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My dear Doctor:-

I thank you most cordially for your valuable appreciation of my paper. It warms me with the old time gratitude and courage I need to have when all you Secs of the College stood by me so unflinchingly in days of struggle and beginning,

Ever since my three years '75 to '78 with the hardened old Indian prisoners in Fla. leaders among their people, I have been saying that "three years can be made to settle our Indian problem". I said it to Frances Willard when she was my guest at the School in 1888. She asked How? I replied "distribute the Indians proportionately throughout all our Counties giving about nine to a County. Avoid placing any two in the same neighborhood. Have them work for and live with our people and in three years they will have the language and enough skill and industry, courage and desire to continue that life to enable them to go on to perfection, and if turned loose from Bureau control the great mass would do that." I know

this poor handling those tough old men.
Every experience at Carlisle confirmed
the first experience. Miss W. in her
"Glimpses of Fifty Years" quotes me
warmly page 543.

As far as I can discover my
enemies have succeeded against
me largely by whispering "Pratt
crazy," and reversing the policy,
commanding back to tribal life
instead of coaxing out to live in
civil life. My Lloyd teaching to
handle the tools and create the
things of our life is wiped out
and so called "Judian Art" substi-
tuted that the past may hold on
to them. Where is the help? To what
does it aspire. Turn the very teachers
of "Judian Art" loose to make a
living among our people, out of
it and they will stave into other
employments in a jiffy.

I'd like an old time talk with you
immensely.

Cordially yours

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Capt Prater
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