

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Oglala Boarding School,  
Pine Ridge, S.D.  
Aug. 17, 1901.

Col. R. H. Pratt,  
Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir;

I have shown your letter of the 8th inst. to Agent Brennan and at his request write you again.

Mr. Brennan asks me to say that he forwarded your letter and the order of the Commissioner to Mr. Robertson with the information that Mr. Robertson would be given 30 day's leave of absence in which to do the work if he chose to go. It was provided that Mr. Robertson secure some one to do his school work and it was suggested that Mrs Robertson might do this. I have seen this letter or the press copy. I have also seen the copy of the letter of Mr. Dew and in all the correspondence do not see anything unfriendly to Carlisle. The Agent tells me that Mr. Robertson did not write in answer to the letter but after some time came in and said that he did not want to go at that time; this is the only reason so far as the Agent or I know, that the effort was not made to get up the party for Carlisle last winter.

I did not have much business with Mr. Dew during the short time we were here together but can say of the Agent that if he was



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opposed to Carlisle or any other place he would not hesitate to say so in plain terms. He objects to the phrase " Knowing the disposition against us at that time" etc.

Mr. Brennan has just told me that the same proposition is open to Mr. Robertson that was during the winter and he can have the leave to take the party if he can arrange for his school to go on and this can probably be done without difficulty. Mr. Robertson has never mentioned the matter to me but I shall be glad to offer him assistance so far as is possible.

Having seen so much of narrowness in the Service at other places and having seen evidences of its former existence here I feel that you will pardon me for expressing the belief that the opposition on the part of employees to the transfer of pupils from this reservation does not now exist. Having myself indulged in some strong statements concerning Indian Agents in general and in particulars, I hope you will pardon me further for the statement that Carlisle, as other schools, will get as fair treatment here as the Agent is able to give.

Allen has written me of his acceptance of the position with you which, of course, seals my personal allegiance.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Brown

Superintendent.

We have taken in your Alice American House as Asst. Landchess  
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