

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Genoa, Nebraska, July 7, , 1891.

Capt. R.H.Pratt,
Sup't. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter dated June 19, 1891, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, enclosing a letter from the Rev. Anastasius Czech, in which he requests that he may be allowed to visit our school "for the purpose of giving religious instructions to Albert and Joseph Nash, who are Catholics, and to such other Catholic children as may be attending the school".

The Indian Office calls for a report and before making the same I would respectfully request your advice in regard to the matter.

A short time ago the Episcopalians desired the privilege of holding communion at this school during the morning hours. This would interfere with the industrial work and school exercises. Now comes Father Czech and requests the same privilege.

We have religious services twice on Sunday and allow our pupils to attend a church of their own selection each Sunday morning.

Do you allow any particular Church services held at your school? Would you allow Methodists, Episcopalian, or Catholics to hold their particular services at your school, because there might be one, two, or more, of your children, belonging to one of these churches.

Any advice or information you may give will be considered confidential and thankfully received.

Very respectfully,

W. B. Backus,

Superintendent.

J.M.P.