

INDIAN SCHOOL, LAWRENCE, KANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior for the construction of a chapel and gymnasium at the Indian school at Lawrence, Kans.

DECEMBER 18, 1888.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 15, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 13th instant, submitting an estimate for an appropriation of \$35,000 for construction of a chapel and gymnasium at the Indian school, Lawrence, Kans.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 13, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for presentation to Congress, in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stats., 254), copy of a communication of 11th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of letter of Hon. C. Robinson, late superintendent of the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kans., relative to the necessity for the construction of a chapel and gymnasium at the said school.

The Commissioner recommends that the sum of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be added to the item of \$85,500 in the book of estimates of appropriations required for the service during the fiscal year 1890 for the support of the Indian school at Lawrence, Kans., to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in the

construction of a chapel and gymnasium and in making necessary alterations and repairs to buildings at the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kans.

The recommendation of the Commissioner is concurred in by the Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 11, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a communication from Charles Robinson, superintendent of the Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kans., dated November 28, in which he states that with the completion of the new dormitory and dining hall, now inclosed, the capacity of the school will be increased to seven hundred or eight hundred pupils, with the exception of school-rooms and chapel. That there are now required eight teachers, while there are but six suitable school rooms, thus compelling two teachers to occupy unsuitable quarters. That the present chapel or hall, which is in the school-building, if divided, will make two or three excellent school-rooms, while it is too small for the contemplated number of pupils, on the completion of the new dormitory and dining-hall building.

He suggests that a chapel building with a seating capacity of 1,000 pupils, with store or school rooms in the basement, is made a necessity by the increased dormitory or dining-room capacity; also, that a suitable building for a gymnasium is greatly needed, for the reason that there is no shaded spot suitable for the recreation or play of children in summer, nor inclosure for winter. That not only the comfort and happiness of the pupils would be greatly increased, but their health also, by the erection of a gymnasium. He further states that, should these buildings be furnished, with the other improvements already authorized by Congress, the Institute will be well equipped for the education of the 700 or 800 pupils it can accommodate.

In view of the above suggestion and recommendation of the superintendent, and being fully satisfied that an expenditure for the purpose above mentioned would be of great benefit, I respectfully recommend that the attention of Congress be invited to this matter, with the request that the sum of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be added to the item of \$85,500 in the Book of Estimates of Appropriations required for the service during the fiscal year 1890 (page 145), for the support of Indian school at Lawrence, Kans., to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in the construction of a chapel and gymnasium, and in making necessary alterations and repairs to buildings at the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kans.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. OBERLY,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, HASKELL INSTITUTE,
Lawrence, Kans., November 28, 1888.

SIR: Referring to the buildings required at Haskell Institute, I have the honor to state that with the completion of the new dormitory and dining hall, now inclosed, the capacity of the school will be increased to 700 or 800 pupils, with the exception

of school-rooms and chapel. There are now required 8 teachers, while there are but 6 suitable school-rooms, thus compelling 2 teachers to occupy unsuitable quarters. The present chapel or hall, which is in the school building, if divided will make two or three excellent school-rooms, while it is too small for the contemplated number of pupils on the completion of the new dormitory and dining-hall building.

I would respectfully suggest, that a chapel building with a seating capacity of 1,000 pupils, with store or school rooms in the basement, is made a necessity by the increased dormitory or dining-room capacity. Also, a suitable building for a gymnasium is greatly needed. At present there is no shaded spot suitable for the recreation or play of children in summer, nor inclosure for winter. Not only the comfort and happiness of the pupils would be greatly increased, but their health also, by the erection of a gymnasium. Should these buildings be furnished, with the other improvements already authorized by Congress, the institute will be well equipped for the education of the 700 or 800 pupils it can accommodate.

In view of the great necessity for these additional buildings, I respectfully recommend that Congress be asked to appropriate \$25,000 for the erection of a building for chapel and other purposes as suggested above; also the sum of \$10,000 for the erection and equipment of a gymnasium.

Very respectfully,

C. ROBINSON,
Superintendent.

Hon. J. H. OBERLY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.