



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

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My dear Mr. Valentine:-

I am sending you under this cover a copy of a letter that is being sent out to all the graduates of the school. I signed all these letters personally so that there would be a more personal feeling established between the graduates and the school. I know your interest in this matter from what you have said to me personally.

I consider it absolutely fundamental in any work of education. I always like to place myself in the position of one of these Indian boys or girls, who have graduated from one of our schools. If President Lowell of Harvard would write you a personal greeting at Christmas time, or the President of the University of Cincinnati or the University of California where I have studied, would do the same to me, I know that it would make me feel especially good and stir up the pride in me. It is with that thought in view that I am sending these letters out to our graduates.

Very respectfully yours,

M. Friedman
Superintendent.

Hon. Robert G. Valentine,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear friend:-

My thoughts and the thoughts of your friends at Carlisle naturally turn towards you at this Christmas season. We have been following your career with much interest, glorying in your successes and having a fellow sympathy with you in those times of adversity which every man and woman has to face.

The Carlisle graduates are the greatest thing connected with Carlisle. On their success or failure rests the success or failure of the school. Although you are not here with us, Carlisle has not forgotten you.

The school, its Superintendent and teachers are, if anything, more vitally interested in your welfare now and more desirous of aiding and encouraging you in the battle of life, than when you were here as a student. I rejoice that our graduates and returned students have been so uniformly successful and that they are proving by the lives of probity, honesty and industry which they lead, that it has paid to educate them.

I am sending you as a slight token of our remembrance a panoramic view of the school which was recently taken and which many of our students have framed.

Let me hear from you from time to time. I want you to feel that I am your friend and that it will be a pleasure any time to serve you.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year to you and yours, I am

Very cordially yours



Superintendent.

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