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Mrs. N. R. Denny,  
Carlisle,  
Penn.

Dear Mrs. Denny

I can hardly believe you are my "Miss Nellie", addressing you as Mrs. Denny. I call you my, for when I was a girl you helped me over many a stumbling block all though you knew nothing of it. I suppose it was the indian in me "never forget a friend or an enemy", you used to be kind to me and

it was that, that spurred me on, and all though it is now about eleven years ago I still feel thankful to you. You I know will think. "It was my duty to be kind," It may have been but dont over look the fact that I have attended six different school in five different places and I think must had at the least six teachers but I have had more than that. right here in Hoopa I have had eight teachers at different times than I attend two public schools one in a town and

among the <sup>III</sup> hills and while  
in the east I had your  
Miss Chockran (was) and my  
teacher at Huntington  
Miss McKibben, I ought  
to be well learned - but  
you see I am not, it  
was to many changes  
I have so often thought  
of answering your letter  
it came a year or two  
ago, but I write only when  
I have ~~time~~ I used to like  
to answer letters but now  
a days since my fathers  
death two years ago I  
do not care to write, I was  
loaned a copy of the  
Indian Craftsman and  
since then I have thought  
I'd subscribe for it, but

staying at home and  
not earning wages it  
seems as if when I do get  
money there's that and  
this so much needed and  
there goes my dollar  
now I am going to try  
something new and I  
know you will wish me  
success. I am going  
to send to the city for a  
few yards of goods and  
make a few shirt waists (colored)  
and a few children dresses  
(white) and sell them among  
my people we are a hard  
people to fit out here at  
home we are all so fat  
and I think if I make  
large shirt waists I can  
find sale for them from

42 to 44 bust measure  
The older women do not  
care to wear white and that's  
about all we can buy  
we live 30 miles from the  
nearest rail road and  
it's over a trail around the  
wagon road it is in the  
neighborhood of 40 miles, I  
do a little sewing and I want  
so much to take lessons  
so I can draft a pattern  
myself then I will have  
more faith in myself.  
We are having lots of  
snow and rain this  
winter the snow lays  
about 24 hours, and oh  
it's cold I often say I  
wonder what we would do  
if we had an eastern

blizzard out here It would  
 be an eight day wonder.  
 If you answer this letter  
 which I hope you will do  
 Please tell me how are  
 John Fritts, Geo. and Christy  
 Young, William Hodge and  
 Geo. Handcom I suppose  
 Louise Kenny is nearly  
 through school her sister  
 Lena cryed as much  
 as she wanted to go to  
 Carlisle when the last  
 party went from here.  
 I am sorrow my brother  
 did not go to Carlisle. he  
 started for the Sherman  
 Institute but as there  
 was no room there he  
 went on to Hasbell he  
 hated the place from the  
 first and I told him I

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would try and get a  
transfer for him to Carlisle  
but before my letter reached  
him he had ran away.  
I do not know where he  
is now I am sorrow he  
did what he has done as  
his reports were all so  
good never less than 95-  
% in harness work and  
it was his first term he  
has worked for a man out  
here for 6 years and he  
led an out door life all that  
time heard herding sheep  
braking horses and  
driving cattle and he said  
if he was young enough  
and if they would take  
him in school he'd go  
after father died so he did  
he really had been his own  
boss so long. it was

like prison <sup>IX</sup> to him to be  
in school he is now 24  
years old I often worry  
about him but then I  
think I may be crossing  
my bridge to soon he  
is a good rider and likes  
to brake horses and am  
afraid he might be thrown  
and hurt, I have lost the  
slips that the Supt sent  
me for names of pupils  
I talk Carlisle to old and  
young and a young man  
said he thought of going  
he is such a good boy  
so if you will remember,  
their names and write  
to them I'll take it as a  
favor, Neal McKinnon and  
his brother Walter McKinnon  
address them to Weitchpec,  
Calif. Isaac McCovey who

at home he got on a train  
thinking he was coming  
out west but went to N.Y.  
than wrote to his father for  
money who sent him \$100  
I tried to find his N.Y.  
address but I failed.  
thought I'd write and tell you  
for really he isn't much at  
home an aged father  
surports him, he is blamed  
for the disgrace of Mitilda  
Hancock who was sent home  
from Carlisle and later  
driven away from her  
home. I have wrote as  
much you must be tired.  
If you happen to remember  
tell John Fretts we'd like to  
hear from him, he's an orphan  
whom we used to keep during  
vacations. I remember  
Wallace but he may have  
forgotten me. Good wishes to  
both

From Juanita B. Charles  
Hoopa  
Calif.

2467 Hoopa Valley, California.

Supt. Carlisle School. May 5<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:- It is always with much pleasure that I read my Arrow although it has been many years since I left Carlisle. I still have a very warm spot in my heart for the old school, I think we all have. There are living here in the valley, four and five miles from me two other Carlisle students Jeannette Horne Beaver and David Masten. Jeannette keeps house and raises chickens and garden<sup>and</sup> what we all like is her big patch of melons. She has the dearest and cutest little daughter nearly three years old with her and the bear cub and all her other work Jeannette is a busy woman. David is at present working on a new wagon road being built from our Reservation to Fair on

the County road fourteen miles  
away, which will shorten the  
distance to the rail road  
by a whole days travel  
and do away with two very  
steep hills, up which is a  
very crooked wagon road.  
The County will make half of  
the wagon road so our indians  
have about three miles to  
finish, the road will mean  
much to us. Before that time  
David had charge of the saw  
mill, he did such good work  
that we all felt sorrow when  
the regular appointed miller  
came. Then as you all ready  
know there are Mattie Tenyeet  
employed at the school here as  
boy matron and Josephine Charles-  
-Swanson as laundress

Minnie Kane Mc Colburn is visiting with relatives and friends her first visit in five years, she has two lovely boys, she keeps house for her husband who is employed in the largest mill here in this county. I forgot to mention that Mr. Beaver Jeanette's husband is the Forest Guard here. My husband is working on the wagon road here in the vally the usual repair, spring work, we have been busy planting garden. that is my special work that and house keeping I must confess I often neglect the house for the garden, Then I sail right in and give the house a cleaning, if we didn't have to eat and go to bed we wouldn't use the house at all during this lovely weather

my husband usually works away  
from home at what ever he can  
find to do as our place is too small  
for the attention of two people he  
always comes home during hay  
and ~~trashing~~ trashing times, when we were  
married nearly fifteen <sup>years</sup> all we  
had in this world was our scant  
supply of clothes and one horse  
now we have a good house with  
four rooms down stairs the upper  
part is not yet finished. three wagons  
one is really a double seated buggy  
a farm wagon and a five horse  
freight wagon, 2 work horses and  
two colts of our own earning. I have  
one horse that my brother gave me  
but I'm not counting him for I did  
not earn him and 20 head of cattle  
have only 17 chickens but sold  
the others I did have 15 dozen and four

we have at times had hogs  
and more horses but either  
sold or butchered the hogs and  
sold the horses my husband is  
not lazy, he is a good worker  
oh yes we also have a mowing  
machine and a hay rake and a  
few other farm or rather garden  
implements also a nice young orchard  
the orchard is small but we mean to  
add more as time goes on I've  
started a berry garden, a long  
felt want also an Asparagus bed.  
By reading a good farm paper I  
learn quite a few things to help  
me, last June with cold & hot  
waves <sup>up my back</sup> I trimmed some of our  
fruit trees just as I had read,  
again in August. The trees did so  
well I will trim more this year  
It certainly pays to read good papers.

I help my husband do our  
work, drive the team some times, our  
horses are gentle so is our cattle as  
I help gather the cattle to drive  
on the summer range 18 mi.  
away on the Trinity National Forest  
Reserve an all day trip and all  
up hill, we take them up in July  
and bring them home the later part  
of October rolling fat, every three or four  
weeks the cattle are salted, my family  
are my husband, my brother and my self  
we borrow our friends children for a  
day or two at times just to hear them and  
talk to them, we live near the road, have  
our mail delivered three times a week  
at our gate, have near neighbors  
and plenty of friends. Remember me  
to Mrs. Denny. wishing Carlisle many  
happy long days. I am most Sincerely Yours,  
Mrs. Juanita Bibancos Charley, Hopka, Cal.

Mrs. S. - This is a fine  
letter - I hope it can  
all be printed in  
the arrow

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Mr. Brown, Can you print this  
in full ?

Resp.

W P Dennis

Return to  
Ontario office

Mrs. Juanita Bibancos Charley  
Hoopa, California.  
Dear friend:-

I have your ve  
ing and have enjoyed reading

May 14, 1914.

Mrs. Juanita Bibancos Charley  
Hoopa, California.

Dear friend:-

I have your very interesting letter this morning and have enjoyed reading it. While I do not know you personally, I understand the spirit of your letter and know that you are one of Carlisle's loyal children and that you are doing your best to put into practice what you have learned at Carlisle and in other Indian schools.

I am glad to know you have prospered and that you have married happily. It is the fault of many Carlisle boys and girls, when they leave the school, to attempt too big an undertaking. They are not willing to begin low and work up as you and your good husband have done. I trust that you may continue to prosper and that we will hear from you often.

With best wishes to you, your husband and other Carlisle ex-students, who might be interested in hearing from the school, I am

Your friend

Supervisor in Charge.

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