

Philadelphia
322 S. 21st Street.

February 24th. 1903.

My dear Colonel R. L. Kate.

I have read the sad facts
received yesterday from you,
of the controversy over your
retirement. After your long
and splendid service to the
country, as Superintendent of the
United States Indian Industrial
School at Carlisle, in my
judgment, the fullest appreciation
the War Department could confer

on you, would not begin to express the far-
reaching and permanent influence of your
work, in educating the Indians to become
good American citizens. Surely, the same
consideration for promotion, granted to
others, should be conceded to you, and it is
wonderful to me, that it has been withheld.
I cannot realize that the President is fully
aware of the high honor you have brought to
the Army since October 1879, when the
eighty two Sioux boys and girls, in blankets,
with long hair and painted faces, arrived
at the School - the first of the many
hundreds, who have been educated and
trained in varied industries, under your able
and persevering leadership. Surely the country
needs you where you are. Yours faithfully
To Capt. R. H. Pratt
Carlisle Indian School.
May H. Brown.