

and of Nonreservation Schools.
 Item:

In order to avoid complications, you are hereby directed that hereafter no superintendent of a nonreservation school shall enroll pupils for less than three years term, and in every case you will have the parent, guardian, or next-of-kin sign a consent (back to the transfer of such pupils for the period stipulated, which paper must be preserved in the records of the school.

No promise must be made to any parent or school that pupils enrolled will be assessed time during vacation period, and in no case will be retained longer during vacation without special permission of this office, and full data must be submitted with your request showing the necessity for such return.

It is further desired that you will, if possible, enroll the pupils for periods of four or five years, but under no circumstances must they be taken for a less term than that above indicated.

In the selection of pupils you will be careful to enroll only those who are sound and healthy and have the requisite amount of Indian blood. A child amounting one-fourth or less Indian blood, whose parents live on an Indian reservation, Indian farm, and still if detached from the government schools could not obtain an education, may be permitted in the reservation and boarding schools, but it is preferable that it should not be transferred to a nonreservation school, without special permission from this office. Children showing one-eighth or less Indian blood, whose parents do not live on an Indian reservation, whose home is among white people, where there are churches and schools, who are presumed to have adopted the white man's manners and customs, and are in all respects and purposes white people, are deferred from enrollment in the government nonreservation and reservation schools.

Superintendents in all cases where doubt exists as to the degree of Indian blood of a child proposed to be transfer, should fully satisfy themselves of the facts by affidavits of reliable persons, which affidavits must

be kept on file at the school. Inspecting officials are directed at each school visited to make personal canvass of all pupils, and to report those who under the limitations of this circular are construed to be "White Indians." Such pupils if collected after the receipt of this circular will be returned at the personal expense of the superintendent.

Your attention is specially invited to Indian Schools Rules, Edition 1900, Sections 17 and 18.

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of its superintendent, and the superintendent thus enrolling such a pupil will be held strictly to this rule. A pupil dismissed for cause from a nonreservation school must not be enrolled in any other school.

Attention is directed to Education Circulars Nos. 11 and 13, and paragraphs "Transfer of Children" printed on page 29, Indian School Rules, 1900.

Very respectfully,

J. H. D. (H.C.D.—G—) (Signed)

W. A. Jones, Commissioner.

Food for Thought.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—An unique official acknowledgment was posted at the Pension Bureau today by Commissioner of Pensions Ware, as a rebuke to those who abuse the leave privileges and harass the office with pleas for promotion.

The announcement and order are as follows:

"Annual leave in four years, 14 days.

"Not a day sick leave in 5 years.

"Do merit, excel out.

"His chief recommends him.

"He has secured no statement up against the Government.

"He has not told the Commissioner where his pedigree and distinguished relatives live.

"He has not told the Commissioner how capable he (Wiggins) is and how deserving of promotion.

"Mr. Wiggins will be promoted today from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and the chief is requested to furnish the Commissioner with the names of all others in the Bureau with a similar record."