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CHRISTMAS IN A SIOUX HOME.

CLARA BONSER, SIOUX.

We always look forward to Christmas at home because that is the time all of my smaller brothers and sisters come home from the boarding school, eight miles away; our friends and relatives nearly always come at that time, too.

We help them out of their sleighs and wraps with many jokes and great noise and questions as to the health of each one.

Over one or two doors we hang mistletoe and anyone that gets caught going under the mistletoe must treat everybody in the house to some kind of fruit or candy. We usually have candy pulling in the morning, while the older people tell stories, play cards or listen to music, and then we have our big Christmas dinner about two o'clock. We usually have a big cake with a ring, a prune seed, and a crooked broomstraw in it. The one that gets the ring will be married before long, the one that gets the prune seed has to sit on a high chair and crow like a rooster every time anyone points his finger at him, for an hour without smiling, and the one that gets the crooked broomstraw is told that he will be the thief of someone's cornfield.

We spend what is left of the afternoon in admiring presents, singing, and coasting down hill, and trying to push each other under the mistletoe. Then in the evening we hear the violins getting tuned up and go to have some fun. Some dance, while others try to hit bags of candy or fruit while blindfolded, or else they try to bite apples or doughnuts which hang on cords from the ceiling.

Soon we hear the sound of sleighbells, and amid much noise and laughter we finally get them all started for their homes—and in a few moments we hear nothing but a faint snatch of song and the echo of the words, "A Merry Xmas."

SENEGA CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES.

EVELYN PIERCE, Seneca.

Each year the different churches in the community where I lived held Christmas entertainments. Each church had its entertainment on a different evening so that those who wished might attend all of them. There was always one big tree and frequently two, on which to hang the numerous presents. The minister usually made the opening address, and called out the different numbers of the program.

In these Christmas exercises the children of the congregation took part. Dialogues, recitations and songs made up the program.

After the exercises are over several men of the church, who are chosen beforehand, take the presents from off the trees and call out the name of the owner. The owner calls out "present" or "here" and then the article is given to some little boy whose sees that it is delivered. The Christmas exercises usually last until twelve o'clock.

On Christmas Day services were held in all the churches at ten o'clock, and most of the people attended.

Dinner was usually at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Christmas Day, and if the sleighing was good, sleighing parties could be seen on the main road from about three to six or seven in the evening. Skating parties were also popular among the younger people.

The people who had spent their Christmas at some other home usually went home about half past-ten, or eleven at night.

The custom among the Indian homes is to sit around the fire after the supper dishes have been washed and tell stories, eat apples and nuts until time to go home or to retire for the night.

THE department students are studying, in the Business Department, the different classes of mail matter.

SOME SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

The students in telegraphy are learning rapidly.

Eleanor Spring, a former student, is studying telegraphy in Rochester, New York.

Mr. Whitwell and Mr. Kensler have each a very fine calendar which others admire.

Letitia Chase, who has been working in the mending room for the past month, was promoted.

Mr. Lau, our carpenter, lives near the school now—in a handsome new home on Hanover street.

Suzette Guitar writes to a friend that she is well and happy at her country home in Moorestown, New Jersey.

Another music room is being made in the Girls' Quarters. This will be a great improvement and benefit to those who practice.

Mr. Worden has received some new baskets, pottery and blankets, with which he has decorated the Studio up in city style.

Through a letter we learn that Katie Wesh expects to return to Carlisle in the spring. We shall all be glad to see Katie again.

Delia Johnson, who is at Moorestown, N. J., for the winter, writes to her sister Ella that she is getting along nicely in her school work.

Robert Keokuk, a former student of this school, writes from British Columbia that he intends to visit his friends at Carlisle in the near future.

Edmund Venne, who went home last fall, states in a letter that he is enjoying home life. He wishes to be remembered to his friends at Carlisle.

A letter was received from Marie Arteshaw in which she states that she is getting along well with her studies in the High School at Moorestown.

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GARDNER-COOKE.

“Married—Mary Cooke and George P. Gardner, at St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic church, Carlisle, Pa., by Rev. Father Ganss, January 20, 1910.”

These are the plain facts in the wedding of our assistant disciplinarian and one of our bright Freshman class members who was head student nurse at the hospital. But there is lots more to tell. All Carlisle was interested in the wedding.

The marriage ceremony, preceded by a nuptial mass, was celebrated by Father Ganss at ten o’clock Thursday morning. The wedding party, including some twenty specially invited guests, were taken to the church in four big sleighs, and a merry party it was. The bride, attired in a becoming frock of tan, with hat, gloves and furs to match and attended by Minnie White as bridesmaid, entered the church with the bridegroom and his best man, Jerome Kennerly. During the ceremony Miss Sweeney sang an Ave Maria, and wedding marches announced the entrance and exit of the bridal party. A wedding breakfast was served by the Sisters in the convent immediately after the service, to which all the guests were invited. Sleighs brought the happy crowd back to the school, where the festivities were again resumed at two o’clock. At that hour, Miss Guest was hostess at a beautifully appointed wedding dinner, at which covers for thirty were laid. Decorations of blue and white, the nurses’ uniform colors, were used in the dining room, while over the heads of the bridal pair was hung a huge wedding bell of carnations. White lillies in great masses banked the center of the long table at which the guests were seated. A menu consisting of oysters, chicken, potatoes, corn, celery, sweet potatoes, dressing, gravy, olives, ice cream, coffee,

bonbons, and angel food, the last being the wedding cake, was served.

At three o’clock before the feast was yet over, the Carlisle band gathered on the hospital porch and serenaded the “newlyweds” with gay and happy airs. The mirth and feasting continued until time for the bride and bridegroom to leave for the five o’clock train to Harrisburg. They were showered with rice and good wishes, and, accompanied by the other members of the wedding party, were driven in sleighs to the depot in town. More rice and a rousing cheer for “Mr. and Mrs. Gardner” bade them a final farewell as they boarded the train for their honeymoon trip, which will end at Hayward, Wisconsin, where Mr. Gardner has accepted a position as disciplinarian at the Indian School.



ABOUT CARLISLE ATHLETICS.

The next home basketball game will be with the Carlisle team on our floor next Tuesday night. Frank Mt. Pleasant is a member of this team which has a victory over Dickinson to its credit. A return game will be played in town at the Armory Thursday evening.

Lacrosse practice started last Saturday and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm is being shown by the candidates. This game is bound to become a popular sport at Carlisle. James Garlow is acting captain.

Gettysburg College defeated Carlisle in basketball at Gettysburg last Friday evening 35 to 25. A return game will be played here on February 26th.

Seven or eight of the track boys go to New York tomorrow to compete in the Pastime A. C. indoor meet to be held in Madison Square Garden.

Our team plays the University of Pennsylvania basket ball team in Philadelphia tomorrow night.

There is a talk of holding an indoor meet in the Gymnasium a little later on.

Our annual presentation of C’s will take place February twelfth.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

A number of the boys have signed to go out into the country next Saturday.

The band concert given last Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Friedman and her guests, was very much enjoyed.

A beautiful instrumental duet was given at the Union Meeting by Charles Kennedy and James Mumblehead.

The union meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Sunday evening was well attended and an excellent program was rendered.

Mr. Whitwell gave a very fine talk to the students in the auditorium Monday afternoon. His subject was, “The Three Ways of Reading.”

The literary societies did not hold their regular meetings Friday evening owing to the fact that the school was given a general reception.

Emma LaVatta, who has been confined in the hospital for the past week, is getting along nicely and she hopes to soon be able to resume her duties.

This week the printers of the Carlisle Indian Press finished up and sent to Washington an issue of the “Roster of Officers of the United States Indian Service.”

Halley’s comet now holds the attention of the scientific world. For valuable information on that subject you should consult Mr. Robert Weatherstone, one of the small boys.

Announcements for the country have been made by the boys’ Field Agent, urging those who want to go in the first party to sign soon. Only the most capable for the work will be allowed to go.

The “Dawn of A Tomorrow” given by Miss Margaret Stahl in the auditorium last Saturday evening was a good treat. Miss Stahl is mistress of her art, and we hope to hear her readings again.

The sociable was well attended on Friday evening. Everyone seemed to appreciate the pleasure allowed them. Music was furnished by the orchestra and several girls, who played for the extras.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

Mrs. Nori and Fannie Keokuk spent Saturday in Harrisburg.

A great number of the boys have already signed to go to the country in the spring.

Spencer Patterson, a junior, is studying electricity with the firm of Greycill & Co., in town.

Louis Coons, from Harrisburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here at the school.

The water has been let out of the pond, and we are all sorry to know that we will have no more skating this winter.

While in Gettysburg the members of the basket-ball team had the opportunity of seeing part of the old battle field.

At the Catholic meeting last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Deitz were visitors. We are always glad to have any of the employees present at our meetings.

The different Bible classes were invited down town to the homes of their respective teachers last Thursday evening. All report having had a pleasant time.

Fellows, after hearing those inspiring words which Mr. Koehler spoke on Sunday evening, we should try our level best to live a straight forward Christian life.

Frank Mt. Pleasant, a former student, now of Dickinson College, has resumed his studies after spending a pleasant vacation at his home in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

We learn through a letter from California that Mary Britain, a former student of Carlisle, is enjoying life in the far west. She is greatly missed at Girls' Quarters.

The candidates for the lacrosse team reported at the cage for practice last Saturday evening. The Iroquois Indians proved themselves to be well acquainted with the stick.

Rose Hood, who has been in the hospital with a sprained ankle for a few days, is improving. The nurses will be sorry to see her go because she entertains us with her mandolin music.

Mary Marcott, one of our new girls, left for the country last Saturday. This is her first outing. We

hope she will like her new home and do all she can to be a credit to the school.

The flood of last week has drained our skating pond. Great blocks of ice are now lying all over it. We hope they will flood it again so that we may have some more skating.

Miss Staub, the cook for the Teachers' Club, made a flying trip to Harrisburg last Saturday afternoon. Nancy John and Helen Kimmel substituted in the kitchen during her absence.

A large number of the girls attended the services in town last Sunday morning; Miss White took the Presbyterians, Miss Wistar the Episcopalians, and Miss McDowell the Methodists.

Eliza Keshena, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is back in school. Her classmates were glad to see her. We hope Emma La Vatta will soon be with us again, also.

Louisa Kenny represented the senior class in the auditorium last Monday morning. The title of her recitation was "Nobility." She spoke the inspiring words in a clear and distinct voice, very pleasing to the audience.

Eunice F. Day, of Wind River, Wyoming, who went home last June, writes that they are having severe weather, but that she enjoys the skating, which is fine. She wishes to be remembered to friends and classmates.

Mr. Frank O. Koehler, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Pennsylvania, gave the young men and women a splendid talk Sunday evening. The question he put to them was, "Does it pay to be a Christian, and why?"

Rachel Penny, a member of the junior class, is now attending the Lapwai High School, which is for both Indians and whites. So far she and Etta Hattwinney are the only Indians there, and they are getting along nicely.

Since the beginning of the school term, the Catholics have had Sunday school in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. As many of the members did not know to which class they be-

longed, we were all re-classified by Father Brandt last Sunday.

The sermon by Rev. McMillan last Sunday was decidedly interesting. It contained valuable advice, which we would do well to follow. Mr. McMillan illustrated the power of good over evil. This is exemplified in our every-day life at Carlisle.

At the Christmas exercises at the Second Presbyterian Church a handsome Bible was given to Edison Mt. Pleasant for memorizing the Westminster catechism and Allan Reboin and Jacob Twin received rewards for regular attendance every Sunday for a year.

The Y. W. and the Y. M. C. A. Cabinets are planning to entertain the Bible class teachers, who come from Dickinson College, tomorrow afternoon. We hope to have a good time, but the main object is to become more intimately acquainted with them.

Harry Wheeler, the instructor in physical culture, is working hard with the small boys in order that they may be thoroughly prepared to drill at commencement. The larger boys are setting a good example by practicing carefully the different movements.

The lesson that was taught in Miss Margaret Stahl's reading of "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," was very impressive as well as the way in which it was rendered. We all appreciate such entertainments and are very thankful for having an opportunity to hear them.

Mr. Whitwell's talk to the teachers and the students in the auditorium last Monday was an inspiration. He called the attention to the high standing of the school; to the responsibility resting upon each, and every one to maintain that high standing. Such talks are a great help and we are ready to hear more just like the last.

In a letter to a friend, Noah Sequoyah, an ex-student, stated that he was enjoying life and good health as usual. After his term here at school expired, he spent a few weeks visiting friends at home and then returned to Moresville, Pa., where he accepted a position as a gardner. He was an industrious fellow while here, and is now respected as one of the family by those for whom he works.

CHRISTMAS AT AN INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL.

ELSIE M. RABBIT, Chippewa.

My home is in Minnesota. I spent my Christmas with my aunt at the school, for she was a matron there. The school is very small, they have only about eighty pupils. We had the Christmas tree at the church, and they also had a very nice program, I must say, for I enjoyed it very much, and they had a dance after Christmas which was very nice.

On Christmas day we went out sleigh riding on the lake; some went out coasting and my aunt took me to her house, for she lives right in town. We had a good time playing the phonograph, and one of my friends played on the piano, and then we went up to the school again, where we had a very nice dinner.

Some of the employees were invited to the Flemmings. We don't have skating on Christmas for the snow is too deep. The Indians had a dance Christmas and we went to see them dance. My aunt took me where the Indians had their Christmas tree. They had it at their church, and when they gave presents to each other, they gave each other a funny name. I mean they called each other names, and some of them would get mad. My mother and father and also my little brothers, spend their Christmas at Walker with my uncle. They said they all had a good time.



Letter From Miss Hawk.

The following communication, from Miss Hawk, who left Carlisle last summer to take up work in Alaska, contains much of interest to her friends and former pupils here:

Kake, Alaska, Dec. 28, 1909.

TO THE ARROW:

You may be interested in knowing how we spend Christmas here in Kake. We had a very merry time indeed. The natives entered into the spirit of the season and there was every evidence of "Peace on earth, good will to men"

On Christmas Eve all attended the exercises given in the Salvation Army Hall. There was a very good program and a large tree loaded with presents for everyone.

Christmas morning there was a gasoline launch race. The launches were all owned by natives and the enthusiasm was almost as great as that displayed at a football game at Carlisle. At noon there was a public dinner given in the Friends' church. The menu was stewed venison, roast venison, salmon salad, bread and rolls, nuts, apples, candy, crackers, gelatine, cakes and pies of all descriptions, coffee and tea. The band rendered some very good

music during the dinner and the after-dinner speeches by some of the old natives were humorous and interesting.

In the evening we gave a literary and musical programme in the school room. The room was crowded and it was impossible to seat all. The little tots recited and sang and old Santa paid us a visit. I am enclosing a copy of the musical part of the programme. We are all proud of the Kake band. Its instructor, Paul White, was a former Carlisle boy. He is a credit to the school. If every boy and girl who leaves Carlisle would do as much for his race as Paul is doing there would soon be no "Indian problem."

After this programme we all went to a social held in one of the native houses. It was very unlike the socials held at old Carlisle, but young and old had a good time nevertheless.

This ended my first Christmas in Alaska. It was a very pleasant and interesting one indeed.

With best wishes to all the students and employees for a happy New Year, I remain

Yours sincerely,

CORA B. HAWK.



Isaac Gould in Alaska.

Isaac R. Gould, class of 1908, in a letter to Superintendent Friedman, sends "remembrances to all my Carlisle chums," and gives an interesting account of his life in Alaska: "We are now at our new home and are very busy building. This island (Simionoffski Island) we are settling on is the finest one in this part of Alaska. The finest garden products raised in this part of Alaska are raised here. This may be the last time I shall have the opportunity of sending out any mail this winter, as there are few boats cruising in these waters during the winter months. We are about to put our yacht into her winter quarters. We were shipwrecked on the 18th of last month near Sand Point. Were blown out of the harbor at 2 a. m. with a heavy northeaster. Our sails were all torn and the ship sprung a leak. The pump was kept going steadily. I never before witnessed such weather at sea. We were out eight hours and finally got the ship secured on one of the beaches until the storm ceased. We happened to have a new set of sails on board, and they soon went up, and we were ready for sea."



Ramona Waggoner, who returned to her home last fall, is very well and happy. Ramona was one of the best girls at Carlisle and we hope she may come back. She wishes to be remembered to all her friends.

A NON-RESERVATION INDIAN CHRISTMAS.

CHARLES MOUCHAMP, Chippewa.

I live in a community of white people. There Christmas is celebrated differently than on the reservations.

About a week or two before Christmas, the heads of families send out invitations to all whom they want to attend their Christmas trees.

The day before Christmas, all presents are brought to the houses of those who have sent out invitations. That same day they go out and get suitable trees and erect them in the middle of the sitting room. It is decorated with little candles of different colors, also with paper Santa Clauses, and other ornaments, to make it look pretty and pleasant.

On Christmas Eve, all who are invited to come are present, but nobody sees the Christmas tree until a certain time. At the hour set, we all go in, and then in comes Santa Claus, who gives out the presents, and cracks jokes about the children, thus making joy and fun.

After everything is over, we all get ready to go to the Christmas trees held at the different churches close by. And that ends it.



CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

DANIEL PHILIPS, Sioux.

My home is Wakpala, South Dakota, Standing Rock Reservation. The way we have Christmas at home all the Indians camp around the church or meeting house two or three days before Christmas. Of course, I don't mean all the Indians on the reservation. Some of them belong to different churches. So some that don't belong to any church have war dances. After Christmas they have what you call a big feast. They have every thing to eat, pretty near. But the old Indians like boiled dog better than anything else. They eat all night till daylight, then they go to sleep. Soon as the sun goes down the old Indians dress up and paint themselves in the old custom and dance all night till daylight again. After they are through eating their breakfast all the Indians return to wherever they came from. But other Christian people go to church and sing three or four songs and then give out presents. They also have a Christmas feast all night till morning. That is the way we celebrate Christmas at home.