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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School,
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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

July 1st, 1890.

Hon. T. J. Morgan,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I forward herewith thirty more letters from our returned students, which, including those heretofore sent, are all we have received up to date.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

R.H. Pratt

Capt. & Supt.

*Hy. J. Kendall Pueblo India Age 21.
at Councils 6 years*
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Albuquerque, N. M.
June 8th, 1890

Capt. R. A. Pratt:

Dear Sir:-

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came to hands, but as I have
been on a "spree" after wood
for several days. I failed
to comply to your request.
But: since my return
here. I have found that in
order to convince, the old &
the younger people, was
necessary to put my wits
and muscles. (Of the former I

possess none, of the latter. I am
gaining steadily. I. to work.

I came to many of the men that
needed hands. Several days
were wasted in hunting work.

But when these very men saw
that I meant, what I said,
they aided me to find work.

When I found it I work
to prove my self worthy of
the kindness shown me
& gained friends, that are
valuable to me now. Do not
take this, for a boast, but
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heard prominent men say

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years he has failed to find an
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many Carlisle boys at that
village, & they have proven
themselves true & trustworthy
to others. So there must be
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that the Reverend wants.
All of us return children need
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support, than American. That
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forced back to the old ways.
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divided evenly.

Very respectfully yours
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Very respectfully yours
Henry J. Kendall

Horley Stevens Wichita Age 22
Department of the Interior, *at Carlisle 44 years*
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, *at home - 4 years*

Wichita Agency

Anadarko Ind. Ter June 16th 1890

I received the letter from you last week ago that the commissioner who he has instructed you to write to me and know how I am doing ~~so~~ getting on I am very glad this letter wants me to know how I am doing so I try to answer this letter to you so I can tell you what I have doing I am doing working at my farm every day so I think this is the way of civilized people What I am doing now But I should ~~not~~ do some other way only the way of this to do work And try on doing I am going to inform you that you very anxious

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to know so it is my heart get greater But
I think you should think that I am throw
things away what I learn here I should not
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for me and become of a man so I am ever
tried hard to, do which is the Government
tell us to do this I consider the Indians are
getting on well But I think my tribe are
doing very well that is Wichita Indians doing
working they farms very well But the
tribe have no houses I have no house for my
self I live in the tent But I am not wear the
Indian clothes I still, able to wear the English

Q this this is the true words I give you in
this letter this is all I have say to you I been
Educated here in this school and been worked
round here & study thing so I am not throw
thing away which is I learn here in this
part country so I am now try to be farm
I can tell you my crop of corn are very good
it is nearly four feet high now But it is
not very big field so I would like to have
more land I break up this little piece of land
last fall for myself because it is the Government
has not allow to break land for the Indians
now so I am try to make land But the trouble
my horses are not use to break land so I
have not enought field that is all I have has
two horses have not mule no cattle But I am

going to tell you this I have two heads of
cattle last year I brought from the Indian
in the day time I went hunt that two cattle
was lost some body has been draw down
to the Washita river and kill there I think
it must be wicked Indian there Will you
wents to know what stocks I own
I have two horses and have no mule no
cattle then I have three hogs nine pigs.
Please Capt. R. H. Pratt Can you sent
New-paper from your Hostie Stevens

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Hortie Stevens, Wichita Age 22

At Carlisle 4 years

At Home 4 years

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clothes this is the true words I give you in this letter this is all I have say to you I been Educated here in this school and been worked round here & study thing so I am not throw things away which is I learn here in this part country so I am now try to be farm I can tell you my crop of com are very good it is nearly four feet high now But it is not very big field so I would like to have more land I break up this little peace of land last fall for myself because it is the Government has not allow to break land for the Indians now so I am try to make land But the truble my horses are not use to break land so I have not enough field that is all I have has two horses have no mule no cattle But I am

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going to tell you this I have two heads of cattles last year I brought from the Indain in the day time I went hunt that two cattle was lost some body has been draw down to the Washita river and kill there I think it must be wild Indain there. Well you wants to know what stocks I own I have two horses and have no mule no cattle then I have three hogs nine pigs Please Capt R. H. Pratt can you sent Newspaper.

from your

Hortie Stevens

Lucy Jordan Stockbridge 21 years old
at Colville 3 years
Returned Home 1887
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Gresham Wis.

June 28, 1890.

Dear Sir

I am a young girl of the Stockbridge tribe twenty one years of age. I live in a good hewed log house with my mother and aunt.

We have a field of corn and potatoes and a good garden of all kind of vegetables and fruit such as plums cherries currants and strawberries and also beautiful flower garden.

I went to Carlisle School
Sept- 13 1884 and I remained
there untill June 17 1887.

I liked the school in every
respect and intended to
remain there untill I got
a good education.

But on account of having
weak eyes I could not
study and I returned
home.

I have been home three years
and my eyes are well
and strong as ever.

I deeply regret that I
could not study and finish

my education.

Realizing the truth how many
and great positions a person
can fill with the use of
education.

On what great summit of
knowledge we Indians might
stand today if we only had good
educations.

I attend the Presbyterian Church
and Sunday School my teacher
name is Mrs. Fisher wife of
Rev Mr Fisher who is our
minister.

And I am a member of the
Women's Aid Society we are

at present making articles
to sell for the benefit of the church.
I have worked out every winter
and stayed at home during
the summer.

I have earned \$85- since my
return from Carlisle.

Last winter I done the
cooking in a hotel at \$3 per
week and I helped my
mother to buy an organ to
make home seem pleasanter.
I have a sewing machine now
and a great desire to learn
the dress maker's trade
for there is a great demand

for dress making here. I could
support my self entirely
with out aid of my relatives
But I have no means at
present to pay for my board
in the city while I learn
the ~~learn~~ the trade
But I trust that God the
Giver of all good will provide
a way for me

Respectfully
Lucy L. Jordan

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I attend the Presbyterian church and Sunday School my teacher name is Mrs. Fisher wife of Rev. Mr. Fisher who is our minister.

And I am a member of the Women's Aid Society we are

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at present making articles to sell for the benefit of the church. I have worked out every winter and stayed at home during the summer.

I have earned \$85 since my return from Carlisle. Last winter I done the cooking in a hotel at \$3 per week, and I helped my mother to buy an organ to make home seen pleasanter. I have a sewing machine now and a great desire to learn the dress maker's trade for there is a great demand

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for dress making here. I could support my self entirely with out aid of my relatives. But I have no means at present to pay for my board in the city while I learn the ~~learn the~~ trade But I trust that God the Giver of all good will provide a way for me

Respectfully
Lucy D. Jourdan

Emma Hand Miss 20 yrs
at Charles 4 years
at Home 4 "
Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency. Dak

June....., 189....

Dear friend

The Honorable Commissioner
of Indian Affairs wants
to know something about
us Indian once we Carlisle
Students I getting along
first rate in every way.
just as well as one can.
during well.
working to make my
own living I am trying
to write answers to the
questions all I could.

and says the letter
will read by the com-
missioners. I was an
Educated in Carlisle school
As I am now 20 years
old last month. I was
sent to Carlisle School
In Nov 1882. I stayed
there four year and
7 month I only
study, reading, language
Geography, and I could
read little Before
I went to Carlisle
Because I go to day school
here at White Bids near the
Agency But could not talk

my English when I went to
Carlisle there I learn to talk
English. I could not work before
going to Carlisle But going
to school every day. and
when I was at Carlisle I
was sent on farm to work.
But now I working for my
self to make something I dont
earn no money Because it is
hard to earn money. I am
working every day. I living
in lack house not very nice
my own house. I dont wear
no Indian clothes and I
never will wear Indians clothes

Like some Carlisle Indian
Student came here and dress
them self in Indian clothes
I am married now have my
own house I marry Educated
person. I attend in Holy cross church
Apotokes I had a little boy one
years now. I am getting a right
since come back school. I had a
little farm myself. not very Big.
But working to have some
horses, cattle. Mules and pig
I wish to have some of this
things. This is all I will
Close my writing.

Emma Hand Means
Carlisle,

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Emma Hand Sioux 20 yrs
at Carlisle 4 years
at Home 4 years

Pine Ridge Agency, Dak.
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any English when I went to Carlisle there I learn to talk English. I could not work before going to Carlisle But going to school everyday. and when I was at Carlisle I was sent on farm to work. But now I working for my self to make something I don't earn no money Because it is hard to earn money. I am working every day. I living in lack house not very nice my own house. I don't wear no Indian clothes and I never will wear Indian clothes

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Like some Carlisle Indian student came here and dress them self in Indian clothes I am married now have my own house I marry Educated person. I attend in Holy cross church Apostolice I had a little boy one years now. I am getting alright since come back school. I had a little farm myself not very Big. But working to have some horses, cattle, mules and pig I wish to have some of this things. This is all I will close my writing.

Emma Hands Means
Carlisle

Marshall Hand Pine Ridge Agency
St. Carlisle 1. 21. 00
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency

Monday June 2nd, 189...

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to read By the Commissioner I was
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26 years old I was send to Carlisle

School In Month of Sept 1880
and I only study. reading
language. Spul I could
before I went to Carlisle Because
I was one of the Boarding
School boys at the Agency.
I learn to Talk English in
Boarding school here, when, I
could work Before going to Carlisle.
When I was at Carlisle I was
sent out on farm to work and
also I was a shoe maker.

But now I am working in
the Agency. I earn 15 dollars
a month. I like to earn money
But can not earn much.

I am working every day. I am
living in L house. of our own
I don't wear Indian clothes
and I don't think I will

Because I never wear Indian
clothes every since I know how
to take care my self.

some boys came back here and
wear. Indian clothes I am
married now I marry
and Educated person. I
attend in Shohy cross church
we had a little boy. four.
years old. I am getting along
very well since I came back.
we have a little farm. our

not very big. But working to
make something for myself.
I have no horses, mules
cattle & pigs. and
I do wish to have some
of this things.

I am going to close
your friend
Marshall Hand,

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Marshal Hand Pine Ridge Sioux Age 26
At Carlisle 1 year

Pine Ridge Agcy
Monday June 2nd, 189

Dear friend

I read that the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs wants to know something about Carlisle Indian students as I am getting along first rate in every way during just as well as any one. Working to make my own living I am trying to write answers to the questions all I could. and the letter to read By the commissioner I was Educated in Carlisle As I am now 26 years old I was send to Carlisle

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I am working every day. I am living in L_ house of our own. I don't wear Indian clothes and I don't think I will Because I never wear Indian clothes every since I know how to take care my self. some boys came back here and wear Indian clothes I am married now I marry and Educated person. I attend in Holy cross church we had a little boy four years old. I am getting along very well since I came back. we have a little farm our

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yours friend,
Marshall Hand

John Tadeus Cochran Age 18.
at present 18 years
at home 3 "
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

-----Anadarko-----

-----June 15, 1890-----

Dear friend:-

I haven't got
much to say in requesting
that we should write to
you I hope you will be
glad to hear from me
I am ^{well} at present and
hope you are the same.
All of the Wichita are
improving in there work
and going on to the ways
of the Whites. There is
another thing ~~to~~ for me

to tell you ^{about} we have a
church house every Sun-
day we go to church some
of the Wichita are Christians
now. and they got a preacher
too. I havn't much to say
this is all.

Your friend,
John Nature

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John Tatum, Wichita Age 18
at Carlisle 5 years
at Home 3 years

Anadarko
June 15, 1890

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to tell you about. we have a church house. every Sunday we go to church. some of the Wichita are Christains now and they got a preacher too. I haven't much to say this is all.

Your friend,
John Tatum

Charles Wolf My Son Age 21
Department of the Interior,
at Carlisle 5 years
at home 2 "
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Fort Lipuwait Agency.

June 15, 189*0*

Capt. R. H. Pratt:- Dear sir,

I received your letter, and so
I take pleasure in answering
to the Honorable Commissioner
of Indians Affairs, which he
had made the questions to
the former pupils of Carlisle
and those that have returned
to their homes. Well since
leaving dear Carlisle School
I have been losing my
knowledge, but gained
my strength.

When we got home Agent
Morris put us to work with
Surveyor's party, that only
chance we had, earning
some money, ever since
new Agent came to the
reservation or when Agent
S. Morris was out. Robins
a new Agent from Moscow
has never try to gave us
any chance where we earn
money and strength or
gain more knowledge.

Next month the Ind-
ians are going to have
nomination, sometime

ago they did had one
nomination. and several
of Indians nominate
me^{for interpreter}. And they are sure
I am going to be interpreter
for the whole reservation.

Capt. my dear sir.
I was mostly educated
at Carlisle and some
time I learn to use of
English language.

This is all I have to say
and do not know what
continued to say.

Yours friend
Chas. Wolf.

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Charles Wolf Nez Perce Age 21

At Carlisle 5 years

at home 2 years

Fort Lapwai Agency

June 15, 1890

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Dear Sir:

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When we got home Agent Norris put us to work with Surveyor's party, that only chance we had, earning some money, ever since new Agent came to the reservation or when Agent G. Norris was out. Robin a new Agent from Moscow has never try to gave us any chance where we earn money and strength or gain more knowledge.

Next month the Indians are going to have nomination, some time

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ago they did had one nomination, and several of Indians nominate me for interpreter. And they are sure I am going to be interpreter for the whole reservation.

Capt. my dear sir, I was mostly educated at Carlisle and same time I learn to use of English language.

This is all I have to say and do not know what continued to say.

Yours Friend,

Chas. Wolfe

Clayton Brave Pine Ridge Sioux
age 25, at Cedar to 4½ yrs
Department of the Interior,
at Pine 3.
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency S. D.

June 18, 1890.

R. H. Pratt. Dear Sir.

I was exceedingly glad to
obtain your kind and
welcome letter along time.
As I am waiting and had
little time I will try to
write to you and you as
a communication was
received by me in good
health, always and I would
like to let you know that
I have had been working
the show business into

Theater in San Francisco
also my act is first thing
I do. in feats on the slack
wire walking, again
fancy rifle shooting and
I got through the hoops too.
And I get \$25 a week & \$100.
a month. So I can't answer
some questions, hope excuse
my written and I have be
travel always never stay
one place either. That is all
I have to say.

Most Respectfully
Clayton Brane

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Clayton Brave, Pine Ridge Sioux
age 25, at Carlisle 4½ yrs
at Home 3 yrs

Pine Ridge Agency S.D.
June 18, 1890

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Most Respectfully
Clayton Brave

Newlin Big Rock, Pine Ridge Agency
Age 32. at Carlisle 4 years
at Home 4 "
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency

June 9, 1890

Capt. R. H. Pratt.

Carlisle Pa.

Dear friend,

In answer to your
letter of recent date
I will say that I am
now 32 years old. And
went to Carlisle in 1882
I was in school 4 years.
I studied Reading writing
Arithmetic Geography &
Language. And I learn-
ed to talk English at
Carlisle

I frightened some before
I went to Carlsle. And
worked in the tinshop
at school.

Now I am farming
I earn no money for
there is no work for
me to do for anyone,
I live in my own
log house. I wear
citizens clothes. Am
married. have one
child dead. My wife
does not talk English
I attend Episcopal
church

I have got along very well since I left school.

The principle trouble I have is that I have very few tools to work with. The government does not furnish us with enough stirring plows & mowing machines.

And besides this is not a good farming country.

Last year while at the Agency when the Sioux Commission

was here my
crops were destroyed
by the cattle.

~~We~~ ought to have
reapers to cut our
wheat & oats. So far
we have no reapers
at all.

I have 20 acres plowed
Have 6 horses & 8 cows.
I would like to farm
more if I could get the
tool & more wire to fence
with. Yours truly
Newton B. Road.

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Newton Big Road. Pine Ridge Sioux
Age 32. at Carlisle 4 years
At home 4 years

Pine Ridge Agcy
June 9, 1890

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Carlisle Pa.
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I freighted some before I went to Carlisle. And worked in the tinshop at school.

Now I am farming I earn no money for there is no work for me to do for anyone. I live in my own log house. I wear citizen's clothes. Am married have one child dead. My wife does not talk English I attend Episcopal Church.

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I have 20 acres plowed Have 6 horses & 8 cows. I would like to farm more if I could get the tools & more wire to fence with.

Yours truly
Newton B. Road

Bark Nasm Chippewa Age 16 years
at Carlisle 4 1/2 years
Red Stone 1889
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Grand Rapids, Minn.,

June 18, 1890

R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I have
answered all ^{the} questions.

I went to the Normal
School of St. Cloud of this
state last fall the first
term. I could not return
for the rest of the year
on account of my mother's
poor health. I stayed at
home sent the children

who are younger than I am
to school. All of them went
to school nine months.

I also did the house
work. I am going to school
again next fall and winter
and teach in the spring.
Mr. de Laittre wanted me
to take a School this Spring
but I could not leave
home.

Madge and I are going
to take music lessons
this summer. Madge plays
in the Presbyterian Church.
She plays by ear.

We are both very well.

Yours truly,

Bertha Mason.

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Bertha Nason, Chippewa Age 16 years
at Carlisle 4½ years
Ret'd Home 1889

Grand Rapids, Minn.
June 18, 1890

R. H. Pratt.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have answered all the questions.

I went to the Normal School of St. Cloud of this state last fall the first term. I could not return for the rest of the year on account of my mother's poor health. I stayed at home sent the children

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who are younger than I am to school. All of them went to school nine months.

I also did the house work. I am going to school again next fall and winter and teach in the spring. Mr. deSaittre wanted me to take a school this spring but I could not leave home.

Madge and I are going to take music lessons this summer. Madge plays in the Presbyterian Church. She plays by ear.

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We are both very well.

Yours truly,
Bertha Nason

Nicholas J. J. J. Pueblo 5 years at
Department of the Interior, ^{Carlisle}
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, ^{Went Home 1889}
Age 20 years

Surgeon

June 1990, 1890

Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle Pa. Army Reserve
pursued - summer school.
I enclose you herewith
the man and to the
which you have submitted
in your last letter at the
same time present to the
to you that it is so for
I trust to keep in contact
of what we learn and what
school on account of the few
that for action and course.

If the Government could
reach more of us we might
do great good better

Yours Respectfully
Nicholas Ferriss

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Nicholosa Troncosa, Pueblo 5 years at Carlisle
Went Home 1889
Age 20 years

[location illegible]
June 17, 1890

Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle, Pa. Army [illegible]

Sir, [something]

I enclose you herwith the answers to the questions which you have submitted me in your last litter at the same time proves time to say to you is that it is hard for us Students to Keep in practice of what we learned whilst at school on account of the few U. S. practicaul course

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If the Government could back more of us we might do great just better.

Yours Respectfully
Nicolasa Troncosa

*Simon Smith Winnebago Age 28.
at Carlisle 2 years
June 1889*
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Winnebago Neb.
Capt R. H. Pratt. June 19th, 1890.
Dear Friend.

I received the letter
last week I am sorry that I
didn't answered right way I
will tell you the reason, why
I didn't write, I was very busy
last week working in the
Department barn, a man
work in this place he went
way to do some work for
himself, so I work in his
place, I get a dollar day
& my board that is all I

do the work in this place. I never
get any work by month I
always work by day since
I came back from Carlisle
I always working for my self
the first summer I came
back I didnt do any thing,
much, now this summer I
plant some corn but not much
I have only Ten acres because
I have no team to work with,
this I use in plowing a Oxen
team, we just use these team
only three or four days. now
I dont know what I am
going to do to culvated my

corn, I have to work for some
body, and use his team, some
boys get a team this summer
they went out to brake some
of their land, I like to go out
to brake some my land but
I cant do it. I got no team
to go, work with, I live with
my mother all the time since
I came back, & I always remem-
ber, barlisle, think about all
my friends at the school
I am getting along well
& happy at present. I hope
all my friends at barlisle
are doing well. excuse me

for a poor letter, & using no
ink I have no pen, so I use
my lead pencil I have not
much to say, all the girls
from Carlisle are wearing
Indian clothes I see them
most every day, This is all
I have to say to you this
time

From your
Friend

Simon Smith.

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Simon Smith, Winnebago Age 28
At Carlisle 2 years
At home 1889

Winnebago Neb.
June 19th 1890

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Dear Friend

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do the work in this place. I never get any work by month I always work by day since I came back from Carlisle I always working for my self the first summer I came back I didn't do any thing, much, now this summer I plant some corn but not much I have only ten acres because I have no team to work with, this I use in plowing a oxen team, we just use these team only three or four days. now I don't know what I am going to do to culvated my

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corn, I have to work for some body, and use his team, some boys get a team this summer they went out to brake some of their land, I like to go out to brake some my land but I cant do it. I got no team to go, work with, I live with my mother all the time since I came back, & I always remember, Carlisle, think about all my friends at the school I am getting along well & happy at present. I hope all my friends at Carlisle are doing well. excuse me

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for a poor letter, & using no ink I have no pen, so I use my lead pencil I have not much to say, all the girls from Carlisle are wearing Indian clothes I see them most every day, this is all I have to say to you this time

From your Friend,
Simon Smith

Charles Dagnely Quapaw. Age 17 at Cadets 24 years
Department of the Interior,
at home 1 year
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Quapaw Agency, I.T.

June 20, 1890

Hon. Com. of Ind. Affairs,
Washington City, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

In compliance with the
request of our good Supt.,
I submit the explanation
of Questions answered,

I was fourteen years when
I left for Carlisle, arriving
there Nov. 15-1887, I entered
the Tailor Shop Dec. 16-1887,
the following May I left Tailor-
ing & was Orderly until June

22 when I entered the printing
office, & followed that & mail-
carrying, also farming one sum-
mer, until I left Nov. 28-1890.

When I went, I entered the
7th grade, when I left, I
was in 12th, jr. class.

I had went to the Chapaw
Mission, some, before going
to Carlisle,

My father & mother were
both educated, & I was
brought up to speak English.

I was raised on a farm, &
tended to stock a good deal.
We have a large farm, but

out it, & I have no work
only to help find & stalk.

We live in a large Hwed log
house at present, though, we
expect to build soon, as the
land is allotted.

I have had very poor
health the last year, &
was not in school since
Nov. last, & returned for
my health.

We are living on my Step-
father's farm, Mr. J. W. Earley.

Though I have been among
the Indians, I have never
wore Indian attire, at all.

There is no certain church, that
holds meetings here. The
Quaker & Baptist have a Miss-
ionary here, they have a circuit
& come here twice a month.
considering all things I
have got along very well,
though the want of good
society & real civilization,
& - gather with bad health,
was & is my principal ob-
stacle.

I have not had my land
allotted yet, but will soon.
Closing, I am & remain,
Yours most Respt,
Charles Dagenett.

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Charles Dagnett. Quapaw. Age 14
at Carlisle 2 years
at home 1 year

Quapaw Agency I.T.
June 20, 1890

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Washington City, D.C.
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My father & mother were both educated, & I was brought up to Speak English. I was raised on a farm, & tended to stalk a good deal. We have a large farm, but

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We are living on my step-fathers farm, Mr. J. W. Earley. Though I have been among the Indians, I have never wore Indian attire, at all.

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There is no certain church that holds meetings here. The Quaker & Baptist have a Missionary here, they have a circuit & come here twice a month. considering all things I have got along very well, though the want of good society & real civilization, to-gather with bad health, was & is my principal obstacle.

I have not had my land allotted yet, but will soon. Closing, I am & remain,

Yours most Raspt,
Charles Dagenett

● Little Elk. Cheyenne. Age about 30.
at Carlisle 3 years Returned home 1884
(was a very good Baker at Carlisle)

Cheyenne & Lakota Agency
Darlington S. D.
June 14 1880

Capt. R. H. Pratt

My dear Sir -

I have had never thought
of Carlisle since I leave
at last I found letter
you sent. I have to write
letter as you want us
to tell you about our
drinks. you see my age
I am man enough
and have been school
very little. I use be
scout and I remain
scout inside three
years and there I use
get \$3. a month.

and I have just get
out scout this year.
Apt. it is very hard
there are great many
return children that
are going back in
Indian ways. Why
just because there is
no work to do. How we
going to keep up the
way that we have
learn. if you want
us to do right & want
us become like whites
do something for us.
Send something that
we may work at and
that will bring us
something to keep
up. I had have hard
time to find some
thing to do. when

School boy comes home
and have something
in his mind hope to
do it. And go to the
Agent Ask^{fr}unk. And
Agent Ansnⁿ I have
no work for you. and
What do you think
a boy will do. will
as long as his school
clothes else. and as soon
clothes past away
he is an Indian
ways. this is very
poor way to go.
There is no hope
us. as long as
this thing going
on this way we
will never turn
out any other way
Government ought do

something for educated
children. he ought
put all kinds shops
on every Agency.

this is all I have
to say to you.

I am one of
your old Carlisle
boy.
Wm. Little Blk.

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Little Elk. Cheyenne. Age about 30
At Carlisle 3 years Returned home 1884
(Was a very good Baker at Carlisle)

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency
Darlington I.Ter.
June 14, 1890

Capt. R. H. Pratt
My dear sir:

I have had never thought of Carlisle since I leave at last I found letter you sent. I hate to write letter, as you want us to tell you about are doings. you see my age. I am man enough and have been school very little. I use be scout and I remain scout inside three years and there I use got \$25 a month.

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and I have just get out scout this year. Aft. it is very hard there are great many return children that are going back in Indian ways. Why just because there is no work to do. How we going to keep up the way that we have learn. if you want us to do right & want us become like Whites do something for us. sent something that we may wrk at and that will bring us something to keep up. I had have hard time to find some thing to do. When

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School boy comes home and have something in his mind hope to do it. And go to the Agent ask for wrk. And Agent answer I have no wrk for you. And what do you think a boy will do. Will as long as his school clothes else. And as some clothes past away he is on Indian ways. this is very poor way Capt. there is no hope us. As long as this thing going on this way we will never turn out any other way. Government ough do

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something for educated children. he ough put all kinds shops on every Agencie. this is all I have to say to you.

I am one of your old Carlisle boy
Wm. Little Elk

James H. Miller Pueblo, Alcoma Age 22
at Pueblo 5 1/2 years
Returned home 1886.
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pueblo of Alcoma New Mexico.

June 18th, 1890.

Capt R. H. Pratt.

Dear Sir.

I received your question letter
last Sunday week ago which The
Honorable Commissioner of Indian
affairs wants it. I was quite surprised
to read & I will try answered all
The questions if I can, and
you may know that I am still
needed more education of The
American civilization. I hope this
will find you in a good comfortable life
still I am living yet, never had

any sickness to me ever since I returned
from school. my wife she is very
kind we have always lived with joyfully
she is a good housekeeper just
exactly good as an educated girl.
she always does what ever I
promised to do it.

But the trouble with her she
does not understand the
English as like we do. But
any how she is sitting by me
here now with ~~smiling~~ smiling
face wishing to see captain's
face.

Well I have large of fanner
and stocks & Ravek to keep

any stocks west of
McCarty I think it is good
enough for me to do these and
every thing going on
right well every day The
corn & wheat growing very
fine.

Yours sincerely friend

Jas. H. Miller.

of Acoma Indian

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James H. Miller, Pueblo Acoma Age 22
At Carlisle 5½ years
Returned home 1886

Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico
June 18th, 1890

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any sickness to me ever since return from school. my wife she is very kind we have always live with joyfully she is a good housekeeper just exactly good as an educated girl she always does whatever I promised to do it.

But the trouble with her she does not understand the English as like we do. But any how she is sitting by me here now with ~~samilly~~ smiling face wishing to see captain's face.

Well I have long of farmmer and stocks & Ranch to keep

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Our stocks west of McCanty I think it is good enough for me to so these and every things going an right well every day. The corn & wheat growing very fine.

Yours sincerely friend,
Jas. H. Miller,
of Acoma Indian

Plenty Living Bear. Rosebud Sioux Ag 22
Department of the Interior, *at Carlisle 8 yrs.*
Returned home 1889
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Rosebud Agency S. D.

June 29, 1890

My Dear Sir:

I am getting along first rat
We have nothing to work at
now because our Agent
would not gave us any
thing to work at it. he
just gave a white people
to do things to work at the
Agency so some of the
school boys has nothing
to do it and they didn't
have any wagon or some
other things too.

The Agent say he promise
us a buggy from the
Carlisle Barracks so we
would like to know
when it is time to
give them now. I could
not do any work this time
because my left hand
has been cutting off with
a rope. From yours

Plenty Living Bear

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Plenty Living Bear, Rosebud Sioux Age 22
at Carlisle 5 yrs
Returned home 1889

Rosebud Agency, S.D.
June 29, 1890

My Dear Sir:

I am getting along first rat. We have nothing to work at now because our Agent would not give us any thing to work at it. he just gave a white people to do things to work at the Agency so some of the school boys has nothing to do it and they didn't have any wagon o some other things too.

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From yours
Plenty Living Bear

Jesse Paul Neg Ponce - at Carlisle 8 years
Age 19 years
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, Returned home 1888.

Fort Lapwai, Idaho, Id.

June 20th, 1890.

Dear Sir.

I can not very well remember just the day and month I left my home, because I did not know then. I was quite small when I left my home (which was at the time Indian Territory), and could not work at any thing. Now about working at school I was about three years working on farms, and when I returned I went to working at black-

Smithung until I left Charlie
for home, and the time I spent
at the trade is about eight
months. I am employed
as an interpreter for a survey-
ing party which at work in
the Nez Perce Reservation.

Well most of the time since
I returned I have been in
some business. About two years
ago I was put again with
a surveying company, and
worked around here several
places. The question,
what particular trouble have
you had? I can not

am recovering well; I have
not been in ill health for
any time. I have no
farm at the present, but will
have one when the reservation
is surveyed,

This is all what
I can think and will close.

Yours truly
Jesse Paul

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Jesse Paul Nez Perce - at Carlisle 8 years
Age 19 years
Returned home 1888

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June 20th, 1890

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This is all what I can think and will close.

Yours truly,
Jesse Paul

John Dixon Pueblo Cochiti - Age 32.
at Carlisle 3½ years

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Returned 1886

Cochiti Pueblo, N. Mex.

June 21, 1890,

Capt. R. A. Pratt,

Dear friend-

I have just received your letter and the questions written on the back side. Friend, I have tried to answer all your questions truthfully. Since I have left the Carlisle School, have been to Albuquerque, working at my trade making \$30 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ a month and my board. After I left Albuquerque, and since January the last

I began to work with the
Surveyors. This party were, &
are surveying for the Rio Grande
Irrigation & C. Co.

Not very long ago ~~in~~ I came
back from that party. At the
present time I am at home.
Last two weeks Cyrus Dixon
^{and} I worked over to Peña Blanca,
for a mexican put up a building.
Cyrus has got married last two
months ago. I am sorry to let
you know that the two girls
whom were to Carlisle, and also
some of the boys, have gone back
to the same way of living and

doing superstitious things,
Most of the time when I am
at home, have trouble with
the old Indians, which they call
themselves (Los Principales)
They have tried many times to
force me to do some superstitious
dances; but I have not give up.
your advices, I am very afraid that
Cyrus Dixon, will do the same
because he has married an un-
educated Indian girl.

So dear friend, I am very anxious
to have your advice and opinion.
Would not be right for me to
apply, to be admitted to the

citizenship? I would like
to do this, for the reason is
that ~~bold~~ Indians or rather
Los Principales of each village,
say, no matter if we young
Indian boys & girls, were educated,
if we are not citizens, we are
obliged to do their Indian
superstitious dancing. And
I don't like to do them nasty
things, Please answer, P. O.

Pena Blanca,

I remain truly your servant.

John Dixon

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John Dixon Pueblo Cochiti. Age 32
At Carlisle 3½ years
Returned 1886

Cochiti Pueblo, N. Mex.
June 21, 1890,

Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Dear friend,

I have just received your letter and the questions written on the back side. Friend, I have tried to answer all your questions truthfully. Since I have left the Carlisle School, have been to Albuquerque, working at my trade making \$30.00 a month and my board. After I left Albuquerque, and since January the last

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I remain truly your servant.
John Dixon

Lorenzo Montez. Pueblo. at Carlisle 5 1/2 years
Department of the Interior, ^{Age 22.}
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, ^{Returned 1889}

Saad New Mexico.

June 30th, 1890

My dear sir:-

In answer to the question
I answered all, and is correct.
To give you further information
of my doings, at home, I
will say, that ever since
I came home, I have been very
busy and so will continue
in making the use of my
education gained at Carlisle.
I have been working in the
printing-office of Mr. Lorin
W. Brown, at \$30.00 Dollars per

South, and now as he sold
out his printing outfit I
struck out to find a place
in the office, and been work-
ing in the office of "El Monitor,"
published in Spanish at Taos.
But at present I feel obliged
to leave on account of the
dullness, the Company of
this paper haven't got enough
money they can't afford to pay
high wages. On Monday of next
coming week, I am going to
start out for "El Durango," Colo.
So you see I am trying to
better my education.

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I have a good deal of trouble
with my people of this village.
But you may bet, I win my
cases every time.

When Mr. dOrchester was out
here inspecting the Indian
Schools I reported to him
which I believe ~~has~~ has taking
in.

Respectfully your Student,
Lorenzo Martinez

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Lorenzo Martinez, Pueblo, at Carlisle 5½ years
Age 22,
Returned 1889

Taos, New Mexico
June 20th, 1890

My dear sir:

In answer to the questions I answered all, and is correct. To give you further informations of my doings at home, I will say, that ever since I came home, I have been very busy and so will continue in making the use of my education gained at Carlisle. I have been working in the printing office of Mr. Lorin W. Brown, at \$30.00 Dollars per

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month and now as he sold out his printing outfits I struck out to find a place in the office and been working in the office of "El Monitor," published in Spanish at Taos. But at present I feel obliged to leave on account of the dullness. the Company of this paper haven't got enough money they can't afford to pay high wages. On Monday of next coming week, I am going to start out for "El Durango," Colo. So you see I am trying to better my education.

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I have a good deal of trouble with my people of this village. But you may bet, I win my cases every time. When Dr. Dorchester was out here Inspecting the Indian schools I reported to him which I believe he has taking in.

Respectfully your Student,
Lorenzo Martinez

Isla Ovarita, Pueblo. at Carlisle 5 years

Department of the Interior, age - 19.

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, Returned 1888,

At Seama;

June 23, 1890

Dear Sir.

I suppose you
looking the questions to
answered. As I have been
at home for a long time.
And here I am trying to
do my best what had
learn in this Carlisle
So I hope try more best.
What ever I can do.
If only God will help me
to do my ~~best~~ best.
I should ~~and~~ said that

I am going out West
to work again.

The same men I am going
to live with him his
wife & tell their very nice
people I work for them
at Section. So I know
them their are very
kind to me always.
so I like to go very much.

My parents send their
best regards to you all.
Also I send my wish
to you all
I am Your Friend,
Istea Owastea.

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Istea Owastea, Pueblo at Carlisle 5 years

Age 19

Returned 1888

At Seama

June 23, 1890

Dear Sir,

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I am going out West to work again. The same men I am going to live with him his wife I tell their very nice people I wrok for them at section. So I know them their are very kind to me always. so I like to go very much. My parents send their best regards to you all. Also I send my wish to you all.

I am your friend,

Istea Owastea

*Maggie Bell - Pine Ridge Sioux
Age 24 - at Carlisle 5 years*
Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency.

June 13, 189...

Capt R. H. Pratt.

Dear Sir.

I have received the questions that you send me, and I have been thinking what I am going to say. Well I am getting along very well and happy, and good house keeper. I am always happy with my husband, and I want to tell you these. My husband is learn more than any of the

School boy, so I am not
forgot what I am learned.
My husband and I study
the lessons some times so
my old man is talking some
English and also my baby.
is learning how to talk in
English too. and I also teach
him to read some too. My
baby is about three years
old now. I have just one
yet. well Capt Pratt you
have told us that we
must tell the truth to answer
those questions. so I will try
and tell the truth. some

times I get into trouble but
I am always trying hard
and keep going on do all
the best I can. as I am
always ask God to help
me to do all the right ways.
and I am sure I never
never wear Indian clothes
since I come back from the
school. My husband has
8 acres ^{of land} and he is good ^{with} of all
the Indians so our Boss James
is know very well about us.
I wanted to tell you one
thing well. poor James Fry
is died two years ago. so

no one can not answer his
questions. I am not work
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this letter to and write with
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school teacher here that write
and answer the questions for them.
I will be ashamed if some one else
write the letter for me. Don't
you? Yours truly
Maggie Guy Bett.

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Maggie Belt Pine Ridge Sioux
Age 26 – at Carlisle 5 Years

Pine Ridge Agency
June 13, 189

Capt. R. H. Pratt
Dear Sir,

I have received the questions that you send me, and I have been Thinking what I am going to Say. Well I am getting along very well and happy and good house keeper. I am always happy with my husband and I want to tell you These. My husband is learn more than any of the

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School boys, So I am not forgot what I am learned. My husband and I study the lessons some times so my old man is talking some English and also my baby is learning how to talk in English too. and I also teach him to read some too. My baby is about three years old now. I have just one yet. well Capt. Pratt you have told us that we must tell the truth to answer those questions. So I will try and tell the truth. Some

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times I get into trouble but I am always trying hard and keep going on do all the best I can. as I am always ask God to help me to do all the right ways. and I am sure I never never wear Indian clothes since I come back from the school. My husband has 8 acres of land and he is a good work of all the Indians so our Boss Framer is know very well about us. I wanted to tell you one thing well poor James Fox is died two year ago, so

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Yours truly
Maggie Guy Belt

John Roots Pine Ridge Sioux
age 24 yrs at Carlisle 7. years
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Pine Ridge Agency
S. Dak June 12, 1890

Captain Pratt,

My Dear friend

I am going to write a few
lines to you this evening
to let you know that
I am well and also tell you
that I seen something last
week I mean LeLaton
B raver I saw him and
he wear Indian clothing
on. and rest of are doing
well. I am work on farm
at home I will tell you

that I am married last
the 13 of April 1890. but I am
married an Educate woman
she from Genoa Mass.
she talk English and write
and she knows how to
take care of house. I had a
big house but it is good
and my own to.

Dear friend Capt

I am always remember
you all and others my
white friends in the
Bucks County. now this
is all I have to say to
you I am one of

your school boy
and friend

John C. Rooks

write to me again
if you please
send my love to you
all good by.

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John Rooks, Pine Ridge Sioux
age 21 yrs, at Carlisle 7 years

Pine Ridge Agency
S. Dak. June 12, 1890

Captain Pratt,
My Dear friend,

I am going to write a few lines to you this evening to let you know that I am well and also tell you that I seen something last week I mean Claton Brave. I saw him ~~and~~ he wear Indian clothing on and rest of are doing well. I am work on farm at home I will tell you

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that I am married last the 13 of April 1890. but I am married an educate woman she from Genoa Neb. she talk English and write and she knows how to take care of house. I had a log house but it is good and my own to.

Dear Friend Capt. I am always remember you all and others my white friends in the Bucks County. now this is all I have to say to you I am one of

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your school boy and friend.
John C. Rooks
write to me again if you please
send my love to you all good by.

Age. $12\frac{1}{2}$ years. at Carlisle $4\frac{1}{2}$ years

Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Grand Rapids Minn

June 19th, 1892

My dear captain

I am getting along very nicely. I have been working about the house ever since I left Carlisle.

I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I go to school and study, reading arithmetic, geography,

physiology, grammar and spelling. I could not read and talk english before going to Carlisle

I only could say yes and
no. I learned to do so
many things at Carlisle
school.

Madge Nason.

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Age 12½ years, at Carlisle 4½ years

Grand Rapids Min.

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Madge Nason

Dana Long Wolf Sioux Peni Red
4 years at Carlisle, Age 28 yrs.

FOUNTAIN
Lancaster Nebr.

June 22. 1890.

Dear Friend R.H. Pratt

I am very glad to get Your
welcome letter. Glad very
much please to hear from
You. That You have not for-
get me yet. and now, my friend
I will answer Your letter
soon as possible, & let You
know about that I have being
State Prison about seven months
ago. Since I being convict at
K. S. P. my sentence was
received for seven years at
hard labor at Penitentiary,
So, I can not say anything
about my home because
I am being convict already any-
more. but, I think, I will try to

make up my mind write
You a letter Today. and now.
I never was a Donkey once yet
When I was here. but. I dare
try to make a man of my
self like civilization Since
I know I'm not half worthy
of any body else in the whole
country. but I've tried my
best as I can. because. the
Bible is the Word of God. We
should value it very highly.
What a blessing it is that
We are permitted Read it How
great affliction to be deprived
of this Privilege. The following
narrative illustration of
this truth is exceedingly touching.
and I am here is I feel my
self ^{to be} a sinner. I desire to
learn the way of Salvation.
And now. Dear friend.
Do you know that I am

Indian Boy from Pine
Ridge agency. S.D. I could
not answer some of
Your question because I
was not at P. R. A. S.D.

R. H. Pratt Sir I am very
glad to the kind and affectionate
interest You have ever
expressed in my sister Hattie
or Lizzie. leads me to feel
assured that in and,

Perhaps You will think it
strange. that I should write
upon such a subject as I
intend to and perhaps also
after telling you that I hope
I am a follower of the Lamb.
You will wonder that I have
not said anything to you before
I will tell you my friend
why I have not. it is because
my own wicked heart
would not permit me to but.

I am determined, & feared ^{my} on
no more, but with ^{my} whole
soul, and, I want you
write to me again. Tell
me. How is getting on
at Carlisle my sister
at Hattie L. May L. L. W.
Emma B. Bonnett. as.
I wish you tell her Hattie
that I want her write
to me any time she
wants. I am getting along
very well. at present.
I am your truly friend
I am here for nothing
David Long Staff.
but, my name is
Thomas Skunk Head 1651
Lancaster Mass.

write soon.

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Dana Long Wolf, Sioux Pine Ridge
4 years at Carlisle, Age 25 yrs.

Lancaster Nebr.
June 22, 1890.

Dear Friend R. H. Pratt

I am very glad to get your welcome letter. Was very much pleased to hear from you. That you have not forget me yet and now my friend I will answer your letter soon as possible & let you know about that I have been in state prison about seven months ago. Since I have been convicted at N. S. P. my sentence was for seven years at hard labor at Penitentiary. So I can not say anything about my home because I am being convicted already now but I think I will try to

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make up my mind write you a letter today and now I never was a donkey once yet when I was here but I have tried to make a man of myself like civilization since I know I'm not half worthy of anybody else in the whole convicts. but I've tried my best as I can because the Bible is the Word of God. We should value it very highly. What a blessing it is that we are permitted to read it. How great affliction to be deprived of this privilege. The following narrative illustration of this truth is exceedingly touching and I am here I feel myself to be a sinner. I desire to learn the way of salvation. And now dear friend, do you know that I am

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I am determined I feared no more but with my whole soul and I want you write to me again. tell me. How is getting on at Carlisle my sister Hattie L. Wolf, L. L. W. Emma B. Boneth. as I wish you tell her Hattie that I want her write to me any time she wants. I am getting along very well at penitentiary.

from your truly friend I am here for nothing
Dana Long Wolf, but my name is Thomas Skunk Head 1651
Lancaster Nebr.
write soon.

*Maria Chiviri Age 20 years
at Castle 1 1/2 years
at home 8 years*
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Isleta A & P Junction N.M.

June 13, 1892

Dear Teacher,

In reply to your
letter of inquiry I will tell you
how I have been doing, since
I was in your School
part of the time I have
been doing house works
for Americans and
part of the time with
my parents helping them
with there work
the farming reace stack
sheep cattle and horse and

goats hogs we have
a good crops of fruit
peaches apples plums
pears quinces and
grapes the latter
supplies us with wine
it not good for us
if we drink to much.

Very Respectfully
Maria Chivini

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Maria Chiwiwi, Age 20 years
at Carlisle 1 ½ years
at home 5 years

Isleta A. & P. Junction N.M.
June 13, 1890

Dear Teacher,

In reply to your letter of inquiry I will tell you how I have been doing since I had in your School. part of the time I have been doing house works for Americane and parts of the time with my parents helping them with there work. The farming reace stack sheep cattle and horse and

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goats hogs we have a good crops of first peaches apples plums pears quinces and grapes. the latter supplies us with wine. it not good for us if we drink to much.

Very Respectfully
Maria Chiwiwi

Emily Jackson Klorer Age 20 years
Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, ^{at Carlisle 3 years}
^{at home 1883.}

from
your school
girl
Emily Jackson

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Dear Cap R H Pratt

I was very glad
to hear from you and
made me feel very happy in
deed. so I thought I would
like to answered it. and tell
you all about in our home.
and what we are doing here.
and how we are getting along
since I been from Carlisle. I
been very well all the time
never get bad sick. I stay in
Indian Camp in four years

and never for get what I have
been learning from Carlisle
I doing very nicely. I keep out
clearn and keep out my self.
But one thing I dont felt
like it. That I stay in old
Indian Camp. some time I think.
I wish I do stay in a good
house. some time made me
cry. Because I think I will
never never turn back that
to in old way. That I stay
at Carlisle. because I am in
Indian now. But I hope not.
I will try again and take a
place in some where. and work.

Dear Capt Pratt I do like to stay
in the white man house and learn
some thing and I want my children
be in school and learn some thing.
I dont like to keep me in old
bad Indian camp. I am married ^{now}
my ^{husband} is a school boy he know
some things. I made him work
he dont do like the Indian
man do. he is not a lazy
man. I married Paul Tsitkape
~~own~~ brother. he is talk good
white man too. Now one thing
my father want to tell you.
about my Indian dress. That long
time Duck of S. take my dress

some thing that no all it is getting dark
these questions and tell your more
if I hear from you, I will
I will look for your letter
that no all Dear R. B. Pratt
my father say. That you must
write to Duck and tell him my
father and I are very poor
and that Duck must send me
some^{thing} by this time, money or
any thing which he dont
mead it. be sure and tell
him. Because he take my
nice Indian dress. But
he dont much give me
any thing. and he dont much
paid. That dress cost 2 good
houses, to get that dress
me will look for it after
this. please be sure and write ^{it}

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Emily Jackson, Kiowa Age 20 years
at Carlisle 3 years
at Home 1883

Dear Cap R H Pratt

I was very glad to hear from you and made me felt very happy indeed. So I thought I would like to answered it and tell you all about in our home and what we are doing here and How we are getting along since I been from Carlisle. I been very well all the time never get bad sick. I stay in Indian Camp in four years

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and never for get what I have been learning from Carlisle I doing very nicely. I keep out clearn and keep out my self. But one thing I don't felt like it. That I stay in old Indian Camp some time I think. I wish I do stay in a good house some time made me cry. Because I think I will never never turn back ~~that~~ to in old way. That I stay at Carlisle because I am in Indian now. But I hope not. I will try again and take a place in some where and work.

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Dear Capt. Pratt I do like to stay in the white man house and learn some thing and I want my Children be in school and learn some thing I don't like to keep me in old bad Indian Camp. I am married now my husband is a school boy he know some things. I made him work he don't do like the Indian man do. he is not a large man. I married Paul Tsaitkofs own brother. he is talk good white man too. Now one thing my father want to tell you about my Indian dress. That long time Duck of S. take my dress

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my father say. That you must write to Duck and tell him my father and I we are very poor and that Duck must send me some thing by this time, money or any thing which he dont need it. be sure and tell him. Because he take my nice Indian Dress. But he dont much give me any thing and he dont much paid. That dress cost 2 good houses, to get that dress we will look for it after this. please be sure and write to it.

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That is all dear R H Pratt I will look for you letter if I hear from you, I will more writing and tell you more some thing. that is all it is getting dark now.

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from your school girl
Emily P Jackson

Age 18 years. at Carlisle 2 years

Refer in reply to the following.....

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Smith Agency
Washington,
D.C.

June 13, 1889

Dear friend Capt. R. H. Pratt

I will write a letter to you I will answer these questions but I can not answer all but I will do the best I can. And I am in the School that is the reason I can't tell you much but they are getting along very well in there living. some of them have farms but some don't. and I want to know about your training school how they are getting along in there studies I like to be there again that is the best school I know this is a school but they can't stop the Indian language that is why they don't know how to talk English and I want to know how many children you have in the school and I can not say much in this letter but I will tell you that two of

the boys that was at Carlisle, when we came
back they did I think you heard of that
but I don't know of it and I am well
in the school and getting along very well
in my studies that is all I will say this
evening Good bye.

Your truly friend.

Moses H. Livingston

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Age 18 years, at Carlisle 3 years

Sisseton Agency Dak. June 13, 1890

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the boys that was at Carlisle, when we came back they died. I think you heard of that but I don't know of it. and I am well in the school and getting along very well in my studies. that is all I will say this evening. Good bye.

Your truly friend.
Moses H. Livingston

Benj. Simon Navajo Age 22
at Carlisle 5 years
at Home 3 "

Navajo Boarding School
Fort Defiance
A. T.

June 13th 1890

Dear friends:

I have been wanted to write
you for some time, now I take this to write
you a few lines. I have been working hard ever since I
came back from your School. I am school teacher at
the Agency, but we have got the poor Agent the
Agent. The Navajo do not like him. The Navajo
says they will not send any more children under
him. Why cant we have a good Agent for the
Navajo. I wanted to send one of my brother to
your school with Mr Mooney. but the Agent said
he can not go with Mr Mooney. I think you can
get some children from ^{here} if I send my three
brothers to your school. Mr Mooney was the best

Superintendent that ever been put at the school.
all the boys were sorry to see him leave and so are
the Indians. I would like to see and all the
other. I was very sorry for my brother ^{for not} going out
in east to get an education. John Watchman
said you are the best man ^{that} ever came out here
to see them ^{and} to get children. I am well here at
the pleasant time. Hoping that you are all
the same. Send best regard to you and to
my teacher. Your friend

Benj. Lamont

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Benj. Damon Navajo Age 22

At Carlisle 5 years

At home 3 years

Navajo Boarding School

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Your friend

Benj. Damon

Tawaka's Story: Pueblo Age 20
at Carlisle 6 Years

U. S. Indian Industrial School,

Albuquerque N. Mex.
June 13 1890.

Capt Pratt.

My dear Sir, -

I will to answer you
letter all I can, I am not used it so well
in English speaking, but I say I will try to
tell you all I can think of. Well, first thing
is my age I suppose about twenty or very near
it. But before I know how to talk English
I went to Carlisle Indian School in the year
1884, and I continue there five years that is the
first time I went to school I ever did before.
I begin the first letters A, B, C. so on.

After I studying the lesson it consequence

every day conquer my studies and more
meditating about how to learn by the
way talking in english. It is very difficult
for me how to pronounce a words in
proper way. First thing I work in tailor
shop learning how to make uniform, I was
in that shop about 6 or 7 month and I earn
\$1.04. and one day I went to see the Capt.
Pratt on account of going out from tailor shop
and go to work in carpenter shop, and he
said all right you may work in carpenter

shop, and I went to work at about three or four
month, and then he sent me out on the
country farm to work, it was in June 1883.
I work on farm two years out there, and I
return to Carlisle school again in the year
1887. I had hard time of why I was working
at on farm that is the speak english language
it hard to understand what ever he tells me
to do he got to take me over there and show
me what is to be done. Since I leave at
Carlisle in July 9, th 1889, very near one year
from this month, now I am attending school
again in Albuquerque N. Mex. I came here last
Nov. 1889, about 8 month ago, since that I started
up to be tailor again to making the uniforms
for the boys to wear on sundays. But before
that they did not have no tailor shop.

Now we have uniforms all boys except those
little boys they did not have uniforms.
Still I work yet in my trade. I attend in
presbyterian church in town. We go to Sunday
every Sunday mornings. Walk down is about
two miles from here to go down.

Your respectfully Friend.

Tawkieh Heotyi

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Tawkich Heotyi, Pueblo Age 20
At Carlisle 5 years

U.S. Indian Industrial School.
Albuquerque N. Mex.
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Your respectfully Friend,
Tawkich Heotyi

Age 20, at Carlisle 14 years at Home 3 yrs

Pine Ridge Agency S. D.

Jan 18/1890.

Dear School father,

Capt R. H. Pratt.

I want to say a few words, to let you know that I am still working at the Pine Ridge.

Col H. D. Gallagher has giving me a position in Oglalla Boarding School, under Mr. Malugen, who is the Supt. of this school Mr. Learner Three Stars used to have this position but he is resigned it, so I am now a principal of the boys at this school, and I like my work, very much, the teachers are all help me so I am enjoying very much.

I remain one your heartlie

Students

Wallace Charging Shield.

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Age 20, at Carlisle 4 years, at Home 3 years

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