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A VISIT TO CARLISLE.

The Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, which held its twenty-fifth meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., last August, in the published report of the proceedings of the meeting, gives the following account of a visit made by the delegation to the Carlisle Indian School:

"When the school was reached the delegates were met by several Indian boy guides at the main entrance. Our guides piloted us through the various buildings and rooms. Everything was found to be scrupulously clean and orderly and on every side was suggestive of the good taste of the occupants. It is not out of place to give a little history of the school. About thirty years ago the Carlisle Indian School was established by Captain Pratt, under Government care, for the purpose of 'Civilizing the Indian wards of our Government by bringing them into civilization.'

"After about one hundred and fifteen years, Carlisle was again invaded by the Indians; but (to use the language of *The Red Man*, a monthly magazine published at the school) 'what a different sort of invasion it was from that of the century before! On October 6th, 1879, a party of eighty-two Indians from the Sioux Reservation, followed early in November by another party of forty-seven Kiowa, Cheyenne, and Pawnee Indians invaded the historic grounds of 'Old Carlisle,' clad in the habiliments of their race. But this invasion was not for the 'scalps' of the white man, but for the purpose of learning how to live. This band of red men and women came back into the beautiful, prosperous, and peaceful Cumberland Valley, not as captives, but as the welcome guests of the nation. They came to learn from the white man, whose ancestors taught their ancestors the use of gunpowder and the abuse of rum,

the use of the hand and brain for the building of homes and the building of character.'

"The site of the Indian School was the very place where the Government erected its barracks in 1777. The old historic guardhouse is one of the school buildings. The workmen employed were Hessian soldiers captured by General Washington at the battle of Trenton, and sent to Carlisle as prisoners of war. (During the American Revolution Carlisle was 'an important place of rendezvous for the Colonial troops. Being located at a distance from the theatre of war, British prisoners were frequently sent there for secure confinement. The most noted of these prisoners were Major Andre and Lieutenant Despard, who had been taken by Montgomery near Lake Champlain.' While they were in Carlisle they occupied a stone house and were 'on parole of honor of six miles, but were prohibited going out of the town except in military dress.')

"To give you some idea of the size of the territory occupied by the Carlisle Indians School—there are forty-nine buildings. The school campus, together with two school farms, covers 311 acres. About thirty different trades are taught. The faculty numbers seventy-five members.

Total number of different students enrolled to date this year.....	1,192
Total number of returned students....	4,693
Total number of graduates.....	583
Total number of students who did not graduate.....	4,110

Results:—265 graduates hold positions as teachers, etc., in Government schools. The remainder are successful farmers, stockmen, teachers, preachers, mechanics, business men, professional men and the like."



The World's Wisdom.

(Selected.)

The greatest end of life is not knowledge, but experience.

It is not your posterity but your actions that will perpetuate your name.

INDIAN TAKING HIS PLACE WITH WHITES.

Throwing aside racial handicap, the American Indian is finding himself and is taking his proper place with the white man as a good citizen, true patriot, self-respecting and self-supporting workman and Christian.

This is the theme of the annual report just completed by Superintendent M. Friedman, of the Government Indian School at Carlisle.

"There is a great gap between the aboriginal American of the days of Longfellow and Cooper, with primitiveness and savagery surrounding him, and the Indian of to-day," the report reads. "The modern Indian has put aside petty warfare and intertribal strife, has forsaken roaming from place to place for the farm and workshop, and is building a permanent home which is each year better furnished and more sanitary.

"He is now mingling with the neighboring whites on terms of amity and becomes each year more integrally a part of American citizenry.

"We find the Indian on the reservation is more productive and industrious. Hundreds of Indians have left the reservation and are taking their place in white communities as respected citizens and competent workmen. They are in the professions, in the trades, in the busy marts of commercial life, in the Government service, and some of the most honored missionaries in the Indian field have Indian blood and were trained and educated in the Government schools."

The average enrollment of the Carlisle school during the past year ending June 30, 1911, and for which the annual appropriation for the Indian school is made, was 1,021. The average attendance during the same period was 923, and the total enrollment of different students reached the unprecedented figure of 1,218.—San Francisco, Cal., Examiner, December 10, 1911.

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MEETING IN BEHALF OF SOCIETY OF AMERICAN INDIANS.

Last Friday evening, in the Auditorium, the students and employees of the school had the pleasure of listening to addresses delivered by the Rev. Sherman Coolidge and Dr. F. A. McKenzie of the Ohio State University, in the interests of the recently organized Society of American Indians. The first-named gentleman, who is the newly elected president of the organization, spoke of the great work that the society has undertaken to do in behalf of the Indian and he urged the students to profit by their opportunities while at school in order that they may take up and do better the work that was started in Columbus last fall. Dr. McKenzie, who was mainly instrumental in organizing the society, gave an outline of its platform, and urged the students to help along the cause by enrolling their names as members. He also announced the formation of a Junior Branch of the organization, in which all Indians under 21 years of age are eligible for membership.

Mr. Friedman presided at the meeting, and in a short and appropriate speech introduced the principal speakers.

Spirit of Carlisle.

Last Saturday night after the basket ball game, the Pennsylvania students remained for the dance, and one of them remarked: "The students here certainly have a fine school spirit."

Appreciation Expressed.

A letter of appreciation for the Christmas box which was sent by the Y. W. C. A. was recently received from Leupp, Arizona. Miss Cowdry read it in meeting Sunday evening.

Each year the association has made it a custom to send a box of presents

to one of the western reservations. It is a good custom and we hope that from year to year it may grow. The habit of giving is a noble habit, and it is well that we remember our needy brethren in the West.

Has a Deep Interest in Carlisle.

Mrs. J. W. Beck and her grandson, J. W. Beck, Jr., paid Carlisle a visit Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Beck is a great friend of the Indians and she is deeply interested in the Carlisle students. It is interesting to know that Mrs. Beck's son is the distinguished aviator, Captain Beck, of the U. S. Army. Her husband was the late General Beck of the Army.

A Helpful Talk.

Mr. Carrothers, the state secretary, was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday night. His subject was "The Relation Between Christ and Man." Every one who heard the talk received great help from it.

The Right Step.

There were about forty students who joined the Methodist Episcopal church in town last Sunday. They had been attending the church since their entrance at the school, but had not actually become members.

The Way to Success.

One of the many fine things Mr. Sloan said in his address to the Sunday School last Sunday morning, was that "no true success is attained without the basis of Christianity, honesty, and application."

A Box from Home.

Last week Cora Bresette entertained a few of her friends in her room. She passed around some wild rice, commonly called "Indian rice," which her mother had sent to her from Wisconsin.

It Never Fails.

The recitation given by Peter Jordan last Monday was entitled, "What Is Worth Doing at all Is Worth Doing Well".

Has a Promotion.

The band boys congratulate Harry Bonser, who has lately been appointed sergeant.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

Joe Bernier arrived here last Friday from Ashland, Wisconsin, to enroll as a student.

The interior of the blacksmith shop has been greatly improved by the work of the apprentice painters.

Last Monday evening the students met in their respective schoolrooms to promote their School City Government.

Alex Vilnave has returned to school after an absence of two years spent at his home in Hogansburg, New York.

Stancil Powell is building a fine under-cut surrey which will be finished in time for the Commencement exhibition.

The sun beamed upon Mother Earth Saturday, which made it beautiful for skating, and the students had a happy time.

Samuel Saunooke, of Altoona, was a visitor Saturday and Sunday. His friends were very glad to see him looking so well.

On account of the weather being so cold last Sunday the small boys went to the auditorium for their Sunday School instruction.

The carpenters have finished putting in a metal ceiling to the entrance hall in the gymnasium. It improves the appearance very much.

Mrs. Ruth Coleman, nee Ruth Elm, remembers her many Carlisle friends by sending them post-cards of views around her home in Wisconsin.

Mitchell LaFleur, a member of the Freshmen class, writes from New Holland, Pa., that he is doing nicely at his trade of painting.

Nelson Simons, who has been out under the Outing system for more than a year, writes that he expects to return to the school in time for Commencement.

The dressmakers are very busy making summer uniforms for the new girls and also work-dresses for the girls who are out in the country.

Owing to the talks which were given last Friday evening in the auditorium by Dr. McKenzie and the Rev. Sherman Coolidge, the societies did not hold their usual meetings.

A Little Favorite.

Little Sallie Coolidge, daughter of the Rev. Sherman Coolidge, made many friends during her short stay at Carlisle.



A Star Player.

David W. Eye, the second team's center man, played a star game against the University of Pennsylvania Freshmen, last Saturday night.



Called Away by Death.

Miss Quigley, matron for the Teachers' Club, was called away last Wednesday on a very sad mission, the death of a sister at her home in Shippensburg. We wish to express our sincere sympathy for Miss Quigley in her great loss.



Is Justice of the Peace.

Archie Libby, Class '07, who is now a justice of the peace at White Earth, Minnesota, writes that he is getting along splendidly. He was a good athlete and student while at Carlisle and is now putting into practice the lessons he learned while here.



Studying Tuberculosis.

The pupils of Rooms 2 and 3 have made a faithful study of tuberculosis and have reproduced excellent language lessons upon it. But what will be of greater value to them than a prize is the knowledge that they have obtained in regard to the prevention of the disease.



Gives Encouragement.

Mr. Sloan gave us a fine talk at Sunday School. He especially encouraged us to help our race. Mr. Sloan is a prominent Omaha Indian, and was, until recently, president of the Society of American Indians. He is a strong worker for progress and civilization among his people.



Leads Band Concert.

We are in receipt of a program from New Cumberland, Pa., of a band concert given under the leadership of James Mumblehead, Class '11. We have no doubt that the concert was a success, as James always showed great interest in his music and was always faithful to band practice.

James' gentlemanly manners are a pleasure to remember. He never

left them behind—they were always with him—a part of himself. James is not only musical—he is also somewhat of a poet, having composed the class poem which came out in last year's "Senior Arrow."



Distinguished Visitors at Carlisle.

Among the distinguished visitors at the school during the past week were the following:

The Rev. Sherman Coolidge of Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Coolidge and Miss Sally Coolidge; Prof. F. A. McKenzie, of Ohio State University; Mrs. Rosa B. LaFlesche, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Marie Baldwin, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Thomas Sloan, of Pender, Neb., and Mrs. General Beck and her grandson, Paul, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Coolidge, who is an Arapaho Indian, is the newly elected president of the Society of American Indians. Prof. McKenzie has taken a very active part in the organization of the society. It was through his influence that the society met in Columbus last fall. Mrs. LaFlesche is a graduate of Carlisle, Class 1890, and until recently, was the secretary of the society. Mrs. Baldwin, who is a Chippewa, is employed in the finance department of the Indian Office. Mr. Sloan is an Omaha Indian, a graduate of Hampton, and until lately was chairman of the above mentioned society. He is a successful lawyer at Pender, Neb. Mrs. General Beck is an old friend of the Carlisle school and all Indians. Her husband was agent at the Omaha Agency for a number of years and was also detailed to other Indian points in the West during his lifetime.



Advice Worth Following.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Sloan certainly enjoyed the interesting talk which he gave Sunday morning in the auditorium. A few of the many good things of which he spoke were: Leading a Christian life after leaving school; helping our people as much as possible, and training our minds so that we shall be able to resist temptation.



Coming Back.

The friends of Robert Tahamont are pleased to hear that he will soon pay his Alma Mater a visit.

Received an Appointment.

Sarah J. Gordon, who recently passed the civil service examination for clerk, has been appointed to a position at Sisseton, South Dakota.



Freshmen's Program.

The Freshman class met in their room on Monday evening and the following program was rendered: Recitation, Cora M. Battice; quartette, George La Vatta, Roy Large, Jack Jackson and Adolph Morrin; essay, Francis Bacon; class prophecy Jennie A. Ross. The School City also elected Antoine Swallow, judge, to take the place of Mitchell LaFleur, who has gone to the country.



Repairing Large Building.

The repairing at Large Boys' Quarters is about completed. The doors in the assembly room have been changed so they now open to the outside. This arrangement makes it much easier for the troops to march out when they form inside, which they do during cold weather. The new maple floors for the entire building are now nearly all laid, and the oiling of the floors is a great improvement.



Meeting of Catholic Students.

Following is the program rendered by the Catholic students at their usual Sunday evening meeting: Hymn, congregation; select reading, Lillian Walker; piano solo, Margaret Chilson; select reading, Tony LaJeunesse; vocal duet, Ernestine Venne and Margaret Chilson; violin solo, Fred Cardin; select reading, Margaret Neveux. The meeting was brought to a close with a clarinet solo by Eloy Sousa.



New Members Lead Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. last Sunday evening was under the direction of the new members. It was well attended and the girls showed preparation as well as interest in the work. In addition to the regular program, the president recognized four new members into the society, and Miss Cowdry read a letter from the former president, Evelyn Pierce, and also one from the Navaho Mission in Arizona. The meeting closed with a union cabinet meeting of the Y. M. and the Y. W. C. A.

VIRGINIA DARE OR THE WHITE FAWN.

SYLVESTER LONG, Cherokee.

White Fawn is the name given by the Indians of North Carolina to the first white child born in America.

It seems that sometime during the fifteenth century when the white people were settling along the shores of Roanoke Island, the Croatoan Indians who inhabited that locality were very friendly towards the white settlers. Some of the Indians even threw aside their paganism and received Christian baptism. They were a great help to the early immigrants, in that they would often protect them from the attacks of the hostile mainland Indians who knew little of the white man and desired to know less.

Therefore, it was with great reluctance that Governor John White bade his faithful little colony farewell and sailed away for the motherland to secure supplies and bring over other immigrants to join the colony. It happened that soon after the settling of Roanoke Island, a girl baby was born to Governor White's daughter, who had married one Ananias Dare. So fair was the little one that the Indians called her the White Fawn and her mother the White Doe. White Fawn was the recipient of many beautiful presents from the natives and, no doubt, helped to strengthen the bond of friendship between the two races.

Three years had passed since Governor White took leave of his fair little grand-daughter, and now as he was returning, it was with a keen eye that he scanned the shores of Roanoke Island as his small fleet drew near, for some sign of a prattling little girl who, perchance, might be building mud-houses or watching the approach of the strange-looking sea wagons, the like of which she had never before seen. In vain did he scan the Island for even some sign of civilization, but his gaze was met only by the bleak, sandy shores and the tall pines in the background, which seemed to have a message which they were eager to impart to him as they stood drooping amidst the wild silence of the unconquered forest.

After landing, the Governor and his party went directly to the little village of Raleigh, where he had left the busy planters three years

before, but to his disappointment he found the cabins empty and weeds growing within. On a nearby tree they found carved the letters C R O A T O A N, this being the last sign of the lost colonists ever seen by a white man. It is thought, however, that they joined the Indians of the mainland and that the present tribe of Croatoan Indians of eastern North Carolina are their descendants, owing to their having features similar to those of the white race and on account of their extremely religious nature.

A popular legend among these Indians is that White Fawn died while in infancy, and that her spirit entered a beautiful fawn which could be seen on moonlight nights standing on the shore of the Island looking far out over the ocean, as if longing to return to the land from which her ancestors had emigrated.



Western Governor Praises Carlisle.

One of the visiting Governors was talking last evening of what he had seen in Harrisburg during the day. What impressed him as much as anything else was the Indian band from Carlisle. "It was the first time I ever saw that band, or any other Indian band, for that matter," said the Western Executive, "and I was most agreeably impressed. The Government certainly does take good care of its students at Carlisle. The boys all looked neat, they are as healthy a looking set of youngsters as I ever saw, and they can certainly perform well as a band. There does not seem to be anything lacking in caring for them. I noticed that their physical condition is looked after in every respect. Some of the boys were fitted out with spectacles, showing that this defect is remedied. I never saw an Indian with spectacles on any of the western reservations, and I have been all over them. There may be a few of the older Indians who wear helps for their vision, but they are very few. As a rule an Indian will go a long while before he will consent to wear glasses, as it is considered a sign of weakness. These Indian boys seem to have gotten over that prejudice.—Harrisburg Star-Independent, December 14, 1911.



All the students are eagerly looking forward to Commencement time.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

The continuous fall of snow rather spoiled the skating.

Robert Newcome left Wednesday for his home in Oklahoma.

The painters have completed the painting of the blacksmith shop.

Minnie B. Hawke writes from Philadelphia that she is attending a private school.

Joseph Jocks writes from New York that he expects to be with us during Commencement.

Eugenia La Roche writes from Scobey, Montana, that they are having fine sleighing and skating.

A postal from Frank Lonestar, who is at present in Philadelphia, reports his success at his trade of printing.

A number of letters have been received from Outing students which are to be published in the Arrow and the Red Man.

Elsie M. Rabbitt writes from Marysville, Pa., that she is attending school and getting along nicely; she feels that she is making steady progress in her studies.

The basket-ball game last Saturday between the Pennsylvania Freshmen and our second team was well-played, but unfortunately our boys lost by the score of 34 to 24.

Mrs. L. Baldwin, who came with Mrs. R. LaFleshe from Washington, D. C., to spend Saturday and Sunday with us, returned to the city Sunday evening. Mrs. LaFlesche will remain for several days.

There was a fine spirit throughout and after the game Saturday evening. Several of the Penn students remarked upon it. They also spoke most appreciatively of the cheering that was accorded them.

Mrs. Canfield is teaching the girls who work in the shirt and dress making classes different ways of embroidering; this work is of great interest to most of the girls and a great many of them can do it beautifully.

The friends of James L. Snow, formerly a member of the track team, will be pleased to learn that he is prosperous and very happy since the arrival at his home on the 24th of January last, of a baby boy, presumably James L. Snow, Junior.