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Harry Cole

100 Atlantic Ave.

N. Long Branch -

N. J.

Dec. 1911.

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Overcoming Obstacles.

In a letter to Supt. Friedman, Harry K. Cole has this to say of himself: "I realize what a great mistake I made in leaving Carlisle as I did in 1907. When I entered the school I was in delicate health, but the training which I received while there made of me a strong and healthy man, in fact stronger than the average; for this I most gratefully thank Carlisle. In the years that have passed I have had many ups and downs, mostly downs, but the "ups" are beginning in earnest now, and in consequence, I am glad to tell you that I own a good home here in Long Branch, New Jersey. I am married to a half-breed Apache and I hope, some day, to take my wife to Carlisle."

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Supt. M. Friedman, 303 February 27, 1912

U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa

Dear Friend

I received your letter & was very glad to hear from you. I can not answer these letters immediately, as of course you know that they have to be forwarded, & some times forwarded again & again, from one place to another.

If there is a possible chance of my wife & myself visiting Carlisle at Commencement time, we will be there, for I know that my wife will enjoy the exercises.

Enclosed find a Money Order for fifty cents, (50¢) per one year subscription for the Red Man.

With best wishes I remain yours truly
Harry R. Cole.

No 100 Atlantic Ave,
North Long Branch,
N. J.

No order

for money enclosed

HRC

March 2, 1912.

Mr. Harry K. Cole
100 Atlantic Ave.,
North Long Branch, N.J.
Dear friend:-

I have your letter dated February 27th and am glad to know of the possible chance of your visiting us at Commencement time. We shall be glad to welcome both you and your wife.

You state in your letter that you enclose a money order but I found none enclosed. The order was to pay for a subscription to our school magazine, the Red Man.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Supt. W. Friedman,
Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa.

March 6th 1912

Dear Sir

In the last letter that I sent to you, I forgot to enclose a money order for fifty cents (.50+), the price of the Red Man for one year, you will find it enclosed in this letter.

Is there any-body at the school, "I mean a student," that would write me a lecture on the advancement of the indian, I would like a lecture that I could explain to the whites, that the Indian can really speak english, & that they are not ignorant & blood-thirsty as the moving pictures & dime novels picture them, I would like a lecture that would name over some indians that are holding prominent positions, & to let them know what Carlisle is doing for the Indian. Now if there is a student that would like to earn some money, here is a chance, "with your permission?" Wishing you success
I remain yours Harry K. Cole.

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No 100 Atlantic Ave,
North Long Branch,
New Jersey.

Receipt for M. O.
mailed Mar. 11 1912
E. H.

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March 9, 1912.

Mr. Harry K. Cole
100 Atlantic Ave.,
North Long Branch, N.J.
Dear friend:-

I have your letter and am sending you under separate cover an issue of the Red Man containing an address on the Carlisle Graduate and Returned Student given by Sigeni J. Nori, Class 1894, at last year's Commencement. I think this will answer your purpose.

The money order for \$.50 has been sent to the Print Shop and your magazine will be sent you in due time.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

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NAME Harry K. Cole Feb. 27th 1912

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Anna De Bride, widow

2. What is your present address? No 100 Atlantic Ave, Long Branch, N.J.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? No Give names of schools and dates if possible

4. What is your present occupation? Vandiville Actor

5. Tell something of your present home. My home is in the best part of Long Branch

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have? I own my home which is valued at about \$ 2,500.

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? No

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?.....

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9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life:

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Harry Cole

BARRE (Vt.) TIMES

MAY 24, 1911

There is a great deal of discussion about town as to whether Cole & Hastings, who are playing at the Pavilion, are really Indians or not, due, no doubt, to the fact that they use excellent English and in all ways show refinement. They are really Indians, the male member a Cheyenne, the lady a Sioux. Both were born in their respective reservations, but it should be remembered that both are graduates of the Carlisle Indian school, thus accounting for their refined ways in one part of the act, which is excellent; in fact, so good that at every show they have been forced to respond to numerous curtain calls. To-night will be their last night at the Pavilion. They have made many friends during their stay in Barre.

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Supt. M. Friedman,
U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Williamsport, Pa.
Jan. 29th 1912.

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Dear Sir:

I cannot say how pleased I was to hear from you & the school, I was also glad to receive the school magazine & the catalogues that you sent me, I would like to subscribe for the magazine, "The Red Man," at a later date. Your letter of Dec. 19th. 1911 impressed me very much, I shall always keep it.

In your letter you speak of students having their eyes & spines since they left the school, well I have had a great many downs, more downs than ups, but the eyes are just starting & if I can do as well in the new year as I did in the past year I will be satisfied.

I was not at the school very long, as I suppose you know that I ran away in the fall of 1907., I did not realize then what I was doing, but I realize now only too well what a mistake I made. I went to public school in the east before I went to the Carlisle school, but I did not learn very much, as the public school

teachers do not understand the Indian, & being the only indian in the school, I was subject to all kinds of torment, which will spoil the temper of any child of any nationality. When I entered Carlisle I was very delicate, but the school training there, soon made me strong & healthy, & now I am stronger than the average man, I can thank the Carlisle Training School for this.

I am now in the theatrical business, "in vaudeville." my father, "a white-man," was a musician in the same business, he died when I was two years old, my mother, "a full blood Cheyenne," has been in this business for a great many years, I suppose that is why I am in the same business, & although I am quite successful, I do not care very much for it, as it is now very hard to keep in good health, but as I suppose we must take the good with the bad or the bad with the good, I must be satisfied. I am happy to say that I own my own home in Long Branch, N. J.

My wife, "who is half Apache," works with me in vanderbilt, she is very much interested in the school, & I am looking forward to the date, when I can get the chance to take her to see the school.

If you will let me know how much it will cost to subscribe for the, "The Red Man," for one year, I will subscribe.

If you will send me another record blank I will fill it out to the best of my ability, the other one I spoiled.

Wishing you happiness I close

Sincerely Yours
Harry K. Cole.

(P.S.) permanent address No 100 Atlantic Ave,
North Long Branch
N. Jersey.

February 1, 1912.

Mr. Harry K. Cole
100 Atlantic Ave.,
North Long Branch, N.J.
Dear friend:-

I have your interesting letter and am glad to know you are getting along so well. Although I do not know many of the old Carlisle students, personally, I am glad to get letters from them and always rejoice with them in their success.

I hope that you and your wife will be able to visit us at Commencement time, which this year occurs from March 31st until April 5th. You are welcome at any time but I would like to have you here at that time especially, and I think you would enjoy our exercises.

The price of the Red Man, per year to our returned students is \$.50.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Your friend

Superintendent.

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