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United States Indian Service,
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,
CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec 1st, 1879

Dear Mr. Hayt

At the close of Nov. I am glad to inform you that, except colds, we are all in the best of health. Not one absent from meals.

I shall have a sample of the uniform I propose, ready in a few days and will send down to you for confirmation. I find nothing so cheap and durable as the light blue.

My corps of assistants is about complete and the report required will be sent in this week.

I have found a substantial and very fair clerk at \$50. As my reports

and Returns will require as much work as most agencies a Clerk seems to be indispensable.

It seems as though the Ord. Supt would be taken away. I should like to keep him until Spring. The drainage will need to be thoroughly overhauled; and his eight years here will aid not a little in that, as well as other important renovations.

The Chapel walls are up on faith in your verbal sanction. No official written ^{authority yet.}
We improve so, in control, morally, over both boys and girls that I almost regret saying as much as I did about separate education.

St. Brown is getting the kinks out of the boys rapidly. Some of them are perfect little devils to fight and play the mischief. They

have been stealing Bogies tobacco, and the smallest of them indulging in heavy smoking. I delay a rule against smoking until we see what can be done by moral suasion. Am getting beef at \$5.49 and groceries at about Army prices with freight added.

American Horse and several of the Chiefs have written about the Spring visit. That is going to be a Capital thing.

Respectfully
Balt