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**W**HAT though dark clouds surround us,  
And shadows cloud our way;  
What though the winter's with us  
It will not always stay!  
The summer soon returning  
With sunshine fills the land,  
God scatters blessings round us  
With free and bounteous hand.  
Though sunlight of the spring-time  
Will radiance bright impart,  
By far the brightest sunshine,  
Is sunshine in the heart.

PETER POWLASS.

ONEIDA, WISCONSIN, Oct. 11th, 1888.

DEAR FRIEND AND TEACHER:—I am well with the exception of the bad cold which I have recently taken.

I visited the state that you represent (Michigan) this summer, and to say I enjoyed myself immensely will only be telling the truth.

Agent Jennings, of late, called at Oneida and told us that there is an appropriation made to buy Oneida Indians some farming implements; this will be entirely new victuals to the Oneidas and I don't know but that their stomach is in no condition for it. This is my view, of course I am no old doctor by any means.

Quite a number of the Oneidas have put in their winter wheat.

The price of wheat is over a dollar a bushel.

I just built me a corn-crib and it is now very nearly full.

Levi Elm, Miss Dittes' pupil while at Carlisle, has bought of me a brand new wagon. He seems right well and intends keeping up.

Miss Electa Cooper has spent most of her time with a white family near De Pere.

Martin Hill, Jr., is around here looking as well and strong as a blacksmith.

Miss Lucy Jordan is on the Reservation making acquaintances and visiting her relatives.

Our missionary, the Rev. J. Howd, is moving this week out of the Reserve to take residence in De Pere. I am told that Mr. H. was here some twenty years ago, and was liked by

all as a missionary, and when he came back to be their missionary again the people looked forward to the near day when things relative to Church affairs would be greatly improved. He has done a good deal for the people within the last three years that he has been with them, with the assistance of his kind-hearted wife.

Mr. H— has been afflicted more or less with rheumatism during the winter. I pitied the old soldier but could do him no help. His farewell sermon last Sunday was very touching and instructive. The good wishes of his many friends go with him.

We expect the new missionary, Mr. Pike, to preach in place of Mr. H—, next Sunday.

I am only having ten scholars now-a-days on account of the larger ones being at work, harvesting corn. The news of Jemima's illness caused a great deal of anxiety in our minds and we do most sincerely hope that she will recover should the Almighty see fit.

I learn through the HELPER that the Debating Societies are being re-organized at the school. Good for you, I say to all the members, for that is an essential element of your education.

Spend two hours and a half every Friday night while you are at school in going over your programme and it will save you many an hour of looking for help after you are out of school.

Learn to think and speak for yourself. This is Independence.

Sincerely Your Friend, P. J. P.

U. S. Congress.

Congress adjourned on Saturday.

Many scholars, studying Civil Government, are somewhat puzzled by the terms, "long and short session of Congress."

There is no difficulty in understanding the "long session" of the Fiftieth Congress.

Congress assembled the first Monday in December, 1887, and continued in session until Saturday Oct. 20, 1888.

According to the laws of the Constitution, Congress will assemble again, on the first Monday in December, but can only remain in session until March, 4th, making a short session of three months.

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THE INDIAN HELPER is paid for in advance, so do not hesitate to take the paper from the Post Office, for fear a bill will be presented.

Luther and Lizzie Kuhns were very prompt to return thanks for the presents sent them last week.

May Paisano writes that they have lots of chestnuts around where she lives in the country. She likes the INDIAN HELPER very much on account of the news of the school it gives.

Fifty cents was received from a kind lady of New England to furnish the INDIAN HELPER to returned pupils on the reservations too poor to pay for it themselves. Many thanks.

The earnest remarks by Samuel Townsend and Kish Hawkins Sunday evening in reference to their visit to Allentown as delegates from the Young Men's Christian Association of our school, were encouraging to their fellow-workers here.

The little ten-cent pieces in payment for the HELPER come in every conceivable shape. Sometimes one is sewed in cloth, or stuck in a very ingenious way between paste boards. All right, friends, we don't care *how* it comes only so it *comes*, that is all.

The boys Debating Society has been reorganized and will hereafter be known as the "Standard Debating Club." The following were elected as officers:

President, Kish Hawkins; Vice President, Carl Lieder; Secretary, Dennison Wheelock; Treasurer, Paul Boynton; Reporter, Frank Lock; Marshal, Wm. Morgan. Committee on Arrangements, Samuel Townsend, chairman; Reuben Wolfe and Lorenzo Martinez.

At the last meeting they discussed the Sioux Bill. For a public debate they expect to discuss the Tariff.

## The Word.

Many letters have been received about the WORD represented in the stories of last week. We must not tell whether any of them are right until after the first of November. In next week's HELPER we will tell.

Let those who think they know the word and have not handed it in, do so at once. We haven't received a large number from our own pupils, and why is it?


Are the stories too hard for them?

An item as sure as fate! Men and boys were running and when the Man-on-the-band-stand saw smoke coming from the creamery he knew at once what the running meant. Fire! Fire! Fire! The chapel bell rang out. The boys from the school-rooms and shops shot in every direction. The workmen, Mr. Wetzel's with the others, ran with all their might.

"Uncle Sam," our excellent new fire-engine was out in a jiffy, and before we had time to say "Jack Robinson" thirty or forty boys were pumping away for dear life throwing a large stream of water right into the flames and the creamery was saved. It would have been in ashes before the town fire company could have reached the place, for one of the strongest winds of the season was sweeping across the grounds. The cause of the fire was from the pipe which went through the roof without proper protection.

Find out all about the school you attend; just how many pupils there are and the tribes and how many on farms, and anything and everything else you think that a stranger would like to know, so when they ask you questions you do not have to say "I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know." It is your BUSINESS to know. Then you will not appear stupid. A person who has to say "I don't know. I don't know," to every little simple question is certainly very stupid.

A company of girls with Miss Fisher at the head have started a Missionary Society to help the Indian children of Alaska who have not yet as many advantages as we have in Education's Road. Miss Fisher explained the intent of the society at our English Speaking meeting Saturday eve, and the Man-on-the-band-stand hopes our pupils will take it to heart what she said and act accordingly.

Many thanks for the large club received from Mayville, this week. Let others follow suit and keep our  full.

Exhibition to-morrow night!

Election is near at hand, but don't get excited.

Miss Seabrook attended Teachers' Institute held at Gettysburg.

Rev. Wm. J. Cleveland and Judge J. V. Wright are with us.

Miss Nana Pratt called and renewed subscription for two years.

Rev. Wilson and wife, of the Saulte Ste. Marie Indian School, are expected to-morrow.

Almost all the second and third story windows at the Girls' Quarters are curtained now.

An interesting article on what to read and when to read was received too late for this number.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, of Lahaska, Bucks County, with other Luray excursionists took in our school on their return trip.

Baby Eunice has had her picture taken again. She is one of the brightest, prettiest babies the Man-on-the-band-stand ever saw.

A public debate is on the carpet. The Man-on-the-band-stand will not decide how he will vote at the presidential election till he hears this discussion on the Tariff.

Mr. Showers and Sheriff Spencer in company with a delegation of the Grand Order of Masons, called Saturday. The gentlemen seemed much interested in our work.

Capt. Pratt returned from Washington, early Sunday morning. The business of the Sioux Commission is at an end as the Indians failed to agree to anything proposed by the Government.

When the moon was light, a lamp shone bright, right in front of the Captain's door. Now the moon is dark, there's not a spark; the light it shines no more. Oh, for a light, to aid the sight, after ten o'clock at night, when out by right.

William Springer left Tuesday night, midnight, for his home at Omaha Agency, Nebraska. William claims that many things on the farm at home need his attention. May joy go with him and success attend his every work is the wish of his old friend on the band-stand.

Miss Ely is spending Sunday at her home in Bucks county.

Prof. Woodruff attended the Chester County Teachers' Institute, this week.

Jemima Wheelock is improving all the time and her many friends are rejoiced.

A good farmer is better than a poor doctor, and a good horse-shoer than a poor bishop.—*Robert Collyer.*

Three Winnebago girls and one Omaha boy left Bancroft, Nebraska, for Carlisle, Wednesday.

Yes, the word is rather hard, but then we might all try. It begins with "e" and ends "t". Now, try again!

The heavy rafters are in place on the central part of the new school building, and elegant slate black-boards have arrived.

The unsightly rear of Mr. Jordan's house is rapidly disappearing, under the hands of Mr. Gardner and his carpenter boys.

Short hand is quite the craze. Perhaps it will lead to more drill on the elementary sounds. We can't get too much of that.

The large boiler that at one time was used to heat the Girls' Quarters is now being placed in the laundry to furnish heat for the dining hall.

Mr. Goodyear and Mr. Morette have moved from rooms over the dining-hall to the north-east corner rooms, second story of Little Boys' Quarters.

Mr. Foulke, who has been living temporarily in the rear of Mr. Jordan's house moved to his own quarters which have been made cozy and comfortable.

A party of six have arrived from the Cheyenne Agency since the last issue of the HELPER. We were delighted to see Jennie and Winnie Connors in the company.

We believe the girls hold a Literary Society, but no one knows what they do except the Man-on-the-band-stand. Of course he will not tell unless they write something for him to tell. We hope they are not ashamed of their doings.

A company of officers and pupils attended the readings given by Mrs. Calhoun, at the Opera House, on Wednesday evening, and were more than pleased at the choice entertainment. Mrs. Calhoun is a sister of brave General Custer, hence especially deserving of our patronage. We hope she will favor us as a school before long with some of her selections.

**EXTRACT FROM A SCHOOL COMPOSITION.**

**Newspapers.**

"I wonder who started the newspaper to go to the cities and country and tell us about the condition of the country and everything we read in the newspapers?"

As far as London in England the paper comes across the ocean.

Can we do without the news? No, we cannot do without it, we must have news from there and all the other large cities.

Suppose the INDIAN HELPER died out, what would we think about the little HELPER? Would every body feel glad if the HELPER died out?

No, Sir, we must get the news from the Indian school also, just as well as from large cities, publishing newspapers."

*Pawnee Boy.*

**Smoking Will Kill Them.**

It was noticed that while the Sioux chiefs were in Washington that they are great smokers of cigarettes.

They take the smoke into the lungs before they blow it from the mouth, and many times they blow it from the nose and mouth at the same time.

Thoughtful people looked at them in astonishment and soon saw why it was that the Indians are becoming so weak in body. Remarks were passed around, "The Indians are exterminating themselves."

"If the Indians smoke cigarettes in that fashion and allow their growing boys to do the same it will not be long that we shall have an Indian Question to bother our brains. There will be no Indians, soon."

Cigarette smoking kills.

He who is not ready to-day, will be less ready to-morrow.—*Ovid.*

Life gives nothing to men without great labor.—*Horace.*

Ovid and Horace were great writers of nearly 2000 years ago, yet how true are their words to-day.

If you do not get the INDIAN HELPER regularly, perhaps your time is out. If it has been a year since you paid ten cents, just send another ten cents, and the paper will be sent regularly. Five two-cent stamps.

The present Governor General of Canada, is Lord Frederick Arthur Stanley, successor of the Marquis of Lausdowne.

**Horse Sense.**

F. W. Ames, of Mayville, North Dakota, owns a horse that will never permit the teamster who drives him to come near his head with breath smelling of liquor.

When his breath does not smell of liquor the horse makes no objection.

The teamster is compelled to keep sober, or keep a respectful distance from that total abstinence horse.

If horses could vote, there wouldn't be a liquor saloon in North Dakota.

**Do Our Pupils Know?**

Why the days are growing shorter?

Why the cold weather is coming on?

How the earth should be placed so that we would have the same length of day all the time?

Where there is the least twilight?

Why a winter day is longer in Baltimore than in Montreal?

Why the gulf stream is blue?

**Enigma.**

I am made of 13 letters.

My 1, 10, 9 is an animal that the Indians like very much and sometimes eat.

My 2, 3, 7, 8 is what may be worn on the finger.

My 11, 4, 5, 13, 7 the number of times we should study our lessons over to have them perfectly.

My 12, 6, 7 is what laziness may be called.

My 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 is the peculiar name of one of the Sioux chiefs who visited Washington, last week.

What is the difference between a hill and a pill? One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.

**STANDING OFFER.**—For Five new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 13 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card 4 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, Two PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Puellos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after; or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajo as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

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For FIFTEEN, we offer a GROUP OF THE WHOLE school on 9x14 inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

Persons wishing the above premium will please send 5 cents to pay postage.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once.

At the Carlisle Indian School, is published monthly an eight-page quarto of standard size, called **The Red Man**, the mechanical part of which is done entirely by Indian boys. This paper is valuable as a summary of information on Indian matters and contains writings by Indian pupils, and local incidents of the school. Terms: Fifty cents a year, in advance.

For 1, 2, and 3 subscribers for **The Red Man** we give the same premiums offered in Standing Offer for the HELPER.

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