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Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
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My dear Mr. Sells:

The Carlisle Alumni Association has grown into quite a strong organization. Mr. Dagenett has inspired great interest in the Association during the past year or two, and I feel disposed to encourage in every way possible the spirit of the Association. Just at this time Carlisle needs more than ever before in its history the loyal support of its exstudents and graduates. Without this support it will be very difficult to fill the school with desirable pupils. The Association can be of great use in encouraging a proper school spirit and greater interest in Indian education generally.

I believe there are something over 500 living graduates of the Carlisle School. These are scattered from Alaska to Porto Rico. So far no provision has been made for quarters for this Association, and it should have some place in which to keep its records, banners, class pictures, and a place in which to hold its annual meetings, etc. We have at the entrance of the school grounds here a splendid little building known as the Leupp Studio. It was constructed by Major Mercer from athletic funds and was used for a photograph gallery and curio shop. It has not been in use for the past several

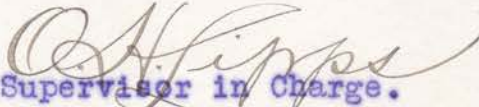
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years, and it is rapidly disintegrating and going to pieces. The roof leaks and the plaster has fallen off and it is in bad repair generally.

We have funds available for general repairs to buildings, and I have planned to put this building in repair in order to save it from further deterioration. I had not, however, until last evening thought of any needful and useful purpose to which it might be put. At the Alumni banquet last night it occurred to me that this studio building would make a splendid building for the Alumni Association, and with your permission I will set it aside for that purpose. I already have authority for repairs and improvements and no additional authority will be needed for making the necessary repairs to this building. However, I desire that you officially set aside this building for the use of the Alumni Association in order that it may be safeguarded in making the necessary expenditures for furniture and decorations that will be required to properly equip it. In other words, the Association would like to be assured that the building will not be taken away from it by some superintendent who might wish to use it for some other purpose, without your permission.

Please give this matter your immediate personal attention and advise me of your decision as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,


Supervisor in Charge.