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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

November 6, 1913.

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

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OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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Sir:

I have your Office letter of October thirty-first with reference to the matter of chaperons for the Catholic students who attend mass early on Sunday morning. I heartily agree with the position taken by the Office that the strenuous and confining labors of the official employees during the week makes it inadvisable to give them this extra duty at such an early hour on Sunday.

I have noted carefully what the Office says with reference to the girls going to town at this hour with a student chaperon instead of being chaperoned by a mature and responsible person. This matter was taken up with the Catholic priest, and while he was perfectly willing that a student chaperon be detailed, I have felt all along that such a step is inadvisable.

We have found here at the school that the detail of one girl to act in an executive capacity over other girls, where questions of consistent and impartially administered discipline are involved, is too often attended with deleterious results. In the first place the girls are not paid for this work and their responsibility consequently

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takes on the character of a voluntary student affair. Besides, they are almost invariably partial. Their concept of responsible leadership in matters of morality and discipline is immature and imperfect.

The school has always, in all legitimate ways, developed the initiative of the students and their self dependence in all matters relating to their conduct. Opportunity for this arises on the grounds in discipline, in the societies, in the educational work, etc., but here under the eyes of the faculty there is a chance for check and right advice.

It is a common practice among all reputable boarding schools for girls that when the girls leave the precincts of the school, especially at a time when it is dark, they are chaperoned by a member of the faculty. Parents of white girls, in the highest standing and where there is every confidence in the girls, would insist on this. This is done not only for the protection of the girls, but it is done so as to preserve the good name of the girls and of the institution. To open up the way for girls to go to town in the dark without a mature and responsible chaperon would open up the way for them going at other times, for equally important reasons and under similarly undesirable conditions.

The conditions attending the going of the girls

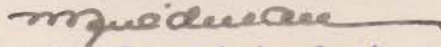
to town on Saturday afternoon are entirely different. While the girls do attend without a chaperon, they are sent in groups of three and these groups are changed from week to week. All girls whose record is defective in conduct are deprived of this privilege. At the same time, these girls go in broad daylight and are confined to the two main streets in town. The matron, or one of her assistants, keeps a close tab on their movements, and if necessary go to town themselves. Many of the other employees are also in town for their shopping, and promptly report anything wrong.

As the school bears the active responsibility for discipline and for the moral welfare of the students, and I feel sure that the Office does not desire to inaugurate a plan which in itself will be dangerous and will eventually lead to an extension in other directions, I am writing at this time with the recommendation that the plan of a student chaperon should not be adopted.

I understood when taking this matter up informally with the Office that the Office letter was in the nature of a suggestion, rather than of a definite conclusion,- hence this letter. I would respectfully recommend that the matter remain as at present handled, or that the hour be changed. The matron informs me that one of the Sisters acted as chaperon last Sunday. I believe if the Office

adheres to this general decision that they will continue to furnish an escort who will assume definite responsibility. The only other solution that I see is for them to change the hour, so that the students can attend at the same time that they attend regular services at nine o'clock, at which time the Catholic church supplies a chaperon.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

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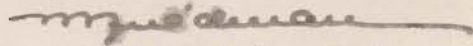
Mr. McKean:

I have been carefully watching the attendance of the boys at the various exercises of the school, and particularly with reference to their promptness in attending the academic work and industrial work during the past three or four weeks. I have watched the school lines in the morning and in the afternoon, and I have consulted with those in charge of the industrial departments. The result of this careful observation and inquiry discloses in an increasing degree a tendency toward tardiness and straggling, both to school and to work.

There is no reason why every student in the morning and in the afternoon school line should not be in line promptly going to school. There is likewise no reason unless some other duty interferes for them being late to their work. This not only interferes with the continuity of the various departments concerned and with the good results which it is desired there to obtain, but it is an exceedingly bad habit for the students to form. This matter should have careful attention

so that an improvement will result rapidly. The same promptness and regularity should characterize all other formations.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Superintendent, Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Friedman:

The Office has received your letter of October 1, transmitting a communication from Rev. Father Stock, the priest in charge of the Catholic pupils of your school.

The Office wishes to do all that it properly can to further the religious training of the Indian pupils within its schools, regardless of the denomination to which they belong, but, at the same time, it believes that it would not be justified in directing employees to act as chaperons from the school at six o'clock in the morning. The work of the employees in the schools is at best strenuous and confining, and the Office does not believe it should increase the hours of labor, particularly on Sunday.

It is understood that the attendance of pupils at early morning mass is a new departure at your school.

It is doubtful whether a chaperon is really essential where so large a number of girl pupils as will usually go to mass are together, in view of the fact that it is understood that they are permitted, when the boys remain at home, to go down town on Saturday afternoons in small groups without chaperons.

It is suggested that you take the matter up further with Father Stock and that together you see if you cannot select one of the older girls of discreet characteristics who will be capable of acting as chaperon and upon whom you can rely to maintain discipline. It is understood, of course, that arrangements will be made so that boy pupils will not be able to meet the girls on the way to church and that both you and Father Stock feel that the chaperon selected will be capable of otherwise giving the girls for whom you are responsible proper protection.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sella  
Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

Mr. Moses Friedman,

Superintendent, Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Friedman:

The Office received your letter of October 1, transmitting a communication from Rev. Mark E. Stock, the priest in charge of the Catholic pupils of your school.

While it wishes to do all that it properly can to further the religious training of the Indian children within its schools, regardless of the denomination to which they belong, it feels that it would not be justified in directing employees to act as chaperons from the school at six o'clock Sunday mornings.

The work of the employees in the schools is at best strenuous and confining and covers extremely long hours, and the Office does not feel justified in increasing the hours of labor, particularly on Sunday. The necessity for a chaperon is understood and if any employee cared to volunteer to act in this capacity of course no objection would be raised.

Cannot Father Stock either furnish a chaperon or

make arrangements to hold religious services during the employees usual working hours at which time you could furnish a chaperon without intruding upon the rest hours of employees. Please take up this matter with him and advise me of his attitude in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

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The Office received your letter of October 1st transmitting a communication from Rev. Mark E. Stock, the priest in charge of the catholic pupils of your school.

It does not seem practicable to provide a chaperon from the school at six o'clock Sunday mornings. The Office will not undertake to require Miss Sweeney or any of the employees to act in that capacity. If in your judgment it is unwise to send the girls to church without a chaperon at this time other arrangements will have to be made with reference to the religious exercises of the catholic pupils.

Respectfully,

Commissioner .



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

Sir:

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I transmit herewith a communication from Rev. Mark E. Stock, the Catholic priest who looks after the work of the Catholic students at this school. A number of the girls go to confession early on Sunday morning, leaving the school about six o'clock, and for the proper protection of the girls it is necessary that they be chaperoned.

Rev. Stock has asked me to either permit the students to go down to these exercises to the Catholic church, on the other side of town and about a mile away from the school, without a chaperone, or to use my authority and detail someone from among the faculty to act as an escort.

The first step cannot be taken, because to do so would not afford the proper protection to the students, as it is dark at this hour most of the school year and the girls must traverse a thickly populated and rather tough section of the town. Furthermore, it would open up the question for all other churches, and if they were not allowed the same privilege, they would have a perfect right to complain. To grant this privilege generally would be a serious mistake, and would undermine discipline. Under present conditions, the

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girls go but they do this under a chaperone, who has been provided for by each church.

Neither have I felt that I could comply with the second request without special instructions from your Office. This is a purely religious exercise, and the teachers and the attaches on the campus are kept hard at work all week, the matrons being on duty continuously seven days in the week. Sunday morning is used by the teachers for rest, and to chaperone these girls would necessitate rising on Sunday at five o'clock in the morning.

I suggested to Rev. Stock that inasmuch as his church had four sisters to give a large portion of their time to the work among the girls here, and two priests, one of whom gives all his time to this work, that he arrange the matter by having one of the sisters act as chaperone, or to make arrangements personally with one of the two Catholic employees on the campus to act as chaperone. One of these is the disciplinarian, who cannot get away from his duties at that time; and the other is Miss Margaret M. Sweeney, teacher. This, he says, he cannot do. The matron informs me that Miss Sweeney did take them several times, but she evidently does not desire to do it, as no one called for them last Sunday. I told Rev. Stock that if the sisters demurred about doing this, though they were engaged in this work, it would surely prove an undesired duty to the Government's employees. He provides, and has always provided, a

chaperone for the Catholic girls to attend mass in town on Sunday at nine o'clock in the morning, which indicates a recognition of the fairness of the present custom.

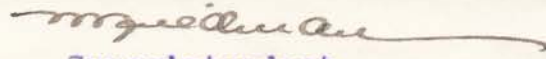
I could detail Miss Sweeney, who is a teacher and a Catholic, to act as chaperone, but as it is a question of authority which would be questioned, and the establishment of a precedent in the whole matter of chaperones for religious exercises off the school grounds, which heretofore have been provided by the churches themselves, I am writing the Office. I have felt that inasmuch as every possibly<sup>e</sup> facility is being offered impartially to all denominations to carry on their religious work at this school, that the matter of providing a chaperone for a few girls on Sunday, inasmuch as it is a denominational matter, could be handled by the denomination effected, especially in view of the fact that there are some who are prone to take up the slightest action of this kind as a pretext for saying that partiality is shown to another denomination. However, if the Office deems it expedient, I shall instruct one of our employees to do this.

I have hesitated about bothering the Office with this matter, and have been endeavoring to adjust it for nearly a month without results, as indicated in the letter herewith enclosed. The local priest has been given the reasons herein stated, and I have met him to talk it over a number of times. I have no doubt that a chaperone will be provided by the church if the present custom is adhered to.



I am sending a copy of the calendar, which shows on pages 14, 20, 21 and 23 the thorough and impartial provisions which have been made for carrying out the religious instruction of the students, in compliance with the Government regulations.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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St. Patrick's Rectory  
Carlisle, Pa.

October 1, 1913

M. Friedman, Superintendent Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I have expended every effort to bring that affair to a happy termination but to no avail. The girls cannot be denied the privilege of receiving the Sacraments of Confession and Communion. The only course left is to have you adjust the matter.

Section 10. of the regulations governing religious worship reads: "Pupils will have every facility in attending Confession, preparatory classes, and Communion by handing their names to their religious instructors etc." If the Office of Indian Affairs allows the pupils every facility to attend Confession and Communion it certainly places in the power of superintendents to give

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them every facility hence a chaperon  
when required and especially where  
the absence of one is a barrier.

I ask you to think this  
matter over again to see if you cannot  
devise some way out of the difficulty

Respectfully  
Mark E. Stock