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FORGIVING ALL.

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see.
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine.
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me.
If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self, we
Could look each other in the face.
And see therein a truer grace,
Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose;
The "why" of things our hearts would

see

If I knew you and you knew me,
—Nixon Waterman.

Education Circular No. 57.

Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, October 12, 1901.
To Agents and Bonded Superintendents.

The Indian School Rules provide that "Once enrolled in a government school pupils will be considered members of that school until separated therefrom by authority of the Commissioner of Indian affairs," and it is further provided that "When an agent is notified to the return to his reservation of a pupil of a non-reservation school he shall take the necessary steps to inform himself as to the legitimacy of his return. Shall he find that the pupil cannot produce satisfactory evidence or proper authority for his return a full report of all the facts must be made promptly to the Indian office and the superintendent of the school notified thereof.

The purpose of the foregoing rule was to prevent frequent changes of pupils from one school to another, which is demoralizing to the school force as well as to the pupils themselves. Complaints has, how-

ever, reached this office that superintendents of non-reservation schools are in the habit or have received pupils who were properly enrolled in other non-reservation school without the sanction either of the school in which it was enrolled or of this office. This is a reprehensible practice which must discontinued. There shall be a community of interest between all non-reservation schools and especially in this matter, for their mutual protection. Therefore, wherever this office is informed that the superintendent of a non-reservation school has enrolled in his school a pupil belonging to another non-reservation school, he will be required, at personal expense, to return that pupil to the school to which he belongs.

Attention has also been directed to the fact that sufficient care is not exercised by the various superintendents of non-reservation schools in satisfying themselves beyond the doubt that a pupil who has heretofore been enrolled in a non-reservation school has not been discharged therefrom or otherwise properly released. To minimize this as much as possible, you are hereby directed that in every case of the discharge of a pupil from a non-reservation school under your charge to immediately notify this office and also notify the superintendents of all non-reservation schools, giving a description of the pupil, and superintendents are forbidden to receive such pupils in their school without express order from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Complaints have reached this Office that the collecting agents sent out by certain non-reservation schools have failed or neglected to observe Indian School Rule No. 17, which directs that such collecting agents, before attempting to collect on a reservation, must first report to the agents. Hereafter superintendents of non-reservation schools who do not properly instruct their representatives and whose representatives