 28, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

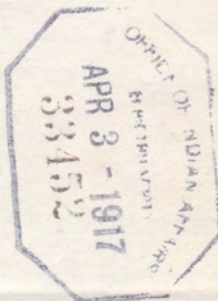
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 17, 1917, with reference to the preparation of Indian girls who desire to become nurses, for entrance into the nurses' training schools and directing me to submit a report as to whether or not there are any girls in this school who desire to take such training.

I have had the Physician make an inquiry at the hospitals and he informs me that there are two hospitals in Tacoma that have training schools for nurses and that one of these schools will take a few girls who have passed the eighth grade, but the other one will not accept any pupils who are not graduates in the high school courses, so there is no likelihood of any of the pupils entering into the training school at that hospital. We have one girl who has passed

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the eighth grade examination and has spent one year in the school hospital and I believe that she would make some progress in the training school for nurses as conducted by the hospital. If arrangements can be made next year, I will do what I can to get this girl into the hospital school. It is possible that there may be more pupils that will be prepared for the hospital training school at the beginning of next fall term.

There are so few Indian girls that will ever obtain the necessary education and qualifications for nurses that it has been considered best to give them just such training in the school hospital as will be of most use to them in their homes and among their people after they leave this school, and for that reason a number of girls who are still in the prevocational course have been given some instruction along that line. So many of the pupils leave before they even complete the eighth grade that it is thought best to give them some training while they are in their prevocational course.

Very respectfully,

T. B. Wilson

Superintendent.

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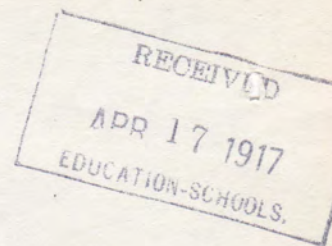
Salem Indian School,
Chemawa, Oregon,
April 10th, 1917.

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

Sir:

In reply to Indian Office letter dated February 17th, 1917, instructing me to take up with the local hospitals for the training of nurses the matter of arrangements being made with them to admit our girls in the nurses training classes and giving credit for preliminary work done at this school, would say that I have taken up the question with the principal hospitals in this locality and have found that none of them are willing to give any credit for preliminary work. Some also require that nurses should have the equivalent of four years high school education.

The I regret to advise that in replying to my inquiries the hospitals have all refused admission invariably stating that they had no opening, however giving no encouragement that there would be anything open for our girls. The fact of the matter is that the conditions in this Northwestern country is such that the Indian girls in these hospitals are discriminated against, which condition cannot be remedied except by the gradual dying out of the race prejudice



and this can only be brought about by the Indian girls availing themselves of the high school education and entering these hospitals on the same par as white girls. The girls whose Indian characteristics are less prominent would be successful in gaining entrance. One of our Indian girls is now in her senior year at the Walla Walla hospital in Washington. She gained entrance in the hospital through her own efforts but it is likely had the authorities known that she possessed Indian blood she would have been denied entrance.

Very respectfully,

Harwood Hall

Superintendent.

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Mr. Thos. B. Wilson,

Supt. Cushman School.

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My dear Mr. Wilson:

I have your letter of March 28, regarding the opportunities open for Indian girls at your school who desire to take training to fit them to become nurses.

It is noted one hospital training school in Tacoma will receive girls who have passed the 8th grade, and there is one girl at Cushman who has passed the 8th grade examination and has had a year in the school hospital, and there may be others prepared for such work. I shall be pleased to have you make arrangements for the entrance of any such girls to the hospital school, if they care to take up a course in professional nursing. After school opens next fall please report whether these girls have entered the training school.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells
Commissioner.

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Mr. Harwood Hall,

Superintendent, Salem School.

My dear Mr. Hall:

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Referring to your letter of April 10 in regard to opportunities open for Indian girls at your school who desire to become trained nurses, I note you say no hospitals in your vicinity are willing to give any credit for preliminary work and some require that nurses shall have the equivalent of four years high school education.

In cases where girls are anxious to become nurses and you have reason to believe they are well fitted for the work and would make a success of it, it would probably be to their advantage to arrange for their transfer to a non-reservation school near hospitals where the prejudice against Indian girls does not exist. This should be arranged by correspondence with Superintendents.

I do not expect that the training received by girls in our Indian school hospitals will be given credit as hospital training, but that in addition to fitting the girls for home nursing it will enable you to determine their aptitude for nursing and will make their probationary period shorter or less difficult.

Reports on file indicate that some pupils from Salem attend high school in town. The requirement for high school training could doubtless be met in this way. If you have girls at the school who you believe are fitted for this work, please look into the matter further and advise at the opening of school next fall what arrangements you have been able to make.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Cato Sells

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St. Francis Hospital

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Supt. L. M. Comptom;
Tomah, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We have considered your proposals and decided that we will co-operate with you and admit to our Training School any applicant that you will recommend, provided that her general physique does not differ from the ordinary girl to such an extent as to draw unusual notice and comment. We will however require a personal interview with the applicant before admitting her to the Training School.

I am enclosing a bulletin for nurses, and I think we can compromise with the educational requirements, if the pupil possesses the other qualifications. In the last paper given out by the Committee of Examiners of Training Schools, I see that the pupil must be nineteen before her admission to the School; but in your case we may be able to make exceptions.

We were about to call on you and talk over the situation, but since you do not intend to send anyone this year we shall forego our visit. If at any time you have an occasion to come to our city, we shall be pleased to see you.

Wishing you success in this undertaking,

I am,

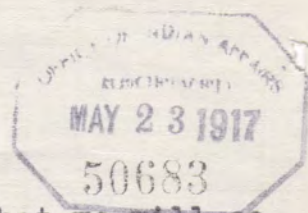
Sincerely yours,

Sister M. Richard,

Supt. of Hospital

May 10, 1917.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Tomah Indian Ind'l School

Tomah, Wis.

May 18, 1917.

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

My dear Commissioner:

Under date of Feb. 17., I had a letter from you asking me what arrangements I could make towards having Indian girls admitted to nurses training schools, conducted by Hospitals. I took this matter up at once and after considerable correspondence, I have received a letter from the Supt. of the St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse, in which she states that she is willing to admit the girls on our recommendation. I hope that you will consider this matter in making your final decision in regard to the vocational work that we will do in this school. The St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse is a large institution and I feel that it is a great privilege to be admitted to the training classes for nurses. I have enclosed the letter from the Sister M. Richard, who is Superintendent of the Hospital.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Lupton

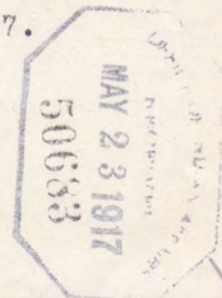
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Mr. Lindley M. Compton,

Supt., Tomah School.

My dear Mr. Compton:

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Referring to your letter of May 18, I note that the Superintendent of the St. Francis Hospital in LaCrosse, says she is willing to receive girls from the Tomah School into the nurses' training school of which she is Superintendent, on your recommendation.

I shall be glad to have you make necessary arrangements whereby girls who are fitted for such work and desire to take nursing may enter the training school. After the opening of school next fall, please advise me whether any girls from Tomah have entered the training class at St. Francis Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

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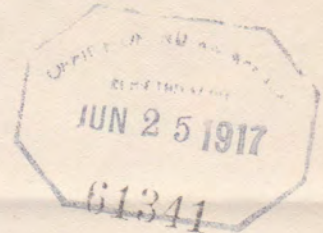
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Cal.

March 19, 1917.

Mrs. Anna C. Jammie, R. N.,
Bureau of Registration of Nurses,
C/o State Board of Health,
Sacramento, Cal.

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Dear Madam:

I inclose herewith copy of letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. relative to a course of instruction to prepare Indian girls to become nurses and wish to ask information relative to requirements for nurses to enter training schools within this State. I am also inclosing herewith copy of course of study for Indian Schools. The academic work for the vocational course in our schools will be found on page 161 and following. The special vocational course in nursing will be found on pages 257 to 262 inclusive.

You will observe from the letter inclosed herewith that from the Carlisle Indian school in Pennsylvania girls are admitted to hospitals in Philadelphia after two years of vocational work. This school does the same work as that of Carlisle as we follow the same course of study and I wish to ask whether the nurses after having completed two years of the vocational course at this school will be admitted to nurses training schools. If not I will be pleased to have you advise me as to the credits you will give for girls who complete the work of this course of study.

I will be pleased to have you return the course of study after examination and if later you desire to have a copy on file I will be pleased to send same to you.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F. M. Conser,

Superintendent.

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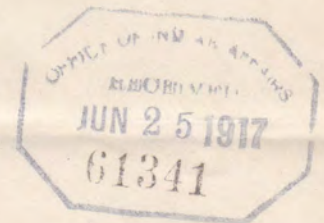
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April 11, 1917.

Mr. F.M. Conser, Supt.,
Sherman Institute,
Riverside, California.



Dear Sir:

I must apologize for not answering more promptly your letter of March 19th. I wanted to go over your course of instruction which you give in your school, preparatory to nursing, and owing to the press of work, due to the legislature, I have not had the time.

It impresses me that your course in vocational work for girls is very excellent as preparatory to nursing. In fact, it may be considered even better than what is given in the high school in the general course. After September 1st, 1918, the requirements of the State Board of Health will become effective, in that applicants must have four years in the high school and must bring their credits in chemistry, biology and household arts. In view of this I would suggest, that chemistry and biology be added to your vocational course, which I think will bring it to about the same status as the high school course.

The object of these requirements is to have the ap-

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plicants well prepared in English and mathematics. We find great difficulty with the nurses in training where they have not had a good English foundation and also applied mathematics. We shall be insistent that our future applicants have at least a working knowledge of fractions and percentage, in order that they may more intelligently handle solutions, drugs etc. The course in chemistry would comprise a general survey of inorganic chemistry, which would prepare the students for their work in dietetics and physiology. Household chemistry should also be taught, emphasizing that portion of the subject relating to the home, as sanitation and ventilation. I feel that with this preparatory course that much of the elementary ground will have been covered before the student enters the training school and that she will be prepared to take up at once the study of bacteriology, materia medica, and more advanced physiology.

Permit me to say that your outline on page 257 to 263 is very well arranged but takes up rather advanced nursing and comprises many of the subjects which are listed for the second year of the nursing course in the training school. It may, therefore, be possible for you in cases where your girls contemplate entering training schools to rearrange this course and give time to more fundamental subjects. This is merely in the nature of a suggestion but it may be of value to you, if you

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contemplate rearranging this part of your course in order to articulate more definitely with the schools of nursing.

I am under the impression that I forwarded to you previously, a copy of the curriculum for training schools in the state but should this not have been the case, I am sending you, under separate cover, another copy today. We expect, in a short time, to distribute a survey of schools of nursing in this state, which will show the arrangement of courses in each school and the degree of uniformity even now contemplated.

I shall hope to be able to see you when I am in Riverside and we can then go over this work more specifically. I am returning the course of study to you, which you so kindly forwarded to me, and in which I have been extremely interested. It would give me great pleasure to have a copy of this on file in this office and I greatly appreciate your suggestion that I may have one sent to me.

Yours very truly,

Anne C. Jamieson R.N.
Director.

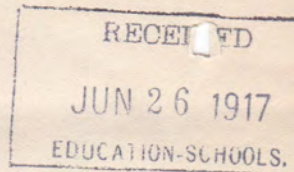
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Riverside, Cal.

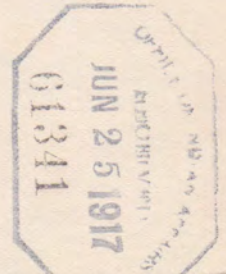
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The Honorable,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Referring to your letter of February 17, 1917, relative to a course of instruction to prepare Indian girls to become nurses and asking relative to the requirements of nurses to enter training schools in the State of California, I inclose herewith copy of letter which I addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Registration of Nurses of California State Board of Health and her reply thereto. I have delayed answering this with the hope of being able to see the Director as suggested in her letter but thus far have been unable to meet her. We can place girls in hospitals if they meet the State requirements and on this they seem to insist.

We have no girls at the present time who are contemplating taking a course in nursing in a regular nurses' training school. Girls from this school may enter the high school in Riverside if they wish to obtain proper credits for entrance to nurses' training school, or we could add chemistry and biology to our school course if authorized by the Office to bring it to the status of the high school course as suggested by the Director of

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Registration of Nurses.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Conser
Superintendent.

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Mr. F. M. Conser,

Superintendent, Sherman Institute.

My dear Mr. Conser:

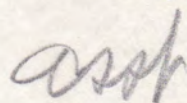
I have your letter of June 19, enclosing one from the Director of the Bureau of Registration of Nurses of the California State Board of Health, from which it appears that a four years' high school course is a necessary requirement for entry to hospitals in California. As you say girls from your school may enter the high school in Riverside if they wish to obtain proper credits for entrance to nurses' training classes, I believe this is the best way to meet the situation when there are girls at Sherman Institute who desire to take up nursing and show themselves fitted for such work.

Please advise me at any future time when you may have girls at the school who desire to enter nurses' training classes.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed E. B. Meritt)

Commissioner.



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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Hospital

Lawton, Okla.
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Hon. E. B. Merritt,
Assistant Commissioner,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly give us the names of Nurses' Training Schools of good standing, preferably in the east, who admit applicants of Indian blood to training.

We have at the Kiowa Hospital a young lady who has been in the service about a year as assistant nurse, having previously spent six years at Carlisle. She is bright, capable and efficient and desires to take training.

It seems to me we should help girls of this character and that our hospitals are in a position to develop and recommend individuals for this service who would be of great value to their people after taking the training.

Any information you may be able to give me will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Mr. C. V. Stinchecum,
Supt. Kiowa School.

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DEC 21 1917

My dear Mr. Stinchecum:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, asking for the names of nurses' training schools in good standing who admit applicants of Indian blood for training. Considerable correspondence was had sometime ago with various Superintendents with reference to this matter, and several hospitals were located in various parts of the country who were willing to accept student nurses of Indian blood under certain conditions.

Since the young lady referred to by you has spent six years at Carlisle, it is very possible she would prefer being admitted to the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. The former Superintendent at Carlisle under date of January 29, 1917 stated that at that time two girls were admitted to the Jefferson Hospital from the second year vocational class of the Carlisle school.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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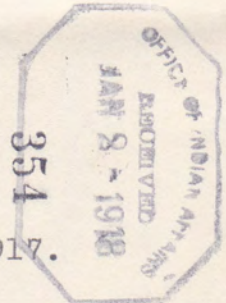
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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY

ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA



Dec. 26, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Office letter of December 21, purporting to reply to my letter of December 11, asking for the names of nurses training schools in good standing who admit applicants of Indian blood for training.

The Office is respectfully advised that I have not requested such information from the Office and upon investigation it will be found that the letter in question was addressed to me through error.

Respectfully,

C. V. Stinchecum

Superintendent.

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Mr. C. V. Stinchecum,
Supt. Kiowa School.

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My dear Mr. Stinchecum:

Replying to your letter of December 28 acknowledging the receipt of Office letter of December 21 and stating you did not request the Office for the information contained therein, there is inclosed a copy of the letter received from your reservation, which information the Office supplied in its letter of December 21. This letter is written on official stationery and purports to come from the Kiowa Hospital.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) *E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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Tomeh Indian Ind'l School.



Tomeh, Wis.

Jan. 18, 1918.

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

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Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In reply to the above letter I wish to say that I took up the question of entering girls from this school to the Nurses Training Course at the St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse. The Sister in charge stated that they would be glad to receive our girls into their classes. However their regulations are such that girls to finish the Course must have four years of High School or must have finished certain subjects in High School in this state and enough academic work to equal that.

In view of the prevocational and vocational work that our girls receive the hospital is willing to admit our girls having taken a two year High School Course or in some cases one year in the High School will be sufficient. They feel that the girls having taken our vocational work will fit them for the work of nursing entirely as well as the extra two years of High School work. Having had this vocational work already they will not have so much of that kind of work in their course and can make up what they lack in their academic studies.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Lupton
Supt. I. & S. D. S.

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Salem Indian School,
Chemawa, Oregon,
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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Answering Office letter of April 24, 1917, will say that there have been no Indian girls in attendance at school this year desirous of taking training for nursing other than can be given in our own hospital.

In case there are any, I shall take the matter up with the Carlisle superintendent as suggested.

Very respectfully,

Harwood Hall

Superintendent.

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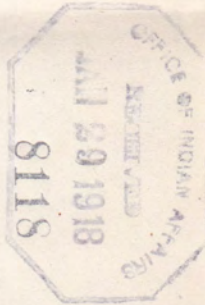
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Cushman Indian School,
Tacoma, Wn. Jan. 22, 1918.



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

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14, 1917
and card of January 11, 1918:-

One girl, Jane Bailey, an eighth grade
graduate, Cushman Trades School, has been enrolled in
the Saint Joseph Hospital for professional training.

Very respectfully,

E. H. H.
Superintendent

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