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EVOLUTION OF THE INDIAN.

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

PART III.

From The Religious Telescope.

Great care is taken in placing boys in homes. An applicant for a student must give references, tell who are in his family, what other employees he keeps, whether any member of the family uses tobacco or liquor, what religious services are attended, whether the boy would have the same privilege, what the nature of the work will be, and what wages he proposes to pay. The reference must vouch for personal acquaintance with the man, must state whether any whisky, tobacco, or profanity is used in the family, whether there are any bad habits, tell of the employees and the treatment received, whether wages are paid promptly, and state the religious society to which the family belongs.

The promises a pupil makes before allowed to go to the country, are as follows, properly signed: "I want to go out into the country. If you will send me I promise to *obey my employer, to keep all the rules of the school.* I will attend Sunday school and church regularly. I will not absent myself from my farm home without permission of my employer, and will not loaf about stores or elsewhere evenings or Sundays. I will not make a practice of staying for meals when I visit my friends. I will not use tobacco or any spirituous liquors in any form. I will not play cards nor gamble, and will save as much money as possible. If out for the winter, I will attend school regularly, and will do my best to advance myself in my studies. I will bathe regularly, write my home letter every month, and do all that I can to please my employer, improve myself, and make the best use of the chance given me." The care with which pupils are guarded from evil habits is worthy of remark. The

bath is a weekly requirement. Some of these rules would do for white people.

Last summer 285 boys were in the outing class, and more than two hundred girls. Those who are least advanced in the industries of civilization are sent out about April 1; those more advanced a month later, and the most experienced the middle of June. The last named return to Carlisle to school September 1, others September 15, unless they are to remain out during the winter; in that case they must attend school one hundred days continuously, and their labor out of school must pay for their keeping. Half of the wages a student earns is kept by the Carlisle authorities and given to the student when he quits the institution for good. The pupil can draw one-fourth his wages as it falls due. The other fourth is preserved for spending money after one comes back to the Carlisle school. The pupils who are out are visited twice a year.

Monthly reports are required both from the patron and from the student, both signing the monthly statement. Included with report must be a letter to the pupil's parents or guardian. All these come through the general office at Carlisle for approval or any needed censoring. I was permitted to copy from two of these letters; they are of interest. A boy writes:

"My Dear Mother: I received your letter and was greatly pleased to hear from you. I was beginning to worry, as I thought something had happened. Last night I was up until about ten o'clock looking at the election returns. Taft got elected; perhaps times will get better. I am making a funnel and a coffee pot. I will tell you more details later, as I only have a little time before school. My reports are good, I guess; I hope they are at least. I close, sending love to all."

Incidentally, the boy showed his politics. A girl wrote to her mother about being vaccinated, and filled up the page just about as a white girl

would do. She was from Oklahoma. Much of the correspondence connected with these reports is committed to a secretary, an Indian maiden from Oklahoma, responding to the name Marie. She has been in Carlisle for six years, is intelligent, educated, and capable.

These three kinds of education are supported by religious training, the Catholics attending the local Catholic Church at Carlisle, and the Protestants being under corresponding instructions. No one is allowed to influence a pupil's religious belief when placed out. There is a discipline which makes all the education count for something. The Hopi Indian prisoners were sent to Carlisle two years ago, in order to be made into American citizens.

There are pupils at Carlisle from seventy-seven reservations. Boys and girls being admitted from any, except the five civilized tribes of Oklahoma. When we made our visit there were 415 large boys, 189 small boys' and 346 girls enrolled; a total of 947. Of these 625 were in Carlisle; the others were out in homes.

Very commendable reports are sent in concerning the work and progress of the pupils. While we were in the office, Mrs. Senator Long, of Kansas, called up from Washington, asking for a second Indian girl for her home, and gave a splendid recommendation of the one with her at the time. She said she would keep nothing but Indian help. Does this system of Indian education pay? Charges have been made that, after being at Carlisle, the Indians return to their blankets. Statistics, compiled from investigation, prove that only eight per cent. have returned to the Indian manner of life; seventy-five per cent. become self-supporting; seventeen per cent. partly so.

Since a complete course has been offered, 514 graduates have received diplomas. Of these, 153 are in the government employ, in various civil-service positions. These educated

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Indians have succeeded in holding places with hundreds of other competitors. In the Indian service they have found ready acceptance, because of natural competency and efficiency. Some have attained front rank in business ventures. In military life and naval positions they have advanced as rapidly as other enlisted men. The trained Indian maiden ranks high as a professional nurse. Good musicians have been developed, and they have received their meed of praise in the world of music. The graduates are found practicing medicine, law, nursing, pulling teeth, sewing, farming, clerking in banks, engaged in mechanical pursuits, and attending colleges and universities.

The old saying that there is no good Indian but the dead Indian is a base slander. It is refuted every hour in the day by such work as the Carlisle Indian school is doing.



The December Honor Roll.

Following are the names of pupils whose work for December entitles them to the place of honor at the head of their class:

Senior class—Louisa Kenny.....	Average	9.64
Junior class—Nan Saunooke.....	"	9.06
Sophomore class—Gus Welch.....	"	9.10
Freshman class—Joseph Jocks.....	"	9.03
No. 10—John McInnes.....	"	9.63
No. 9—George LaVatta.....	"	8.50
No. 8—Hellen Kimmel.....	"	9.20
No. 7—Cecilia Swamp & Gladys McLean.....	"	9.01
No. 6—Herbert Holy Elk.....	"	9.61
No. 5—John Ramsey.....	"	9.10
No. 4½—Evelyn Blackbird.....	"	9.80
No. 3—David Redthunder.....	"	8.40
Normal Dept.—John Welch.....	"	9.10



Assistant Commissioner Here.

Mr. F. H. Abbot, assistant commissioner of Indian Affairs, accompanied by Mr. E. P. Holcombe, chief supervisor, made Carlisle a short visit last week. Mr. Holcombe has been here before and feels at home here, but it was the first visit of Mr. Abbot, so he was greatly interested in all features of our work.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

The campus was converted into a skating pond last week; the crust of ice was as smooth as glass and afforded lots of fun.

On account of illness, Miss Kaup was without her morning division of pupil teachers last Friday. Vera Wagner took Adeline Greenbrier's class.

An illustrated lecture was given in the auditorium last Saturday evening "The Lincoln Travelogues." Pictures were shown of Alaskan mining camps and other scenery, which we all enjoyed.

The Catholics met in the music room Sunday evening. Mother Mary Paul was in charge of the meeting and Annie Chisholm, Miss Sweeny, and Mary Shomin each rendered a solo.

The Printing Department is under obligations to Mr. Weber and his detail, and to Mr. Shambaugh. The former set a new radiator under our Miehle press, and Mr. Shambaugh took out two broken screws from machinery; repairs caused by carelessness.

Supt. and Mrs. Friedman entertained a number of the employees Friday evening, in honor of their house guests. Music, games, recitations, and stories furnished diversion for the evening. The darky dialect songs by Mrs. Whitehead, and a ghost story by Mrs. Friedman, were most amusing. All present had a very enjoyable time.

At the Freshman class meeting last Wednesday evening the members chose "Perseverance" for their motto. The question debated was: "Resolved, That the present system of civilizing the Indian is the best method of reaching that end." The debaters were, on the affirmative side, Delancy Davis and Mary Silas; negative, Anna Chisholm and Henry Blatchford. The affirmatives won.

Miss Louise A. Mann, a sister of Miss Mann of the print shop, spent the weekend at Carlisle. Miss Mann, who has been spending her Christmas vacation at her home in Baltimore, stopped to see her sister, and the school incidentally, while on her way back to Belleville, Ontario, Canada, where she is head of the art

department of St. Agnes School for girls. She liked everything and everyone she saw at Carlisle, and threatened, when leaving, to come back again.

Last week the printing department of the school executed and sent out work for the following Indian Service people: Superintendent Charles Buchanan, Tulalip Agency, Washington; Superintendent J. R. Eddy, Tongue River Agency, Montana; Dr. J. N. Alley, Nez Perce Agency, Idaho. All this work is used in the discharge of government duties. Dr. Alley had 11 forms printed—he is educating the Nez Percés to protect themselves against the dread disease, consumption, and is making much good headway.

The Seniors held their first class meeting of the year 1910 in the music room last Thursday evening. The class spirit was excellent, the program good, and the debate was handled in a manner which showed preparation on the part of the speakers. The question: "Resolved, That education has a greater influence than nature in the formation of character." Fanny Keokuk and Johnson Enos spoke for the affirmative side, and Levi Hillman and Stacey Beck for the negative. The judges awarded the honor to the negative speakers. The visitors were Naomi Greensky, James Mumblehead, Montreville Yuda, and Joel Wheelock.

An extra joint-meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s this month took place Sunday evening. It was for the purpose of receiving the report of the Student's Volunteer Movement. This organization convenes once in four years. delegates from each college or recognized school of good standing in the United States are permitted to be in attendance. Its convention at Rochester has just closed. Miss Wistar represented Carlisle. The interesting manner in which she told of the proceedings there gave her the close attention of a full hall. Most pertinent were the questions with which she concluded: "How are your people ever to receive the enlightening influences of Chistianity unless you help to take Christ to them? And don't you think you owe it to your race to do this much for it?"

ABOUT CARLISLE ATHLETICS.

This school will not be represented by a base ball team the coming season. In place of base ball, lacrosse will be taken up as a school sport.

This change has been considered for several years, and has been decided upon only after most thoughtful consideration. It is thought that, because of the evils of summer or professional base ball and the fact that many students have been lured away from school and into temptations and bad company by professional offers before they had finished school, it would be best not to develop, by encouraging base ball, an ambition in the students to become professional players, since so few have the strength of character or the ability to engage in such a calling successfully.

The base ball boys could not very well be prevented from engaging in professional base ball in the summer, because the students, instead of going home in the summer vacation, as college students do, are put to work under the Outing System, and boys who could earn from fifty to one hundred dollars a month during the summer playing base ball were naturally not contented to go out to the sea shore or on a farm for from \$15 to \$20 per month, even though it would pay them in the long run to do so. For this and other reasons it has been thought best not to develop base ball players to the point where they will be subjected to the tempting offers of the "Bush league" managers.

Lacrosse is an Indian game. There are many colleges playing it, and all who engage in the sport will start upon equal terms, since no one has experience before coming to Carlisle and there is no chance for professionalism to turn the heads of the players, since there are no professional lacrosse teams.

Lacrosse is a very interesting game requiring speed, headwork, skill, endurance and team work, and while we cannot expect to have a very strong team the first season, it is expected that the Indian's natural ability will enable the team to make a creditable showing this spring and show marked improvement from year to year.

Base ball will continue to be play-

ed by the "All Westerns" the "Young Chiefs", the "Oklahoma Hustlers" and other scrub teams, and will afford just as much pleasure, exercise and diversion as ever, but no games will be arranged with outside teams.

Last week a petition signed by a large number of the students was handed to the executive committee of the Athletic Association, requesting that the school be represented by a basket ball team, and after due consideration the committee decided to comply with the request. As a result several games have been arranged with such teams as Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Gettysburg Franklin and Marshall, etc. The first game was played Wednesday night with Albright College. It is more important that the basket ball boys play a clean game than to win games, but it looks as though the team would be able to play winning ball and clean ball as well.

At a meeting of the track "C" men held last week plans for the season of 1910 were outlined and Edgar Moore, the crack quarter and half miler, was elected captain. Captain Moore holds the school record for the half mile and was one of the largest point winners for the team last season. He is a Pawnee Indian from Oklahoma, nineteen years old and one of the best middle distance runners ever developed at the school. He should make a good leader and make an even better record than he did last year.


Several of the best track boys will be entered in some of the winter indoor meets to be held in New York and several of the other large cities, and a full team will be taken to the Georgetown meet in Washington the first week in March. Dual meets have been arranged with Lafayette, Swarthmore, and Annapolis for the outdoor season, besides the relay races at Philadelphia and the big State Intercollegiate meet to be held at Harrisburg, in which the Indians will participate as usual.

Mr. Warner is busy arranging the football schedule for next fall. It is probable that there will be important changes. The coming changes in the rules will no doubt open up the game and as the Indians are better adapt-

ed to the open game, the proposed changes will be welcomed by Carlisle.

The board track is being laid upon the athletic field and as soon as it is finished, the track candidates will be given more outdoor work. At present, the running track in the gym is being used, while occasionally the boys take a run to the second farm and back.

Mitchell Arquette has been elected captain of the cross country team for 1910. "Chon" has been coming to the front as a distance runner and will take John Corn's place as Te-wanima's running mate in the distance events of the year.

 **SOME SHORT NEWS ITEMS.**

The library is quite a busy place during these cold winter days.

Albright was beaten by the Indians Wednesday night by a 40 to 10 score. The school was present.

Nona Crowe and James Mumblehead rendered a beautiful duet at the Union meeting Sunday evening.

The upper classes were delighted to have Miss LaCrone come up to be their instructor in mathematics again.

Rev. Diffenderffer preached an interesting sermon on Jesus' Baptism in the auditorium last Sabbath afternoon.

Charles W. Kennedy, our violinist and printer, gave an excellent declamation in the auditorium last Monday morning.

The mechanics have been very busy during the past week, putting repairs on the two stationary water pumps in the boiler house.

Harry Wheeler, who has been in Philadelphia for several weeks, returned last Sunday evening. His friends are glad to see him back.

Edith Ranco left for her home in Old Town, Maine, Saturday afternoon on account of her mother being ill. Edith's friends were very sorry to see her go.

Rachel Chase represented the Sophomore class at the Monday afternoon chapel exercises. She gave a declamation entitled "The Old and the New", which was very well rendered.

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A noted physician has said that only those who are too lazy to breathe have consumption.

Rose McArthur, who has been confined to the hospital for a few days, is now much better.

Eva Waterman, a new student from New York State, is pleased with her surroundings.

We Juniors are glad to have Estella Ellis in school with us again for we missed her very much.

The Seniors are reading "The Merchant of Venice." They find it very interesting and instructive.

In spite of the cold weather the masons are still working on the gate which is being erected at the west entrance.

Fannie Charley states in a letter that she is well and enjoying life. She wishes to be remembered to her classmates.

Mrs. Harris, of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting Mrs. Friedman, left on Sunday afternoon for her home.

Myrtle Sutton, who has been ill in the hospital for sometime, is now able to be in quarters. We are all glad to have her with us.

Word was received from Henry K. Fox, who went home some time ago, stating that he is now a married man and living in Knoxville, Ill.

The steampipes in girls' quarters have been painted with aluminum paint. This has made a great improvement in the appearance of the halls.

The classes in the four upper grades deeply regret the loss of Mr. Delp. They extend to him their best wishes for success in his new work.

The weather in New York state is very severe; snow falls almost every day. In some parts the trains are delayed on account of the snow drifts on the railroads.

Nuss Stevenson and Albert Lorentz, two Oklahoma boys, have become expert skaters. It is a pleasure to see them gracefully cutting the figure 8 and, incidently, a Chinese puzzle by way of variation.

The painters have finished painting the Large Boys' reading room. The boys expect to have a pleasant place in which to sit and read when it is entirely finished.

The auditorium was repainted during Christmas week and and it now has a beautiful appearance. We owe to Mr. Carns and his force of painters our grateful thanks.

A letter received from Nina Carlyle, who is at Beverly, Pa., states that she is in good health and enjoying her work. She wishes to be remembered to all her friends.

During the suspension of our physical culture classes the large boys have been practicing with gloves. Some are becoming expert boxers, and all find it excellent exercise.

Josephine Gates, member of class '09, writing to a friend says that she is getting along nicely at her home in Fort Yates, North Dak. She sends cordial greetings to all her friends.

In a letter received from Nellie Clement, a member of the present sophomore class, she says that she is well and happy in a good country home. She wishes to be remembered to all at Carlisle.

Charles Fish, a member of the Junior class who is taking a correspondence course in sign-painting from the International Correspondence School at Scranton, has just finished a set of signs for each of the shops, and they are fine ones, too.

Through a letter we learn of the marriage of Miss Elsie T. Valley of Washunga, Oklahoma, to Mr. George Brown. Both are worthy ex-students and we extend to them our hearty congratulations and best wishes for the new, and for each succeeding year.

John Runclose, a member of the freshman class, is making fine progress in his music. He aspires to a high place in the musical world after he finishes his course here at Carlisle. It is well to "hitch your wagon to a star," and we hope he may realize his worthy ambition.

John W. Rogers writes from Peever, South Dakota, that he is getting along well, but would like to come back to Carlisle and help the track boys. He says that he is under contract to play ball in the Brandon,

Manitoba, Canadian league. Best wishes to the boys, and greetings to all his Carlisle friends accompany the letter.

"I am pleased to report that your pupil, Louis Cook, won a prize for attending Sunday School every Sunday last year." This is an extract from a written letter to Superintendent Friedman by A. R. Sickles, of Fallstown, Pa., with whom Louis Cook, one one of our small Hogansburg boys now in the country under the Outing, is living. We hope Louis will be able to keep up his good record during the New Year. We are proud of him.



AN INDIAN CHRISTMAS IN DAKOTA.

GUY PLENTYHORSE, Sioux.

On about December 15 or 16 the Indians begin to collect about two or three hundred dollars. I mean in each district. In each district there are about forty or fifty Indians living about one mile apart.

Now these Indians collect money and buy all kinds of food and Christmas presents and celebrate their Christmas dinner in church, or the largest house which they choose, and have a celebration together. On the 25th of December, while they are eating they write down all the children's names and at night they give them Christmas presents. The old Indians give each other blankets, beadwork, horses, money, etc. Sometimes one district invites another district to eat Christmas dinner with them.

Oh! they pray and sing just as well as any other race.



Carlisle Indians Write Good Letters.

A few weeks ago the pupils in the Primary Grades received letters from pupils in the Primary Grades belonging to the public school at Shandon, Cal. The following letter from the teacher of the the latter school shows how well our pupils responded:

Shandon, Calif.,
December, 27, 1909.

Mr. John W. Whitwell,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:—The letters from those dear children have been received and read with pleasure. One of my boys remarked that he for one would take a back seat. The letters are surprisingly well written, and some are about perfect. Thank you very much for your trouble. My children are anticipating much pleasure in answering them.

Very truly yours,
MRS. L. C. BRULKER.