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June 9, 1888.

Hon. A. B. Upshaw,

Assistant of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 6, 1888, "Education 13767-14505", I have the honor to ask your attention to the enclosed statement by Dr. M. M. Waldron, physician of this school, by which it appears:

1st. That the record of the six Indian students from Green bay Agency, Wisconsin, has been remarkably good physically, as well as excellent in every other respect, (excepting, in some cases a weakness for liquor).

2d. That the death rate of Indians received from all other Agencies--over fifteen in number--excepting those from Crow Creek and Lower Brule, has been a low one, as favorable, I think as in any Indian school.

Dr. T. S. Childs' report failed to make this discrimination respecting Crow Creek and Lower Brule, failed, in its comparing the death rates at Hampton and Carlisle, to include the last six months of 1887, which if included, and, especially, if brought up to the present time would make quite a different showing;

and is, I respectfully submit, on the whole, unfair and unworthy

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In support of this statement I respectfully refer you to the subsequent investigation and report of Gen. E. Whittlesey and Mr. A.K. Smiley of the Board of Indian Commissioners, a copy of which Gen. Whittlesey, I think, left at your office.

I will request him at once to call at your office and explain his reasons for believing that Oneida and other Indians may safely be sent here.

Permit me to refer you to my application to you of even date to bring a party of Oneida Indians here.

I am, Sir,

with great respect,

your obedient servant,



Principal.

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Hampton, Va., June 8th. 1888.

General S.C Armstrong,

Dear Sir:

Six students from the Green Bay Agency, Wisconsin, have been received at this school. The period spent here by each is as follows:

- Charles Soman 3 years
- Alexander Peters 5 ,,
- Michael Oshkeneny 3 ,,
- Mitchell Maquimetas 5 ,,
- Richard Powless 3 ,,
- Hyson Powless 2 ,,

All have completed their course except the last, who is now in school and expecting to remain for some time. The health record of the above named students has been exceptionally good. They have not suffered even from minor ailments, but with the exception of skin disease in one case, [cured here] have been robust and sound from beginning to end of their course.

The latitude from which they come is intermediate between that of the Nebraska Indians, who do remarkably well in this climate, and the Dakotas who do when they were sound on arrival. No death has occurred here among the students from that agency in a period of ten years.

No better health record could be expected in any climate than that of this school during the past two years. No death has occurred since Feb. 2nd. 1887. Of the 31 deaths that have occurred here in ten years, 14 were from Crow Creek and Lower Brule Agency, [one locality], from which 107 of our 487 Indians have been received. Indians from these Agencies are radically unsound and have no power to resist disease.

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Aside from these and three infants whose deaths could in no way be ascribed to climatic influences, in the 360 Indians received from all other sources, but 14 deaths have occurred, or one in twenty-five and seven-tenths. This record is an excellent one for any school in the United States.

In regard to the Oneidas, I have often wished the school could have more of them. They have been unexceptionally vigorous and satisfactory.

Very respectfully yours,

M. M. Waldron, M. D.

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