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EVOLUTION OF THE INDIAN.

The Effect of Training at the Government Indian School at Carlisle.

PART I.

From The Religious Telescope.

Columbus was looking for the East Indies when he discovered America. Owing to his mistake, the inhabitants he found here were termed Indians, and the name ever since has clung to them. When Columbus returned to Spain he reported thousands of natives ready to become converts to Christianity. From that hour there have been efforts, wise and otherwise, made with more or less earnestness, to educate and Christianize various tribes. The first effort was by Jesuits, in the North, who followed the plan of mission schools.

A type of Indian schools, logically, though not in order of time, is the non-reservation school. This implies taking a child entirely away from the hindering influences of his home, sometimes thousands of miles. It comprehends a system of mental and manual training to fit the Indian boys and girls for the duties of a complex civilization. This is the plan on which the school at Carlisle, Pa., was founded, and has been maintained.

This is a historic spot, nineteen miles from Harrisburg. It is located in the center of a rich agricultural valley of Pennsylvania. When the first thirteen States were colonies it was a frontier military post, and was the scene of a treaty made with the Indian tribes of Pennsylvania by Benjamin Franklin in 1753. After the battle of Trenton a number of Hessian prisoners were brought to Carlisle and confined in an old guard-house which they built there. This still graces the grounds, and is used yet for a place of incarceration for those who need discipline at the school. The place was a training and drilling spot for Indian campaigns a century ago. When General Fitzhugh Lee

was marching toward Gettysburg, in 1863, he took time to shell the town and burn everything except the guard house—the barracks being rebuilt two years later.

It was about midnight, October 5, 1879, when Captain R. H. Pratt brought a party of eighty-two Sioux boys and girls from the Rosebud and Pine Ridge agencies of South Dakota to Carlisle, to begin the training of the Indian far removed from home life and ties. This was the first effort at non-reservation Indian schools. Captain Pratt had in charge a number of war prisoners from the Kiowa, Comanche, Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes at Fort Marion, Florida, and conceived the idea of educating them in the haunts of peace among the white neighbors. He served as superintendent of the school thus begun until July, 1904, when he was succeeded by Major W. A. Mercer. The present superintendent, Moses Friedman, took the place of Major Mercer April 1, 1908.

The Carlisle Indian School is under the control, first, of the President of the United States; under him it belongs to the Department of Interior, at whose head is Secretary Richard A. Ballinger; under Secretary Ballinger is Robt. G. Valentine, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who directs all the educational plans for the red men; ranking under him is Superintendent Friedman.

How do the Indians come to Carlisle? Who are accepted? Answering the second question, there is a standing invitation, with some exception, to all Indian boys and girls, from Maine to California, from Florida to Alaska. In the application for enrollment the age limit is given from fourteen to twenty years, preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be, at least, one-fourth Indian, desirably all Indian. An application blank is filled out for every prospective student. This embraces the name, sex, parent or guardian, post-office, state, and

the term of years—not less than three—which the applicant desires to spend in the school. There are blanks for the place and date of birth, with name of father and mother, the degree of Indian blood each contains, the tribe and agency represented, together with a record of any educational advantages previously enjoyed. This application is to be signed by two witnesses and accompanied by an affidavit as to its truthfulness; besides, two disinterested persons, acquainted with the candidate, must vouch for the correctness of the record. A physician's certificate must accompany the application, declaring that the child is not afflicted with tuberculosis or other disease which will be a menace to the health of other pupils. No other disease is mentioned by name. This brings to view the dread enemy of the Indian race, consumption, which has gathered a bountiful harvest, owing to the changed manner of life, the indoor work, and the lack of pure air which come with advanced civilization. When the candidate reaches Carlisle, the school physician makes a careful examination and recommends for admission to the school if the physical condition is passable.

There are several non-reservation schools. Transfers from one to another cannot be made without the consent of the two superintendents concerned and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. In case of dismissal from one school a pupil cannot be enrolled in another school without the permission of Commissioner Valentine, and full facts must be submitted with their request for readmission.



ADVERSITY is a poultice which reduces our vanity and strengthens our virtue—even a boy never feels half so good as when he has just been spanked and set away to cool.—Josh Billings.

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CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

PETER HAUSER, Cheyenne.

The week before Christmas is always a happy one among my people, and the older ones at this time are sparing no pains to please their children and those dear to them. They are busy at the churches, decorating Christmas trees, while the superintendents of the Sunday Schools are busily engaged in preparing some of the pupils for the programmes that will be rendered at the churches during Christmas Eve.

These programmes are always on more of a religious order, and are for the purpose of paying tribute to the Saviour, who was born on this night many years ago. There are no electric lights used on the Christmas trees, but candles, which make a better effect for the occasion. When the time comes to light up the candles on the tree, it is always a happy moment for the children, as well as for the older people, and there can be no one in the audience who cannot help but feel the good will that exists at this period which is called Christmas. The candles are allowed to burn until they become quite short, and then they are put out one by one; but, during this time the programme has been in progress. After all is over, each person receives a package of candies and nuts at the door as he leaves the church.

This is a hard night for the children to sleep, as they are wondering what they will receive from Santa Claus during the night. Early in the morning horns and drums can be heard in these homes; the children are enjoying the gifts they have received. The parents are more impressed and pleased to see their children happy at this period than at any other time of the year.

The people go to church on Christmas Day, that is, mostly the older ones. After services, all are look-

ing forward to a good meal. Dinner is always enjoyed by all; the table is loaded with the best of eatables, and nothing is lacking that will make one happy. After spending a joyous day in exchanging greetings, the day comes to a close, and we look forward to another Christmas.

CHRISTMAS AT FORT BERTHOLD.

MORGAN CROWSGHOST, Gros Ventre.

The people on the Ft. Berthold reservation observe Christmas in their respective churches. One or two trees are generally used in each of these places. The people are expected to bring all their presents on the day before Christmas, in order that everything may be ready for the morning. Many presents are given among these people.

On the Christmas morning, short services are held; after which the presents are distributed. Whenever the exercises are over, they return to their homes.

The class of people that are not members of any church usually meet in their dancing places and remain there during the day, until evening, when they have to go care for their stock. At, or about seven o'clock, dancing is resumed and kept up for the rest of the night.

HOW I SPENT CHRISTMAS.

MARIE LEWIS, Cherokee.

Christmas is celebrated in our part of the country as in other parts of the United States. The greater number of this occasion's observances by me have been spent in school or away from home; consequently, I am not acquainted with its celebrations at home.

I will, however, try to tell something about how we celebrated this event at our reservation school. Usually we were somewhat anxious from Thanksgiving day, counting the number of days from then till Christmas day, when we realized the joys of our anticipation. We generally had a "big eat," together with other entertainments and amusements such as a tree and other features noticeable just at this time were indulged in. At this time the students did the greater part of entertaining.

After the stripping of the Christ-

mas tree of the presents and ornaments the children enjoyed seeing or showing each other's presents.

At the beginning of the holidays, which commenced Christmas eve and continued until after New Years, the children who lived near were allowed the privilege of spending these days at their homes.

We were always sorry when the Christmas holidays were over, for we would like to have had Christmas time with us always, or every day.

CHRISTMAS IN PIMA LAND.

JOHNSON ENOS, Pima.

The Pima and Papago Indians in Arizona observe Christmas in a nice way. They collect food and clothing for those who are not able to earn a living. A feast is held on Christmas Day. After the feast is over candies, oranges, raisins, crackers and so forth are distributed among the people.

The boys play baseball, some play tag, some engage in foot races, while others gallop their horses to and fro. The sports begin in the morning and last until evening when the people return to their quiet homes.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME.

By JOSE PORTER, Navajo.

Christmas has always woven golden threads in the memory of the past for me. In some respects I might liken it to an oasis in the desert where the weary traveler finds contentment and plenty; where his strength is recruited, and hope in the success of his journey renewed.

It is the one joy that I have found cannot be alloyed or marred by circumstances. It renews a love for all men in my heart because of the knowledge it brings of all men's kinship in the Brotherhood of Christ.

SOME SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

As there was no skating Monday a few of the girls went to town for a walk.

John White, printer, one of our old ARROW boys who is "making good," was over from Waynesboro to spend Christmas with us.

CHRISTMAS AT CARLISLE.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

There were two beautiful cedars in the middle of the gymnasium. Between them swung a large five-pointed star. Immense ropes of cedar from both the top and sides of the building connected the star and the trees. The colored electrics softened the general light effect and made the tastily arranged decorations seem ethereal.

The presents were neatly wrapped in white tissue paper, tied with small ribbon, labeled with Christmas cards, and placed on stands and at the foot of the trees in company piles.

The students filed in in companies and surrounded the trees—the small boys on the west, the girls on the north and the south, and the large boys on the east. Following a very brief address by the superintendent, amid joyous greetings Old Santa announced his arrival fresh from the North Pole with presents for all, one night in advance of Christmas.

Immediately after its presents were received, each company marched through the door, receiving there bags filled with nuts and candies, and passed on up the stairs to spend the remainder of the evening chatting and eating.

THE DINNER.

The menu provided for the most exacting tastes and so generously as to make all feel that such a well-prepared and daintily-served variety of good things to eat would becomingly grace the table of even the most fastidious.

THE DANCE.

The usual "Sociable" occurred on Christmas evening, and the zest with which this feature of the social life of Carlisle always meets, was intensified all the more by the Christmas spirit that was everywhere.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It was stormy and blustery outside at nine o'clock Sunday morning, but inside the Chapel an interesting service of song and recitation came from the hearts of those who were commemorating the coming of the Christ Child so long ago.

Emma Lavatta, Mazie Skye, and Vera Wagner gave appropriate recitations, and Adeline Greenbrier sang

very sweetly the simple little song, "Loving and Giving."

The superintendent presided, and at the close distributed the Christmas cards to the regular members. Papers were also given out. Mr. Day, of Carlisle, made the address. All the Protestant boys were present as visitors.

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

A beautiful sacred selection by the orchestra opened the afternoon service. Then followed the usual special Christmas service consisting of responsive readings and special songs. A very hearty spirit characterized the singing and fitted the hearts and minds of the worshipers to listen with rapt attention to an address of intrinsic value given by Rev. A. N. Haggerty.

UNION MEETING.

A dark Y. M. C. A. Hall made it necessary to hold the Union Meeting in the Girls' Society Hall. Notwithstanding the attendance taxed even the standing-room to its utmost, the attentiveness of the listeners enabled the members to make the service a beautiful and impressive one. Each of the numbers was good, but none outrivaled "The Star in the East." The sweetness and clearness with which this beautiful solo was rendered entirely captivated the hearts of the listeners.

The order of the service follows:

- Responsive reading—(all standing).
- Lord's prayer.....Chant
- No Room.....Alvin Kennedy
- Bethlehem.....No. 55, first part
- Joy to the World.....No. 50, first part
- Christmas Carol.....Edison Mt. Pleasant
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....Choir
- Christmas.....Evelyn Pierce
- The Star in the East.....Texie Tubbs
(Accompanist, Adeline Greenbrier).
- Christmas presents for Jesus.....Laura Tubbs
- That Beautiful Land—quartet
- Charles, Thomas, Wheeler, and Mumblehead.
- Child of a King.....No. 211, first part
- God be with You.....No. 26, first part
(Union Cabinet Meeting immediately after the service).

AT THE HOSPITAL.

The dining room was Santa's apartment. In the center of the room overhead hung a large bell, out of which issued decorations extending to the four corners. From the tree shone red, blue, and green lights. The trinkets were arranged in a way to gladden the hearts of the eager

and expectant ones—and not one was forgotten.

BASKETBALL.

All students attended the basketball games in the gymnasium on Monday night. There was a lively match between picked teams of the girls, as well as an interesting, hard-fought contest between teams composed of the best players to be found among the boys. Each team had its loyal supporters, and loud and long echoed the cheers which greeted each good play. The orchestra cheered all alike.

THE SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

In a general sense, the School Entertainment terminated the Christmas exercises. Unusual efforts were expended to make the affair a success. The program follows:

- Music.....School Orchestra
- Recitation....."New year is coming"
Normal pupils, grade 2
- Recitation....."Santa Claus up to date".
John Carter, No. 4
- Song—Merry, Merry Christmas bells.....School
- Recitation.....Annie's and Willie's Prayer
Elizabeth LaVatta, No. 6
- Duett....."The Gypsy Countess"
Two Pupils, No. 10
- Song—"Sing O children, sing with gladness"
School
- Dialogue.....The Bachelor Girls' Club.
Eight pupils, No. 12
- Violin Duett—"Air Varie"—Dancla.
Charles Kennedy and Mr. Stauffer
(Accompanied on piano by Miss Butler).
- Oration....."The Spirit of Discovery"
Johnson Enos, No. 14
- Music.....School Orchestra
- Dialogue.....The Cowboys' Christmas.
Twenty-five pupils, No. 8

MY TRIP TO PHOENIXVILLE.

FRANCIS COLEMAN, Chippewa.

While in Phoenixville we had the opportunity of going through the great steel plant. On entering, the first thing we saw was where they were rolling out steel. An ingot, which measured eight feet in length and which was about two feet square, was taken from a furnace, placed on the rollers and rolled out to a length of fifty feet, and four inches square.

We saw huge moving cranes with a lifting power of 100,000 tons. In another part of the plant they were rolling out steel rails. It is marvelous that such a long rail can be rolled out of such a short piece of steel. The heat was so great that we were obliged to cover our faces with our hands.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

James Thorpe has returned, bringing with him several new students.

Antone Danfort came in from the country to spend Christmas with his friends.

James Mannington, a Hampton student, spent his Christmas holidays with us.

Mr. Albert Exendine was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Denny on Christmas Day.

Our Christmas holiday is over. We now wish every one "A Happy New Year."

Mr. Dummerx, of White Earth, Minnesota, brought a party of new pupils last Friday.

The stable boys wish to thank Mrs. Friedman for her kindness in remembering them on Christmas.

Turn a new leaf for 1910 and form a good resolution. May the coming year be a prosperous one for you.

Michael Chabitnoy came in from Hershey, Pa., to spend Christmas with his many friends here at school.

Rose La Rose proved to be a star basket-ball player in the scrub game played in the gym. last Monday night.

The boys who went to Cave Hill Friday were surprised to see such fine skating. All reported having a fine time.

A message received from Stephen Glori states that he is not well. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

Henry Vincent, who went to Philadelphia last Friday to visit with friends, says that he had a very enjoyable time.

Among the visitors for the holidays was Florence Hunter, who said that she enjoyed every minute of the time while here.

Many of the boys and girls have severe colds. Now is the time to take good care of yourselves; neglect may prove fatal.

Troops A and B gave a fine exhibition of basket-pall playing last Monday evening, in which the "Giants" had a trifle the best of their opponents, the score being 22 to 17 in their favor.

The members of the four upper grades wish to thank Mr. Ramsey for the beautiful Christmas cards which he sent them

Miss Beatrice Scott, of Ivyland, Pa., has come to be one of our teachers. Welcome to our midst, and may she feel at home.

The singing of the Christmas carols at the Catholic church has been postponed to next Sunday evening, on account of the bad weather.

A few of the tables to be used in the telegraphing department have left the carpenter shop and are now in the paint shop to be finished.

Ira Spring received several presents, among them a new football suit. He is very grateful to the boys who so kindly remembered him.

William Owl, Thomas St. Germain, Fritz Hendricks and Wahseka, left Carlisle last week to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Marie Arteshaw, who is out for the winter, sent her friends here many beautiful Christmas cards. She is happy and enjoying herself.

At the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. union meeting last Sunday evening, Texie Tubbs sang a beautiful song, entitled, "Star of the East."

Harry Wheeler has gone to Philadelphia to take part in the play of "The Squaw Man" which is being played in one of the best theaters of that city.

The lovely dolls which were given to the little girls on Christmas have caused the lower halls of the Girls' Quarters to be turned into miniature dressmaking rooms.

On account of the recent snow the boys did not attend Sunday school in town last Sunday. Special exercises were held in the auditorium. Mr. Day was the speaker.

We were all glad to enjoy a white Christmas. Although the snow prevented girls from skating, we found other ways to make Christmas the happiest event of the year.

Eunice Bartlette, who lives near Harrisburg, came in to spend the Xmas holidays. Someone asked her how she liked the school she is attending. She replied, "I like it fine, and the children don't call me Indian either."

A postal was received from Joshua Billings, an ex-student who is now in Hogansburg, N. Y. He states that he is very well and wants to be remembered to his classmates.

The new arch, at the west entrance of the school, is being rapidly constructed. It will be illuminated by incandescent lights, and will certainly add beauty to an already beautiful place.

Word comes from Rachel Penny that she and Elizabeth are very much interested in their studies—one in the High school, the other in a Business College. Both send greetings to their Carlisle friends.

The Christmas vacation was enjoyed by all. The only thing to be regretted was that there was no skating. It is hoped that Jack Frost will not take a long vacation but return soon to his duty of freezing the waters.

The carpenter shop has new front doors, which greatly improve the looks of it. The doors have in them many panes of glass. They were made by our boys, and they have a right to be proud of their handicraft.

Martha Day, Class '09, after spending some time with her sister Mrs. Canfield, in Zuni, New Mexico, has returned to her home in Seama, where she expects to teach in a day school. All her friends wish her success in her work.

James Thorpe, better known to his intimate friends as "Libbling", arrived here on Friday afternoon to spend Christmas with his many friends and former classmates. It seems good to see our old star athlete with us and we hope he may remain for a long time.

The committee that decorated the Christmas trees is to be highly complimented on its effective work. The beautiful star seemed almost real, and it told a story all its own. The trees were very beautiful and our appreciation goes out in our thanks to those who helped make them so.

Last Monday afternoon Stacy Beck entertained in her room some of her friends. She had a candy feast of her own making. Those present were Pearle Wolf, Inez Brown, Texie Tubbs, Ida Towns, Ruth Walton, and Selina Twoguns. A delightful walk on the school grounds was the last thing on the program.