April 27 81.

Geo. B. Roberts, Esq.
President Pennsylvania R.R.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am deeply grateful for your courtesy in favoring us with passes for our children and our-selves from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and return, for our meeting in Association Hall last Monday evening. The deep interest aroused on that occasion in the subject of educating and training in industries the young of the Indian race, will, I am sure, be lasting and creditable to the city of Philadelphia. As a means of accomplishing the results of that meeting the Pennsylvania Rail road is foremost.

(over)

Very gratefully yours,
R.H. Pratt

April 27 81.

Rev. George L. Shearer,
Editor Christian Weekly.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I am returned from my Philadelphia trip, completely exhausted, but we had a grand meeting and I am sure the best results will follow. Association Hall was packed to the utmost. Our students all made us proud of their efforts and every word that was said seemed to strike a chord of sympathy in the great heart of those present. entirely in unison with us.

I have your admirably written article, which as I have read it over, my body filled with pain has produced the most grateful emotions of

satisfaction and pleasure, that you have made us so well. It is due to my most excellent Lieutenant, Miss Semple to make special mention of her services and I have inserted her name and hope you will find the space. As we go on in our work the obstacle of having many strange languages is a word and we now feel glad that it is so, being satisfied that it is helpful in every way in learning the English language, so I have altered that paragraph putting "no" in place of "an" erasing a few words. Mr. Platt to whom I introduced you is not the matron and I would suggest the removal of the words erased and the introduction of the words added in the margin. The boy with his hat on in the picture in Miss Irvine's class is named

Kawboodle, he is a son of the old Kiowa Chief Pahbah, who on his deathbed sent his son here having known me for many years. An interesting incident connected with him I will relate, not for publication but for your own edification. After Kawboodle had been here a number of months his health failed and we were very much afraid he was going into consumption. Desiring that he might die at home which is always requested by the Indians if their children get sick I wanted to send him back to his agency. The mention of it seemed to distress him greatly. He made no reply but in a day or two came back to me and told me "I don't want to go home, my father said "you go to that Carlisle school and you learn something, learn how to work and make your own living be a man." I have not learned anything yet, if I go home I do not know anything, if I die, I die at

home just the same as at Carlisle, & stay there and learn how to make wagons." I took him into the wagon shop and he is now able to make all the wood work of one of our spring wagons very creditably. His health has improved and he is very worthy young man in every way. He has recently joined the First Presbyterian Church.

Your article supplies a long felt need and I am persuaded that a special edition of 20,000 in pamphlet form would be just what I need at this time. What would they cost and what would you suggest about them. I have just come into possession of ten thousand names of the best and most liberal minded people in Philadelphia. Ex-Mayor Fox is chairman of a committee having in charge the interests of Carlisle school in Philadelphia, and he wants me to get an a pamphlet

and send out in that manner. I feel as though I could not do better and I could use the other ten thousand in other cities and among other friends.

Please let me hear from you soon on this.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Pratt

April 27 81

To the Editor of the Inquirer,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I am very grateful for the interest you exhibited in our meeting at Association Hall Monday evening & the admirable report you gave of us. I am sure that the house crowded with people apparently so deeply interested gives most earnest assurance that hereafter education for Indian children as a means of solving the Indian question, will occupy, as it ought, a larger space in the public mind of Philadelphia

Very truly yours.

R. H. Pratt

April 27 81.

Dr. Jas. E. Rhoads,
Germantown, Philadelphia,

My dear Doctor:

I hasten to express my grateful appreciation of your letter of yesterday, inclosing check for twenty dollars to aid in the erection of our new building. This mark of your sympathy and interest is especially encouraging to me, when I consider the large demands made upon you by your own especial work upon Indian reservations. And I sincerely thank you for it.

Pardon my writing by the hand of my clerk, but I was barely able to get home last

night, and today am quite ill,

Very truly yours.

[redacted]

April 28 81

Hon. John Stewart,
State Senate,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Through the Chief Clerk of the Senate, I am informed of the resolution introduced by you and passed by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania accepting my invitation to that Honorable body to visit this school & designating Tuesday, the third prox. inst., as the time of such visit. I would suggest that South Mountain Junction being nearest the school would be most convenient for the party to leave the train. Please inform me of the probable number coming.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Pratt
Lt. 9th Cavalry

April 28 81.

Mr. Smith,
Editor in Chief of the "Press"
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I inclose you one of our little papers containing the contemplated action of Congress upon the proposition to make use of vacant military posts or barracks for Indian educational purposes, more particularly that you may see the clause which enters quite largely into our Indian treaties in which we promise to give them educational privileges for their children. Please note the argument of this clause. It is "In order to insure the civilization "of the tribes entering into this treaty, the necessity

"of education is admitted" &c. Of course this clause was the product of our own Commissioners to the treaty. It seems very remarkable that a treaty containing such a clause made by such men as Generals Sherman, Augur, Terry, Ex Senator Henderson, Mr Cozzens, Sanborn and Tappan, who certainly knew what the Indians needed most when they were drawing up the treaty and which treaty was ratified by Congress and approved by the President, thus obtaining the highest authoritative endorsement of the country, should be so utterly and wilfully neglected in this particular section. I am quite safe in saying that not ten per cent. of the children of these tribes are now provided with educational privileges of any sort and yet the argument we ourselves use, is that this will insure their civilization.

I am particularly obliged to you for the very

excellent editorial in your issue of the 25th instant. I was in hopes that the speeches of Genl. Miles, Mayor Fox & Dr. Rhoades might appear in full in some of the papers. If your reporter succeeded in obtaining them in full, I would very gladly pay him for the labor of copying, in order that I might use them.

Very truly yours.

A. A. Hunt

April 28 81.

To the Editor of the "Evening Telegraph."
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of our little paper, which contains a report made by the Indian Committee of the House of Representatives on this matter of the education & training of Indian youth. As Philadelphia is now taking an active interest in this matter the article may serve you some purpose of notice.

Very truly yours,
R.H. Pratt

April 28 81.

Dr. Wm. V. McGean,
151 N 18th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I send you a copy of our little paper which contains the report of the Indian Committee of the House of Representatives on the Bill introduced by Governor Pound of Wisconsin in favor of the use of vacant military posts & barracks for the establishment of training schools for Indian youth. It may never have been brought to your attention before & as it is now pending in the House anything that may be said in its favor by the public press will have an

influence to secure the passage of the Bill

Although the use of such posts as are vacant now would not provide for any considerable proportion of the sixty thousand Indian children needing education I believe it to be a step in the right direction. There is certainly sound public economy in making use of buildings already erected and not in use rather than build new ones at once. We have adapted the building at Carlisle to the uses of an educational establishment without any very large expense of alteration or repair. The army has long wanted to be concentrated into posts of large commands, now that railroads have afforded such rapid transit from point to point because there would be great economy in the transportation of supplies

Should this measure be brought about, as has

Are recommended for the last few years by the War Department, a very considerable number of military posts would thus become vacant & these choice sites with buildings already erected are available for this Indian educational work. You can readily see how wise & beneficent such an adaptation of them would be but of course to accomplish the whole great work that we have promised for the Indians would require the erection of many new buildings & much additional effort. Might not we who labor in this field hope that you, who do so much to form public opinion would from time to time give this matter some attention through the columns of your paper.

Very truly yours.

R.H. Pratt

Lt.

April 28 81.

To the Editor of the Inquirer,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of inclosing to you a copy of our little paper containing the report of the Indian Committee of the House of Representatives upon a bill introduced by Mr. Pound of Wisconsin. In view of the great interest awakened in Philadelphia, upon the subject of Indian education the data may be of some little use to you.

Very truly yours,

April 28 84.

Col. A. McClure,
Editor of the "Times"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The editorial on Indian education in yesterday's "Times" is so full of courage & comfort to me that although I am on a sick bed I feel like writing at once & thanking you for it. I sent you one of our little papers which contains a report made by the House Committee on Indian Affairs upon a Bill introduced by Mr. Pound. Inclosed herein is a clause taken from some of our Indian treaties which I particularly invite your attention to. It seems to me that ~~mik~~ this legal claim upon us

then ought not to be delay in this matter of giving education to Indian children. In what General Miles said on this subject you have the only sentiment in the army that is worth listening to. The contribution that can be made from the army in the way of vacant military posts and the detail of a limited number of army officers in connection with this matter would certainly enhance element in a very great measure. Any general work the Government might undertake this would seem to be a much wiser disposition to make of our vacant military posts and barracks than to let them lie and rot or be sold for a mere song to some scheming speculator who manages to lobby a bill through Congress for their sale. A dozen posts are available for this purpose now and should the long expected design of the War Department prevail

of concentrating our troops into posts of large commands for the sake of economy, many other posts would become vacant and as our military sites are selected always with a view to health and to the surrounding resources almost all of them contain within themselves all that would be required for successful labor schools. Of course if all the vacant military posts were used they would provide for but a small proportion of the fifty thousand children to be educated. I find that in your great city of Philadelphia you have one hundred and ten thousand children in your public schools—more than double the number of all Indian children within the limits of the United States. Your plans are so well laid and carried out that a very small proportion are left without some educational advantages and your city has all the

expense of it. It does seem contemptible that this great Government with its fifty million people & its vast resources which have grown up upon the soil once possessed by the Indians should be so criminal in withholding what it has promised to do for the Indians in the way of education for their young.

Governor Pound frequently wrote to me in reference to his bill. Notwithstanding the very favorable report made by the Indian Committee there seemed to be no chance to get it through Congress at either of the last two sessions but he said that he had strong hopes that it would receive careful attention the coming session.

Very truly yours.

[illegible]
Lieut.

April 28 81

Dear Mayor Fox:

I arrived at home completely used up. The trip including the work of last week, the anxiety about our sick in the school & in my own family seems to have been altogether too much for me, & I find myself in bed filled with aches & pains from head to foot.

A gentleman sending me ten dollars yesterday suggested the propriety of publishing in one or two of the papers of Philadelphia each Saturday the names & amounts contributed. I have replied to him that I will leave that matter entirely in the hands of your committee. It seems to me a good thing to do, but I am not as well informed on that

point as you will be. Dr. Flowder sent me twenty dollars. By tomorrow morning's mail I will send you a list of what I have received and should you think well of putting it in the "Ledger" "Times" or Evening Bulletin you can do so.

I hope you have sent the book up with the names and that Dr. Snow has purchased for me a similar book into which I may copy the list.

The illustrated article which will appear in the "Christian Weekly" week after next is the best ever written about us, and I am not sure but that it would make the best circular we could send to the ten thousand people whose names you give to me. Being illustrated with some of the best photographs it would be attractive.

Respectfully and gratefully yours.

A. Abbott

April 29 81

Dr. H. Carruthers,
Tarrytown, New York.

My dear Doctor:

I have forwarded your letter to the Secretary of the Interior, telling him of your great interest in the Indians, & the valuable services that Mrs. Carruthers rendered in the school at St. Augustine. I would advise you to wait for a reply before going to Washington. I inclose you an introduction to the Secretary should you then feel inclined to go.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Pratt

April 26 81

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The bearer, my friend Dr. H. Carruthers of Tarrytown, New York, has been deeply interested in the welfare of the Indians since 1876. He has taken into his own family a young Indian, one of the former St. Augustine prisoners. Mr. Carruthers was one of my most faithful assistants in the school among the prisoners at St. Augustine.

The Doctor now has some scheme to propose for establishing a school at some place near New York. I would respectfully request for him such attention

as the merits of his proposition demanded.

Very respectfully,
R.N. Pratt
Lieut.

April 28 81.

H. Lawthrop, Esq.
629 N. Twentieth St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I desire to express my sincere thanks not only for the check inclosed in your letter of the 26th instant, but for your kindly words of encouragement and cheer. I think your suggestion of publishing a list of contributions in the Saturday's papers is a most excellent one, and have written to ex-Mayor Fox, who is chairman of the committee to raise funds, telling him of it. I hope the public may respond so liberally as to allow us to begin work soon.

Very truly yours.

A. P. Keller, May 3 81

U. S. Indian Agent.

Crow Agency, Montana.

Dear Colonel:

I am not able to recall the communication to you in regard to a matron and the whole matter has slipped from my mind and the name of the party as well, so that I am unable to give you the information you desire by your letter of April 7th. This is particularly annoying on account of the length of time it takes to correspond at such distance. If I recommended her to you I meant all that I said, I would know something about what you desired and would certainly not recommend

anyone for the Indian service that I thought
unsuitable.

I am very sorry we have so far been unable
to get a detachment of Crows. I remember those
massive imposing chiefs that you had with you.
Their unswerving loyalty to the United States
Government in many times of danger entitle them
to every special benefit coming to any Indians.
Always remember that I shall be very glad indeed
to get a delegation of your children here. Don't
you come east without coming to see us.

Very truly yours.
R. H. Pratt
Lieut Colonel.

May 3 8/.

Elizabeth Russell.
912 Wallace St.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Friend:

Several days illness after my return from Philadelphia, prevented my acting at once on your communication, in the mean time it occurs to me that the object you seek to accomplish for eight or ten Indian boys might be carried out at once, by selecting from our school here.

It has been my desire from the beginning to have an equal number of the sexes in this school. But the judgement of the head of the Department was at one time against me in this matter & then

has been more or less indiscriminate & difficulties at the agencies since, so that we find our school about full with more than double as many boys as girls. It will not be difficult now to get girls enough to equalize our sexes but we have not room for so many. Agent Miles of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes would be glad to send us forty more girls. Would it not be a nice plan to take from our school here eight or ten of the boys from the agencies under the care of your body and thus enable me in fact to make room for more girls? Should you think well of this I have no doubt I can very easily get Departmental authority. If you still prefer to make selections from your agency schools, your letter hardly gives a clear idea of what you propose to do.

My recollection is that you wanted the Government

to give the necessary authority for the children to come east and to pay their way from the agency to the school, after that the expenses would be paid by the friends. I think something was said about the Wyandotte school but I am not clear about that. Please write me in full about these points.

Should my proposition not prove to meet your views, I will undertake to do what I am able with the Department in reference to your wishes.

Very truly yours.

R. H. Pratt

Lieutenant

May 4 81

Rev. H. C. Craig,
Shickshinny, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We have but very few girls large enough to wash and iron and make good hands at it, We shall hardly put any out that will be of much service in that line because we have so much to do of our own that necessity will compel us to keep them.

I have let your letter lay because of sickness in the school, we have seven cases of scarlet fever since Friday and of course cannot say what the future will bring to us. I should have said June, July and August instead of May June and July.

If you understood me to say that, We shall

have plenty of boys to put out. As the time approaches for us to put them out I will write you again.

Very truly yours,

R. V. Pratt

Lieut. In charge.

May. 9th 81

Dear Col. Keller.

A Lady friend of mine, one of the best and biggest in America, wants a pair of Elk Antlers to adorn a certain portion of her mansion. Cant you get some of the chiefs who were here with you, or others to secure two ~~or three~~ pairs for me for a few dollars each. I'd like a pair in my own house. If you can favor me in this please drop me a line how much money to send you and I'll do it. Maybe some of your employes could attend to it without detriment to their duty, ~~[illegible]~~

May 11th 81

"Busy Bee"
Phila Pa.

Dear friend -

The two pleasant articles by "Reyn" in your columns recently, are a most encouraging pressure on public sentiment in favor of our poor Indians, and as one largely interested in all efforts in their behalf I thank you for your efforts.

I enclose my check for $15.00 and request 100 copies for one year beginning with your May number if you can.

Very truly yours
R.H. Pratt

May 12th 91

Mrs. Sallie L. T. Slocum
29 East 65th St. New York

Dear Madam.

I have twice written the War Dept. to urge a delegation of children for this school from the surrendered Sioux of Sitting Bulls people. They are held as prisoners, and the War Dept. can't act, having no authority or funds, the Ind^n Office can't act, because the Ind^s are held by the military, and the Office is not yet provided with funds by Congress. As the time to act must effectually, is wasting rapidly. These Indians are now submissive and pliant, and while so, every child of school age should be taken into school, and every help given to those

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recently desperate men to shorten the chasm they are passing over. Sickening delays may bring back desperation & with it desire for death. There is much of this among our Indns now. Their future looks as dark and hopeless.

There will be no difficulty in carrying out your wishes if you undertake the expense. I will engage to see that your son gets the authority to send them on. Or rather the permission. The War Dept. might not feel warranted in even giving an order for Lt Woodbridge, which would carry with it the expense of his travel. (His leave of absence places him at his own expense for travel) though they might and I would try for that. The Dept. of the Interior has given me authority to receive Indn Youth, who have friends desiring to help them to an

education, at the rate of $100. per year, and the Dept. will meet the further expense, which is more than $100 per year. You could doubtless get R.R. passes from Bismark to Carlisle. I have great faith in this Sage for that.

If the following conditions are strictly observed I will take any less number of these Sioux children and see that all the authority needed is given for, not to exceed sixteen.

1st There must be a girl for every boy. (If only two are sent one must be a girl.)

2nd The boys must be over ten and under fifteen years. The girls must be over eight and under thirteen years of age. Preferably children of chiefs

3rd All must be carefully examined by a competent Surgeon, and none sent who are physically unsound, especially must they be free from lung and scrofulous tendencies. (Forms will be furnished for this examination)

4th The children will be placed at Carlisle without expense to the Govt. and a sufficient guarantee that $100 per year thereafter will be paid by some responsible person towards their support and education.

I shall be glad to co-operate with you, and do all in my power to carry out your benificent designs, for I know from a most vivid experience that now is the time to strike for best results for this body of Indians. If you send you a dozen copies of the "Illustrated Christian Weekly" for May 14th just out with an Illustrated article on Carlisle. This will make way for what you propose to do better than anything else. Let him give copies to the Indians.

Let him tell the Chiefs that Educated men need Educated wives, and they will understand it quick enough. Write me when you have

Co-educated how many to undertake as I carry responsibility the matter to work it and get authority

Respectfully Yours
C. Wright

May 13th 81

Rev. S. R. Rigg D.D.
Beloit Wis.

My dear friend –

I have just sold the last copy of "Mary & I" and the odd copy of the "Gospel" went sometime ago. These all went to full priced buyers, as follows.

8 Copies "Mary & I" @ 1.50	12.00
1 Copy "Gospel"	1.25
	13.25

For which find endorsed my check. We have had a serious time for four weeks Measles, Pneumonia, and now Scarlet fever. The two last diseases have carried off five of our pupils, and we have a little Arapahoe boy whose life is in the balance now from after troubles of Measles. My own two daughters both had the scarlet fever and were very low. The Good Father above aided the desperate efforts of careful motherly nursing and the danger is above now. We have

has been isolated with the little girls from the start five weeks tomorrow. We hope she may come out tomorrow. As no new cases have appeared for several days, we hope the disease is spent. Thirteen boys and one girl are in the Hospital now with Scarlet Fever. The town had it three months ago, and I have strictly quarantined against it. Poor Hospital accomodations operated against us. I turned the farm house into a Scarlet fever hospital and held all cases to strict isolation and we have doubtless been saved many cases. Many cases in the town were of the most virulent type, subjects dying in 24 or 36 hours.

We are just starting a Hosp. to cost near $4000. which will enable us to handle such epidemics more successfully.

Our teachers & others have been generally well and the trials have brought us closer to each other and the Good Father.

Cordially Yours

A K Hall

May 16 81

Geo. D. Miles,
U. S. Indian Agent.
Darlington, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

I have the sad duty to perform of notifying you of the death of Willie Burley, student at this school from your agency whom I was especially interested in from the peculiar manner in which he was brought to me by you. I inclose the Doctor's report which gives a detailed account of his sickness and death. I can assure you that every possible effort that could be made on his account was made. We were all deeply concerned about him as soon as his illness took an unfavorable turn and I was present at his bedside very frequently as was also Miss Semple and others. We suffered a great deal. Paroxysms of pain were so intense that it required a great deal of force to keep him on the bed at times. Please tell his mother that he could not possibly have been as well cared for at any place at the agency

as he was here, and that it was simply one of those Providences which we must all submit to.

Willie was my orderly on parades and by that means everybody had learned to know him and to love his quiet little ways. While it is always sad for us to report the death of students this case is peculiarly so. Tell his mother that we laid him away tenderly in the graveyard with the same form of ceremony that we do our own dead. We all gathered in the chapel and after hearing the Bible read and some remarks from the minister we marched to the graveyard when there were additional ceremonies.

If human sympathy can alleviate the sorrow of a parent, Mrs. Burley has her full share in the sympathy we all feel with her in her loss.

Respectfully yours.
R. T. Pratt
Lieut. In charge.

May 17th 81

Capt. John I. Faller
Genl Meade Post, Ass'n

Dear Sir.

We hope to join your ceremonial parade, Decoration Day (the 31st) with about 125 Students and the Band. Thanking you for the courtesy of your invitation, I am

Very respectfully Yours
R. Coats
Ch. In Charge

May 18th 81

Mrs Sallie L. H. Slocum
29 E. 65th St.
New York

Dear Madam.

I will take no more boys here without an equal number of girls, ~~the~~ if I can help it. The proportion must be even to succeed. We have had enough disasters from educating boys only. If you want to send the two boys here at $100. per year each. I will get the necessary consent, provided two girls as bright and promising and up to conditions of my previous letter are sent at same time. If they are landed here with their expense to Cook, I'll find some friend to undertake subsequent expense.

Very truly yrs
R. H. Ball

May. 20th 81

Col. W. G. Mitchell
A. A. A. Genl
Mil. Div. Atlantic

Colonel:

Complying with your note of the 18th, I handed to Capt. James Egan, last evening, the letter addressed to him under cover to me, and enclose herein his receipt.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R. H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cavy

May 20th 81

John Leecy
White Earth Agency, Minn.

Dear Sir.

I have a letter from Inspector Haworth, in your behalf. I can only say that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs holds all the authority to place students at our school, and to him I have referred the application, with the single objection that it is not desirable to accept any more boys here unless accompanied with an equal or greater number of girls. When I get the Commissioners reply, I will advise you.

Truly yours
R.H. Pratt
Ch. In charge

May 20th 81

My dear friend -

I have the authority of the Indn Office to pay the transportation for Henry, David & Paul from Syracuse to their respective homes. I asked, upon your statement that it would be from Syracuse, and you will need to pay to Syracuse. I also got the expense of Henry from here to Syracuse.

We have determined to hold an examination on the 17th of June and I much fear this will interfere with my being present, at confirmation.

It will be less expense and much more con-

fortable, if we can get Agent Miles to meet the party at the end of the Railroad with Agency transportation. I will write to him about this.

Cordially & faithfully
R. H. Pratt

Health much improved.

May 23rd 81

Hannah B. Evans
Locust Avenue
Germantown, Pa

Dear friend.

In reply to your esteemed favor of 5 Mo 21, I have to say that so far as human foresight can determine the Barracks will never again be used for military purposes as our highest army authority has declared that because of location they are no longer applicable. Of course no one can say that exigencies may not come involving the use of the dearest and most sacred places, as was the case in our last war. I am very sure that if I am well sustained we can make

Carlisle Barracks, so effective a peace motor, that its use for any other purpose would be most reluctantly determined.

A meeting has been called by Mayor Fox, Wm McMichael Richd Cadbury, and others, of those who will likely aid in the erection of the girls building, with special reference to a full understanding of our needs, and the securing the funds. It will take place in Association Hall tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. I shall be there. Would it not be well to have your Society represented?

Very truly your friend.

R H Hall

Agy 21 81

Jno. D. Miles,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Darlington, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

The past six weeks has not been propitious for bringing forward the subject of your letter of two months ago, about additional girls for us. If it is possible that the recent deaths of Giles & Willie Curley & sickness here may leave your people with an impression so much against us as to make it difficult to get the girls we would like. Now, the conditions of health are very much better. The scarlet fever cases are all ended & we have no new cases for over a week past. I should like just exactly what you

propose - that is, a delegation of healthy girls. I should like too, to get rid of some of our boys. I shall make a report soon to the Department & endeavor to bring about a sifting of the material here, so that we may have only bright & healthy children. Twenty six to forty who are either diseased or too stupid to pay for the effort we expend would be a good riddance. Of course you will get your proportion of these, but I think very few. Grant Willis is probably a gone case, though he secures water to hang on & then is always hope. His lungs do not show any their load emanating from Pneumonia.

I suppose Miss Lena would rather come towards the beginning of the fall & that would be probably the best time to secure girls. If you think you can get us forty or fifty under thirteen - I would prefer over ten - & you decide I make application to the Department for that number as it & let me know & I will see what can be done here.

Very respectfully
R.H. Pratt

May 28 81

Wm G. Fischer
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir.

Sickness in our family and other cares, added to penury, have disturbed the monthly flow of funds to you on acct. of Scand. I had intended seeing you in Phila. this week but found myself limited in time.

Enclosed herein find check for $40. With receipt please advise me of the condition in which this leaves our obligation to you.

Truly
R H Pratt

May 28th 87

Miss Annie W. Morton
South Walpole, Mass.

Dear Madam.

I wish to secure the services of a teacher for the ensuing year, but am not willing to engage one without some personal observation of capacity. This your engagement at Walpole prevented. If you choose to overcome this by visiting us, after your school expires, say for a month, we shall be glad to entertain you, and we both may be able to better determine. Will you respond at once.

Respectfully
R. K. Scott

May 27th 81

Dear Governor:

Thanks for your 4th July invitation which seems to me favorable to the cause as you have stated. If the arrangements are without expense to us, I shall be on hand with as large a delegation as you consider advisable.

I have been down in Bucks Co. finding homes for children among the Quaker farmers. I shall put out a hundred boys and forty girls during vacation. "The contact of peoples is the best of all Education." The Ass'n Hall meeting was a grand success.

Respectfully
C. L. Brace

Gov. Hartranft

May 28th 81

To the Adjutant
10th Cavalry
(Thro' Comdg Officer Company "I")

Sir.

Letters from Capt. Baldwin and Lieut. Colladay inform me that it will be agreeable to those Officers, and to Capt Lee, as well, to bring about a transfer between Lt. Colladay and myself. I have no objection to such transfer, and should application to that end, be necessary from me, this letter may be taken as my application.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
1st Lt. Co. "I"

May 31st 81

Mrs. M. D. Burnham
Syracuse N.Y.

Dear friend -

The better way will be to do as you suggest. You pay all the expense and let the Govt. re-imburse you. This I will attend to. Let Mr. Wicks take receipts for all money he spends for travel or meals, for the two boys, on the blank forms I enclose herein and in their order of number, and keep a memorandum of all expense, so that, if for want of time or other reason some receipts may not be obtained, he has a written acct. in his own hand made at

the time to which he can make oath of correctness, for this will need to be done for the whole amount. When he has reached the end of his journey he can send the receipts and memorandum to me, and I will have the vouchers made up correctly and send to him for his signature and affirmation of correctness, and will settle the acct. myself and place in my own responsibility.

We have our examination on the 16th June and it may be more than I can do to come up and see the boys off.

Cordially & faithfully
R.H. Hall

Michael Schall, Esq. May 31 81

York, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have only now received your note of the 22nd through Mr. Levitt, who forwarded it to me on the 24th. I was absent from home all last week. I had intended to put out as many as a hundred boys if I can find places for them. Our girls that we would put out are not as old as you ask, they would run from twelve to sixteen years, means twelve than sixteen the most of them. The large & most useful girls I keep here on account of our laundry & dining room work. & because we have not a very large number. I fore 13 or 14 years of age would suit you I can send you a good one from those who are of your

church. One girl going off by herself among entire strangers would be very lonely & it would be better to send two or three who might occasionally see each other & thus not be homesick.

I had not intended to send them out before the 17th proximo, because of our annual examination on the 16th but if you consider it very necessary to have them before that time, I will send them down. Please let me hear from you on that point.

Very truly yours,

R H Pratt

Supt. in charge.

May 31 81

Rev. Geo. L. Shearer,
Secy. American Tract Society.
New York.

Dear Sir:

I inclose, herewith, my check covering bill for Electro plates. I am somewhat disappointed at the entargement of the cost but hope that it may come in some way or all right.

Very respectfully
C. W. Pratt

June 1st 81

My dear Mr. Wanamaker

My Indian girls get their hands sore cutting bread. Is there not some machine, or knife, with leverage, that will cut bread rapidly? If so, please send me one if in your power, or cite me to the place I can get one.

Yours truly

R.H. Pratt

June 2nd 81

James R Wood
Genl. Passenger Agt. P.R.R.

Dear Sir:

A letter from Mayor Fox this morning advises me that the Comrs cooperating with me in this matter think that regular trains may serve, and ask me to visit Phila, and confer with them on this and other subjects. I shall be in Phila. on Sat. and will call at your office, or advise you by mail of conclusions.

Yours truly
R H Pratt
St. Inchargo

June, 2nd 81

My dear Friend

I go to Washn this P.M. and will run over to Phila. Friday night. Will see you early Saturday and any hour you fix for a meeting on Saturday prior to 5.30 P.M. will be satisfactory to me. I must be home again Saturday night.

Mrs. Pratt desires to be remembered to you with thanks for your kind wishes.

Things look bright again, very few sick.

Cordially & faithfully Yours
R.H. Pratt

Hon. S.M. Fox
Chn Carlisle School relief Com.

Indian Training School
Carlisle, Pa. June 2 1

Mr. Henry Kratz.
Danborough,
Bucks Co. Pa.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wm Lloyd has forwarded your letter to me and I would say in reply that I shall be glad to let you have the boys.

The party from here will go to Bucks County about the 17th or 18th instant and you can get the boys then.

If any of your neighbors would like to take boys please suggest that they write to me upon the subject.

Yours truly
R. H. Pratt

June 2nd 81

Thos. B. Kennedy Esq.
Pres't. C.V.R.R.

Dear Sir.

I am making up my list of boys & girls to put out during vacation, and am glad to say that there seems to be a prospect that something near the number I count on placing out will be asked for.

May I certainly send two to you. Our examination takes place the 16th and they can go at once thereafter.

Very truly yours
R.H. Hall

June 2nd 87

Friend Wm Lloyd
Dolington

Dear Sir.

Thanks for your note of Mr Kratz. I'll send him two boys. We find some good people outside the Friends society & when we do, we meet them half way. Am glad to say that there seems every reason to believe that as many children as we had hoped will be taken. Thanks for your continued interest.

Cordially Yours
R.H. Pratt

Indian Training School
Carlisle, Pa., June 2 1

Rev. C. J. Kepner,
Mifflintown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I fear that our Indian students are not sufficiently advanced to meet the situation that you have to offer, and the placing of one out in an isolated position like that would probably not work well. They have from such a terrible experience a very honestly acquired distrust of the white race, and except when one or two or three in a place there is danger of homesickness. We are putting out our students for vacation only, which lasts from the 20th June to the 15th September, and had no thought of going further than that this year.

I thank you for your interest in the Indian work. It deserves the aid of all good people everywhere.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Pratt

June 2nd 87

Michael Schall Esq.
York, Pa.

Dear Sir.

I will bring you two boys and two girls on Mondays 7.50 train next week.

I have concluded to give you one large girl, 17 yrs old and a larger aged 13 year old girl. and two 17 years old boys. They are all excellent children, willing to work and teachable. One of the boys is particularly good about horses, having been for several months Cates', our teamster, doing errands to town, with teams, driving my family carriage and the carriage for teachers to go and come from town. This boy is the son of Milk, one of Spotted

Tail Agency Chiefs. They are all under the religious care of the Episcopal Church here.

You see the situation exactly. Congress hinders Indian civilization by its want of vim and beggarly attention to Ind^n Education matters. Education & Industrial training will save their young. Nothing else will.

The addition I want to make to the girls quarters, of an assembly room & more dormitories will cost nearly $3600.^{00}$. I have so far received in money & promises $1625.^{00}$ and others have promised who have not fixed the amount.

I shall want to leave York to return on the 10.05 train.

Truly Yours
R.H. Pratt

June 7th 81

Hon. D. McFox

Dear Friend.

Further consideration of the Special Train matter leads me to abandon it. The expense of getting money out of Phila. will eat up all we get. The Chicago Ex. at 9 A.M. will serve and the evening train will take the party back by 9.30.

I can't open a wide door for visitors by advertising as proposed, in the papers. I'll send plenty of invitations, and they can come or not. Yours G. Fischer 1710 Chestnut St. will sell tickets. I'll write you further tomorrow. Yours R.H. Pratt

Indian Training School.
Carlisle, Pa., June 7 1

Wm. R. Wood, Esq.,
Gen'l Passenger Agt. Penna. R.R.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 1st, it seems better to use the regular trains return Philadelphia and Harrisburg for the visiting party from Philadelphia, then if the day is bad it will not interfere. The "Chicago Express" leaving West Philadelphia at nine o'clock, serves to come on and the "Harrisburg Accommodation" leaving Harrisburg at four thirty for return. This will give the party two and a half hours on the ground here, I would have intended an hour longer, but we will make that do.

If you can send 150 tickets to Wm. R. Fischer 1218 Chestnut St. he will superintend the sale of them and I will be responsible. I will have you advised on Wednesday, the day previous to the excursion, as near as may be of the number who will come.

Then should the number be sufficient and you feel willing to send a special for them to return on, and so give us a later time for their returning to Philadelphia, we shall be obliged to you.

Please have the tickets for the round trip sent to Mr. Fischer as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
R. H. Pratt
Lieut. in charge.

June 8th 87

Dear General -

Hope your trip abroad may prove all you anticipate. The Photos were sent yesterday. Miss Robertson says she marked them fully. She has that branch and hands me the enclosed bill.

I will confer with Gen. Marshall about the Boston exhibit, and be glad to send specimens of our work.

Our examination takes place the 16th We expect a good party from Phila. & Wash^n.

Very Sincerely

R.H. Pratt

June 8th 81

To
James A Garfield
President of the United States
Sir.

If you come to Carlisle on the 16th, the enclosed time-card and a special car is arranged for by our old Dept. Cumbd Rail Road Manager, Genl. J. F. Boyd, now Supt. C. V. R. R.. Regular trains bring you to Harrisburg; a special from B.port to Shenandoah Junction; and the regular train over B.O. back to Washn. This gives you a view of the Cumberland Valley from Harrisburg to Shenandoah

Junction, and of the battle field of Antietam and the monument just before sundown.

Your presence at our examination will give the whole Indian educational work much additional interest and aid.

With greatest respect
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
Ch. In charge

June 8th 07

Dear friend -

The lack of time when in Phila, last week, prevented me seeing you, with reference to the matter of your accounts. If it will do after our examination on the 16th I will be glad to do what I may be able, to clear up your obligation.

Have you done anything about the boys for the summer. I'd like to bring on a large number at once about the 18th or 19th. We have places for 16 now in the Dolington Section & other neighborhoods. The Dept. gives authority for 100 as I asked.

Very truly
R. H. Ward

Dorothea Richards

June 10th 87

Col. Wm McMichael
Board of Ind. Com.
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir

As it will be impossible to do much more than the declamation and other public exercises, during the three hours of the party's stay, I would be obliged if you could come up the evening before and act as one of the examining committee on the School-room work. I can take care of you on the ground, and this will give you a chance to know us better, which you ought. Respectfully Yours [illegible]

June 10th 81

Hon. Wm Hickey
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

On the occasion of our first annual examination the 16th inst. of which you have been notified, it would be advantageous to have our work examined by members of your board. Would it not be possible for you to come up Wednesday evening and be present through the schoolroom exercises on Thursday forenoon. I have asked Col. McMichael and Mr. Smiley the same. You can reach Wack's Thursday evening at 9.35. Respectfully R H Pratt

June 10th 87

Hon. Albert K. Smiley
Providence R. I.

Dear Sir.

On the occasion of our first examination, the 16th inst. of which you have already been notified, it would be especially advantageous to the general cause to have our work pronounced upon by the Board of Commissioners. I have written to Mr Stickney and also to Col. M Micheal, who will be present asking them to come on Wednesday, so as to witness the School room exercises Thursday forenoon. Would you not come also?

Respectfully R. H. Ball

June 10 81

Wm. G. Fischer 1210 Chestnut St Phila. Pa.
The Pennsylvania Railroad refuses to place tickets on sale with private individuals. but states they will be on sale by their passenger Agent Mr. J. N. Abby, ~~104 South St~~ one hundred and one South Broad. Send everybody there.
R. H. Pratt.

June 10 81

J. R. Wood, Genl. Passenger Agt. Pennsylvania Railroad Philadelphia, Pa.
Have instructed ~~correspondent~~ excursionists to buy tickets of J. N. Abby, South Broad Street as advised by your letter of 9th. Cumberland Valley will bring party here at once from Harrisburg, saving a half hour. Will return party to Harrisburg in time for your four thirty train going thro. Give a half hour here. Take to prolong time by special for return.
R. H. Pratt.

June 15th 81

Dear Col,

I enclose receipt for $100.00 received this morning by note from Mr. Fox. You have our grateful acknowledgement.

The 16th promises well for us. I feel quite sure the President will come.

Yours Truly

Rd. Pratt

Jr.

Col. Wm. McMichael
Phila. Pa.

June 10th 81

Dear Mr McKean.

Please come up, on next Thursday (the 16th) and bring Mrs. McKean. It is the occasion of our first examination and we hope to make a showing that will help to confirm our friends and convert our enemies.

Though not fully authorized to ~~say~~ publish it, I have very good assurance from the President himself that he will be here. and Secy Lincoln too.

Very truly yours

R H Pratt

June 10th 81

Col. A. McClure
Ed. Times, Phila.

Dear Colonel -

On the 16th we have our first annual examination, and hope to make some showing, for our twenty months life, that will confirm our friends and help to convert our enemies. I must cordially invite you to be present.

Will you not, in the interests of the work generally, and of Carlisle School in particular, see that we are fully stated in the "Times", for that days exercises.

Truly yours
R. H. Pratt
Lt. 9th Cav. Comdg

Indian Training School
Carlisle, Pa, June 11

Dr. Higbee,
Supt. Public Instruction,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Doctor:

As you have expressed so much interest in our school I would be very much gratified if you could make it convenient to be present at our first annual examination on the 16th instant. We give the forenoon to schoolroom work and the afternoon to declamation and other exercises.

Very truly yours.
R.H. Pratt

June 11th 81

My dear Pugh.

I knew the writer of enclosed in 67.71 as an officer in the 6th Infty. If he is at all stable in good ways I can give him a place here, I have notified my Disciplinarian of his discharge the 20th. Will you favor me and the cause, by quietly making inquiries as to his habits and conduct and as far back as may be, and write me as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely
R. W. Pratt

June 11th 81

George T. Cook
944 L. St. N.W.

Dear Sir.

Our examination occurs the 16th. Am very busy. After that will do anything for you I can consistently.

Yours Truly
R. T. Pratt

June 11 81

Jas. R. Wood, Genl. Passenger Agt. Penna. R.R.
Philadelphia Pa.

Many ask if they can stay over one day on round trip tickets issued for Eighteenth. Answer

R H Pratt

Col. Jas. W. Nichols
Phila. Pa.

June 11 81.

To the Editor of the "Record,"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We should be very glad to have you present at our first annual examination which occurs on the 16th instant. Although it is but twenty months since the beginning of our work we hope to show results which will encourage our friends and convert our enemies. Cannot you give us the benefit of your editorial observations?

Very truly yours,
R. H. Ball

June 11 84

Wm J. Clark, Esq.
Editor Evening Telegraph,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

On the 16th inst we have an examination of our school – the first in its history. Although we are only twenty months old we hope to make a showing that will confirm our friends and convert our enemies. Come up if you possibly can and give us the benefit of your editorial observations.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Ball

June 11th 04

Hon Carl Schurz
Ed Post. New York City

Dear Sir.

We mailed you a card of invitation to our first Annual Examination, which takes place on the 16th. The arrangements have been hurriedly made in full anticipation of a visit from the President. I would especially like to have you witness the growth of the work since your last visit, and it seems especially fitting you should be present. Would you not honor us with your presence on that occasion.

Respectfully Yours
R.H. Pratt

June 24

Hon. John Eaton,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel:

I think that I sent you a copy of a letter from the Pub. Opt. Stat. Corp. Portland, Ore. I am sorry to hear that the Corp. would get for a round trip to Philadelphia and Washington at $35 in the summer. I talked yesterday with Colonel Locke and Chief Clerk of the Interior Department asking if it could be come in cheaper. I think I have seen in the Pub. Opt. that he is mostly to be retired. I dislike to add an additional burden to your congress

and for that reason hesitated to ask you to act in the matter, but some one in Washington should be concerned to look out for the details. I arranged with Mr. Kennedy, the President and Col. Boyd the Superintendent of the Cumberland Valley R.R. for transportation, and the inclosed copies will show you the satisfactory condition of the affair. It seems to me that it would be more agreeable for the President to have a parlor car and by the statement of Col. Boyd, it would seem that it only needs the application to get it. Would you not see Col. Lockwood yourself and if the situation is such that he cannot take hold of it, would you not make the further arrangement that would seem wisest and best. Mr. Baker or Parker the Asst. Supt. of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Washington would doubtless respond at once

if he knew what was desired.

Another little matter. President McCauley & the faculty of Dickinson College as well as most of the students have been our unswerving friends in all this work. They are very anxious to get a few words from the President on the College Campus & have him review their corps of cadets. As the railroad passes immediately in front of the College it would be only a step from the train to the campus. I am sure the President would be willing to grant this favor if he knew it beforehand. Could you not bring the matter before him, either in conversation or on the way. A half hour would be sufficient time & we can arrange to span that from his presence with us.

Very truly yours,
R.H. Ball
Lt.

June 13 81

Henry Sartor Esq:
Board of School Directors.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the very cordial invitation of your Board to myself teachers & scholars, to visit the examination of the schools as we did last year, I have to say that this week we are occupied with our own examination but that next week & the week following, I shall be happy to make such availment of the invitation as we may be able to. I thank the Board for their courtesy in this matter & assure them that I regard it as an element of no little moment to the Normal school that we are permitted to

privilege. The witnessing by our students of the ordeal students of the village pass through is very helpful to them, and our teachers were exceedingly gratified and much benefitted last year by the observations they made.

Respectfully yours,
R.H. Pratt
Lieut. In charge.

Carlisle Pa., June 15th 87

Hon. A. H. Kennedy
Supt. C.V.R.R.

Dear Sir:

I have selected the quartette (white, three boys of 15 for P.M. Mooney and Gow (Yellow Hair) a little boy of the same age for C.H. Hard. They get on very well in English and I am sure will do well. They can go over Saturday or Sunday after you arrive. Yours truly, R.H. Pratt

June 15th 81

Miss A. F. Cornell
White Plains N.Y.

The basis of employe force for our school the ensuing year is not yet fixed by the Dept. but will be in a few days. I shall make a few changes, but have many applications. Your straightforward letter inclines me to desire your capacity and experience in detail. Ours is mostly primary work.

Yours truly
R. H. Pratt
Ch. Inchargo

June 14th 87

Genl. J. T. Boyd
Supt. C.V. R.R.
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Sir

I have some private assurance that the President intends coming on the 16th, but as ~~positive~~ official notice yet the Phila. party will come up on the regular train leaving West Phila at 9 A.M.

As soon as I am informed certainly of the Residents coming will notify you, and if the Phila. party can be brought over from Bport at same time it would favor us.

Respectfully Yours
R.H. Lord

June 4th 87

Saul W. Fox
508 Walnut St. Phila. Pa.

Genl Pass. Agt. Woods P.R.R. telegraphs he will make tickets good for two days. His news some friends better. Please have Bulletin & Telegraph this evening and Morning papers tomorrow. Note that tickets are on sale at by J H Abbey ~~at~~ One hundred and one points. Broad Stateroom of Wm Fischer. 12-18 Chestnut

R. H. Rand

June 15th 61

J. L. Mealey Esq.
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir.

I have a telegram from Mr Lincoln Secy of War saying the President and himself regret they can not come on the 16th, but hope to visit the School in early Autumn.

Respectfully yours
H. H. Rall
Ch.

June 18 81

Rev. J. Clement French,
228 Belleville Ave, Newark,

Dear Sir:

Through Miss Wilson, I have received a check for $50 from the Benevolent Association of your Sunday School. I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Association for this substantial proof of their interest in the work of this school. It comes at a very opportune time, for I am now making an effort to obtain through private benevolence funds for enlarging the building occupied by our girls. Our present proportion of girls is only one third the number of boys. We feel that the success of this civilizing effort depends more even upon lifting up the girls than the boys. At the

beginning of our school it was impracticable to obtain as many girls as boys. In the Indian camps the burden of heavy labor comes upon the women. They are "the hewers of wood and the drawers of water" so that girls are reluctantly spared, added to this is the perhaps stronger reason of their merchantable value. Indian girls are considered marriageable at a very early age and it is the custom for the future husband to give to the girl's father in exchange for his bride, ponies, robes and other valuables, often to quite a large amount. As the constantly increasing pressure of the whites upon the Indians is making them realize the imperative necessity of a different mode of life, their sentiments are becoming changed and they are growing willing to have their girls educated too.

Many applications have come to us for places here for girls, but we have been compelled reluctantly

to reject them for lack of room. The Department has been unable to aid in this emergency because the funds available for the work are very limited.

I have therefore undertaken to raise the necessary sum through appeals to those interested in saving the Indians. The gift of your School will be applied to this object and I hope that before many months the addition will be completed and the number of our girls made equal to that of the boys.

I cannot refrain from speaking of the excellent aid Miss Wilson has been in our work here. Through the trying months of sickness in our school of scarlet fever and measles, she has been patient, efficient and tireless.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Hall

June 20 84.

Rev. Wilbur F. Paddock, D.D.
3911 Locust St. Philadelphia.

Dear Doctor:

Excuse the hand of my clerk.

My own conviction about the boy you mention would be that the best education & advancement could be made in a school where he would be surrounded by civilized children. We can take him here & I have no doubt the Department will authorize me to do so upon the proper presentation of the case. I will do this if you think best. The average expense of our pupils is about $200 per annum. This the Department would probably require in his case as he has no claims whatever upon our Government

for support.

I have an excellent matron in charge of my little boys & should feel that he would receive as good attention & maternal care as could be given in such a large school.

Very truly yours.

R. H. Lord

June 25th 81

Dear General -

I'll bring the girls. a car load of you say so. and they will sing.

Yours Truly

R H Pratt

Genl. Hartsuff
Phila.

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