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Indians

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Tarrytown - Oct 26 1877

Dear Dr Agnew,

I don't feel at all  
sure that I have any right to remind  
you of a promise which seemed only  
conditional with regard to my two  
Indian scholars.

I think you said, if others con-  
tributed you would be responsible for  
sixty dollars - or five dollars a month,  
but when you promised that you  
thought we might get schooling, or  
<sup>perhaps</sup> a boarding place, until they were  
ready to enter school - for them  
at East Hampton. My efforts  
in that direction were unsuc-  
cessful, but Gen Armstrong of  
the Hampton Normal School  
has been to see me & is anxious  
to have them & there are other  
places, if his - to which there are  
objections - will not do.  
We must bring them soon, or

not at all, as they are beginning  
to be disheartened by delay. We  
expect to go to St Augustine again  
in December, & if they should not  
be sent home before Spring we  
will bring them back with us  
then. They could not be under  
better instruction or influence any  
where than there & it would be  
a pity to remove them from it un-  
til we are obliged to do so.

It was necessary for Capt  
Pratt to let them know of the possi-  
bility of their coming, as they are  
liable to be sent home at any  
moment & I cannot give up the  
hope of their ~~staying~~ <sup>coming</sup> to now having  
provided them a chance to  
improve. I enclose the amount  
I have already received & deposited  
in Savings Bank here in  
trust for them. As soon as we  
can make it six hundred  
we think it will be best to de-  
cide to bring them. If we could  
wait I would gladly do so +

in the hope of having a longer run - so as to receive  
a longer stay for them here - As it is, having done  
all we could, I know that Providence will in some  
way send the further help needed. One of the gentlemen  
who has contributed Mr. Blapp, promised to be responsible  
for fifty dollars more as soon as we had furnished  
such a party. I should be glad to have that amount  
paid immediately, & send in blank & charging interest  
until we have done it in the Spring.

We would be very thankful for your advice  
or suggestions from you & if you hope some  
to give them:

The 18 thought - I had better write the cards  
two weeks hence - I am - I believe in  
with gratitude for the interest you have  
expressed in the students - I am very truly  
Yours &c. &c. &c.

Taneytown – Oct 26 1877

Dear Dr. Agnew,

I don't feel at all sure that I have any right to remind you of a promise which seemed only conditional with regard to my two Indian scholars.

I think you said, if others contributed you would be responsible for sixty dollars – or five dollars a month, but when you promised that you thought we might get schooling, or work & a boarding place, until they were ready to enter school – for them at Easthampton. My efforts in that direction were unsuccessful, but General Armstrong of the Hampton Normal School has been to see me & is anxious to have them & there are other places, if his – to which there are objections – will not do.

We must bring them soon, or

not at all as they are beginning to be disheartened by delay. We expect to go to St. Augustine again in December, & if they should not be sent home before Spring we will bring them back with us then. They could not be under better instruction or influence any where than there & it would be a pity to remove them from it until we are obliged to do so.

It was necessary for Capt Pratt to let them know of the possibility of their coming as they are liable to be sent home at any moment & I cannot give up the hope of their ~~story~~ coming now having promised them a chance to improve. I enclose the amount I have already received & deposited in Savings bank here in trust for them. As soon as we can make it six hundred we think it will be best to decide to bring them. If we could wait – I would gladly do so

in the hope of having a larger sum so as to ensure a longer stay for them here. As it is, having done all we could, I know that Providence will in some way send the further help needed. One of the gentlemen who has contributed, Mr. Clapp, promised to be responsible for fifty dollars more as soon as we had four hundred & fifty. I should be glad to have that amount five hundred secured in bank & drawing interest until we have to use it in the Spring.

We would be very thankful for any advice or suggestions from you Dr. if you have time to give them.

The Dr. thought I had better write he sends his kindest remembrances to you & believe me With gratitude for the interest you have expressed in the Indians.

Yours very truly,  
Amy A Carothers