

and requirements, within the past three months, and the position is now vacant because both are doing better. I beg the honor of being allowed to suggest that it would be better to pay fewer but more capable people better prices than to divide the available sum among the larger number. I fully realize the beauty of uniformity of salary throughout the service and would be delighted with it if I were in a section where I could reap direct benefit instead of being in a section where the unpleasant part came to me while my fellow-superintendents reap a benefit because of lower prevailing labor prices. Here labor has gotten for the season from 25 to 45 cents per hour, and my farmer must work for the same price as the other farmer where the same labor commands only from 15 to 25 per hour; consequently my farmer quits.

Very respectfully,

THEO. G. LEMMON, *Superintendent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

### REPORT OF SCHOOL AT FORT LAPWAI, IDAHO.

FORT LAPWAI SCHOOL, IDAHO, *August 6, 1901.*

SIR: I respectfully submit my annual report of this school for the year ending June 30, 1901.

The year has been simply a repetition of the last. Not a child could be secured during September. All through October, November, and December pupils were entering as they returned from their annual hunting, fishing, and visiting trips. Attendance reached its highest mark in January and February, 116 being present for several weeks. The first breezes of spring were the signal for the usual exodus to begin, when the wildest of the tribe resume their travels.

An aggravated case of child stealing determined me to prosecute the offending parent. On attempting to do so I was informed by both the county attorney and the United States district attorney for this district that there was no law, State or national, that could reach the case. These Indians were citizens, and could place their children in school or remove them at their pleasure.

A recital in this place of the condition of the school and its various departments, the necessities, and recommendations which have been made would be superfluous, as your office has been kept fully informed by many communications on various occasions of all that pertains to the school.

The regular work of the school has been conducted along the usual lines. Employees have been generally faithful and conscientious in the discharge of duties, both in accomplishing the work of the different departments and in giving instruction to pupils detailed to assist. Those of the latter who have been in attendance for the greater part of the term have made commendable progress. The short time that a majority are in school is an insuperable obstacle to permanent advancement.

A much better spirit has pervaded in the industrial branch of the work. Pupils have been particularly cheerful and willing in farm work, which has often been the cause of runaways or the removal of pupils by indignant parents.

The hope for the school is now in the efficacy of a compulsory-attendance law passed by the State legislature at its last session. If, under this law, attendance can be raised to reasonable numbers, so that the much-needed reforms, which have been so often and so urgently requested, can be accomplished in the sewer system, the water and bathing system, repairs and painting of buildings, this school will be one of the most attractive in the service.

In taking leave of this school and of the Indian service, I desire to express my keen appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies which I have received from the Indian Office.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. SMITH,  
*Superintendent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

### REPORT OF HASKELL INSTITUTE, LAWRENCE, KANS.

HASKELL INSTITUTE, *Lawrence, Kans., August 24, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit as the eighteenth annual report of Haskell Institute the annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

Of the 600 pupils enrolled on July 1, 1900, the beginning of the fiscal year, about 150 were discharged because of graduation or expiration of term. Of the 450 remain-