

[1909 May 30]

Dear General Pratt.

Can you imagine who is writing to you? I have not written to you for a long time but we have not forgotten our School-father.

Nellie Denny sent us the Carlisle Daily Herald that contains your address that was given at Germantown. We enjoyed reading it and did us all lot of good.

I was glad to get the paper.

Well, I am no more Anna Gojytney but am now Mrs. Fred Canfield. I suppose you remember Fred, as he was the Art teacher at Carlisle under your administration.

Since our marriage we have been so happy and more so after our dear little girl came. Helen will soon be a year old and she is a dear. We have been in Juni since the fall of 1907. Fred is the teacher and I a house-keeper. We have enjoyed our work among these Indians.

Have you ever been to Juni?

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Lately we have been having very bad sand storms that we have not been able to plant anything. My sister Martha Day is with us. She graduated from Carlisle this spring. I hope she will get a school by fall.

We are expecting a short visit from Misses Bommeroy & Will. We shall be so glad to see them and have them see how we live in the far south-west.

We have a nice dwelling house with four large rooms and a wood shed. My husband is a worker and is not afraid of any kind of work, so we shall never be in want and of course I try to do my share of work. We are very comfortably fixed. Wish you could see our house. There are no Carlisle students among the Zunis. Many of the girls and boys have been to Albuquerque or Phoenix and all have gone back to their native dress and do not do much work. When you talk to some of these school children they just won't answer you in English. I get so provoked with them and I let them know it too. The Zunis as a whole are not very progressive.

The Gurus cling very closely to their own religion and customs. There is a Christian Reform Church here but it has not many followers.. all prefer their own religion.

So you visited dear old Carlisle? and how glad the students must have been to see their true friend and school father. My sister did not see you as she was in the Hospital with the measles.

I wish I had been there to greet you too. How glad we were to hear of Mercer's removal. we fairly danced over it. It was a good riddance of a bad rubbage.

How are you and Mrs. Pratt?

If you have time. let us hear from you. I will now close by sending our best love + wishes to you & Mrs. Pratt.

I remain one of your old school - daughter.

Anna G. Canfield.

Guri, New Mexico.

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