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*Gen. R.H. Pratt,
Berkeley, Calif.*

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My Dear Old School Father:—

*It is with great pleasure
that I write you these few lines.*

*You don't know how my
blood tinkled when I opened a
letter addressed to me at my
home town, which was forwarded
here, and found your name and
address; and this good and
pleasant opportunity to write you
once more.*

*I can't help but think of
my dear old school days at Carlisle
and the wonderful things she has
done for me, and the greatest
pleasure, to graduate under
your leadership of that once great
school for the American Indian.*

*I am not a shining star
but, Daddy Dear, I have been
plugging along and still climbing*

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to a higher round on the ladder which I hope to surmount some of these days.

Things have not all be easy I have had my ups and downs, but they all were stepping stones to my present position, that as one of Oklahoma's assistant state Highway Engineers.

I like my work and am learning new things every day that will put me into a position that I can be proud of.

I am married and have a nice little family of two boys and one girl, still a small baby and a dear wife that can't be beat in this wide, wide world for me.

My brothers, Michael, and John both ex Carlisle student are farming and making good.

There are lots of things I would like to write about but I am

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so excited over this grand opportunity
that I can't think.

Don't forget to write me a
letter when you can, for you never
fail to give us old children of
yours good advice. Remember,
your old slogan "stick-to-it-tive-ness"
well I do.

Give my best regards to Mother
Pratt for I often think of her
and the kindness to me when I
was Richards playmate at Carlisle.

Dear General, God bless you on
your coming 80th birthday may
you enjoy many more before
God takes you to him.

With love and best of regards
to you and Mrs Pratt.

Loving Son

Geo E. Balenti
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