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AGENTS AND SUPERINTENDENTS:

Arrangements were practically completed for holding an institute at San Francisco, Cal., in July, in connection with the annual convention of the National Educational Association, but on account of the terrible catastrophe there it will not be practicable to carry out their plan. It has been decided, however, to hold local institute during the fiscal year 1907 at Standing Rock, S. Dak., Pine Ridge and Rosebud, S. Dak., Riverside, Cal., and Chilocco, Okla. The dates of these meetings will be announced later.

The usual Pacific Coast Institute will be held at Tacoma, Wash., August 20—24. A general session will be held each morning, at which subjects of interest to all will be discussed. On the afternoon of each day the following round-table conferences will be held: Officials and superintendents' section, physicians and nurses' section, teachers' section, matrons' section, and industrial section. At these meetings subjects of special interest to the respective sections will be discussed. Model classes, with Indian pupils, will be conducted at the teachers' sectional meetings. The evening sessions will be devoted to addresses by prominent educators.

Certificates of attendance will be furnished to all Indian school employees, enabling them to claim pay on the dates they attend the meetings. These certificates will be issued at the close of the meeting, and immediately upon return of employees to their respective schools must be turned over to the agent or superintendent for transmission to the Indian Office, or pay for the time consumed will not be allowed. Employees will also be allowed pay for the time necessarily consumed in going to and returning from the meeting.

The Office desires to emphasize the great benefit to be derived by teachers and other employees as a result of attending these institutes, where, through interchange of thoughts and experiences, and listening to instructive papers and addresses by leading educators, they are stimulated by new ideas and enabled to keep abreast of the times in educational methods.

You are requested to bring this matter to the attention of each employee under your supervision, and it is hoped that as many as can do so will take advantage of the opportunity to attend these meetings.

Very respectfully,

C. F. LARRABEE,

Acting Commissioner.

LaMesa, Cal., May 10, 1906.

To the Fifth Grade,
Chemawa, Oregon.

My dear young friends

In reading your school paper the Weekly AMERICAN I have learned that on the planting of your last arbor-day tree you kindly honored me by giving it my name. Be assured my dear children that the honor is heartily appreciated and that I am ardently hoping that the tree will live and grow while under your care, constantly tending to keep fresh remembrance of the happiness that prevailed during the winter I was guest of the school; and I want you to believe that I consider this tribute of esteem as richly copping the monumental recollection of gentle kindness received and established in any heart through gracious efforts of the entire school, faculty and pupils, during that time, to be affectionately, cherished throughout the remainder of my pilgrimage among men.

May God's blessings favor the tree, may God bless the 5th Grade and all Chemawa and help me to live worthy of their continued esteem is the prayer of your old man friend.

James F. Randlett, "The Old Col."