

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,
Washington.

May 16, 1891.

Capt. R. W. Pratt.
Supt. Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.,

Sir:-

This letter will introduce Dr. Frank Boas, Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Special Agent in charge of the Section of Physical Anthropology in the Department of Ethnology, World's Columbian Exposition, who wishes to take some measurements of children of various races and regions as a basis for scientific study of the relation between the growth of body and the development of mind, and the growth of body as influenced by sanitary condition.

Any assistance that you may be able to give him I am assured will aid in the advancement of a very important study.

Very respectfully

C. D. Harris

Commissioner.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, CHICAGO, 1893.

DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY AND ARCHÆOLOGY.

F. W. PUTNAM,
Professor of American Archaeology and Ethnology,
Harvard University,
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

SUB-DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY,

DR. FRANZ BOAS IN CHARGE.

CLARK UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER, MASS.

Worcester, Mass., June 6, 1891.

Captain R. H. Pratt,

Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Sir, - we intend to include in the Ethnological Exhibit of the World's Columbian Exposition a series of charts showing the distribution of types of man and of the growth of children of various races and of the ^{same} race under varying conditions. For this purpose I desire to take a series of measurements in schools. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has authorized me to take such measurements in all schools in charge of the Department and, as enclosed letter will show Mr. W.T. Harris will recommends the investigation. I should like to visit your school the coming Fall in order to take a series of measurements the scope of which will become clear from enclosed blank. I shall be indebted to you if you will kindly allow me to take these measurements. I beg to ask your advise as to which time of the year would be most suitable for this purpose.

I am, dear sir,

Yours very respectfully,

Franz Boas.

No.

MALE.

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|---|---|
| 1. Observer. | HAIR: black, brown, light brown, blonde,
golden, red, grey. |
| 2. Name. | Straight, wavy, curly. |
| 3. Place of observation. | EYES: black, dark brown, light brown,
grey-blue. |
| 4. Date of observation. | |
| 5. Age. Estimated. | Crosssections of root of nose: 1. 2. 3. |
| 6. Tribe. | Nose: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. |
| 7. Place of birth. | Point of nose: short, long. |
| 8. Tribe of father. | Nostrils: 1. 2. 3. |
| 9. Tribe of mother. | Ear: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. |
| 10. Mode of life. | Lobe: attached, detached.

Round, triagonal, square, divided.

Color of skin. |

No.

MALE.

1. Height standing.

7. Length of head.

2. Height of shoulder.

8. Breadth of head.

3. Height of point of second finger.

9. Distance from root of nose
to chin.

Length of arm.

4. Fingerreach.

10. Width of face.

5. Height sitting.

11. Height of nose.

6. Width of shoulders.

12. Width of nose.

INDICES.

1. Arm.

1. Length-breadth.

2. Fingerreach.

2. Length-height.

3. Height sitting.

3. Face.

4. Width of shoulders.

4. Nose.