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## THE VOICE THAT WINS ITS WAY.

If words could satisfy the heart,  
The heart might find less care;  
But words like Summer birds depart,  
And leave but empty air.  
A little said and truly said,  
Can deeper joy impart,  
Than hosts of words that reach the head  
And never touch the heart.  
A voice that wins its sunny way,  
A lonely home to cheer;  
Hath oft the fewest words to say;  
But, O, those few, how dear!

*Contributed by Hannah E. Wilson.*

## FROM JOHN DIXON.

The following interesting letter was received by Mr. Campbell, who handed it to the Man-on-the-band-stand. Mr. Campbell felt that John would not object to our printing the good news from himself and others away out in New Mexico, knowing that it would give pleasure to his many friends in the East as well as others interested in the home doings of our pupils:

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL,  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.  
March, 16th, 1889.

DEAR FRIEND:—I thought you had forgotten me, but I have received your letter, not very long ago, the one you wrote the 16th of July, 1888.

The letter was somehow detained, and had been in almost all the post offices in New Mexico. Also went to the Dead Office.

Last month I went up home and went into the post office and in looking over some letters with the Mexican post master, found a letter addressed to me, and it was from you, which was written as above said.

Dear friend, as you have said in your letter, although it had been written since last year, that almost everything is changed and enlarged. I can just imagine that Carlisle Indian School, itself must be like a big town.

Also I have read in the HELPER that you have been having new buildings at the school.

Often Cyrus and I talk about it. We say it must be nicer than when we were there. Also we often wish to go back at least to see the new buildings.

Friend, we have been trying to make our way the best we can. We do not like to be praised too much ourselves, you can inquire to the Supt. of this school, and I believe he will inform you very well about Cyrus and myself.

We have been here for two years, employed in the carpenter shop.

We have been helping to put up some buildings making window sashes, and making door and window frames.

Cyrus, is just finishing a book case, for one of the employees. All the teachers and visitors, when they come to see the book case, they whisper that a white man cannot do any better job than Cyrus.

I am making a show case, for another employee.

I am just half done with it.

All the employees like our work pretty well. Whenever they want any thing to be made they get the material and we make for them.

They have just put up a new bakery shop, and we made all the window sashes.

Last Sunday I went down to Isleta Pueblo, to get some children and we got nine boys, and we expect to go down again.

Almost I have been in all the Pueblo Indian villages because the Supt. Mr. Burke when he goes out among the Pueblos he takes me along as an interpreter.

Last summer Cyrus and I went up to Acoma Pueblo and Laguna, and we saw some of our school-mates, they were getting along well.

Harvey Townsend was down here too, but he has gone home and has not come back to the school any more.

Also Sheldon Jackson and his wife have left the school, and all the children from their place.

At the present time we have 191 pupils attending the school, boys and girls.

Cyrus and I work all day and go to school in the evenings.

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# The Indian Helper.

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## A New Offer.

We have an excellent print of a photograph of eleven wild Apache boys and girls as they arrived from their southern prison home in 1886, and a contrast group of the same pupils four months after. The photographs are sold for thirty cents a piece, sixty cents for the two. We will furnish the print of both on sheet 10x16 inches, for five cents and a one cent stamp to pay postage; or, we offer this picture (fine enough for any frame) for TWO new subscribers. A one cent stamp must accompany the subscription.

## Our Numbers.

At the school 272 boys and 154 girls, or 426 pupils.

Out on farms 125 boys and 67 girls, or 192 pupils.

Belonging to the school there are 397 boys and 221 girls or a grand total of 618 pupils.

A subscriber in Schaefferstown closes a very pleasant letter of commendation and praise with "The interesting little HELPER is not only an INDIAN HELPER but also a helper for white girls and boys."

Another in Wilmington Del. says "A better ten cents worth of knowledge and entertainment does not come into our family than this same little paper."

Another says, "Although I am a grown up child I like the HELPER very much."

And so the good words come and come, yes, many, many of them every day and the Man-on-the-band-stand can but feel grateful in his old age to receive such words of cheer and encouragement.

R. V. Belt, of Maryland, late chief of Indian Division of the Secretary's office has been nominated for Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The last number of the *Red Man* has received much praise from persons whose word means something. The coming number promises to be as interesting.

Louisa Wilson Rice who has been living in Valentine for a little time has now gone to Rosebud Agency for the summer. She claims to be getting on very well.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes says that "smoking is liable to injure the sight, to render the nerves unsteady, to enfeeble the will and to enslave the nature to an imperious habit likely to stand in the way of a duty to be performed."

A boy of eleven, crazed by cigarette-smoking, has been taken to an insane asylum in Orange County N. Y. He is considered a violent and dangerous maniac, and displays some of the symptoms peculiar to hydrophobia.

Thanks to a lady in Springtown who pays for two copies of the HELPER sent to Apache girls in the country. They are having their first outing experience and the Weekly Letter will be appreciated by them.

W. B. Backus has assumed official duties at the Indian School and will shortly be followed by his family. The numerous congratulatory notices given Mr. Backus by the press of this section of the state must be very gratifying to that gentleman. He is highly endorsed.—[The Genoa, Nebr., Leader.]

## The New York Medical Journal says:

In an experimental observation of thirty-eight boys of all classes of society and of average health who had been using tobacco for periods ranging from two months to two years, twenty-seven showed severe injury to the constitution and insufficient growth; thirty-two showed the existence of irregularity of the heart's action, disordered stomachs, coughs and a craving for alcohol; thirteen had intermittency of the pulse and one had consumption. After they had abandoned the use of tobacco within six months one-half were free from all their former symptoms and the remainder had recovered by the end of the year.



Is there to be a sociable to-night? Wait and see!

Capt. Pratt has gone to Washington for a day or two.

Venus is so bright now she can be seen by daylight.

The storm-doors all around came down this week.

Kish Hawkins addressed the Prohibition Convention in town Tuesday night.

A boy writes from the country, "I have been confusion at the United States language."

Miss Nana Pratt takes Miss Shears' place in school during study-hour while the latter plays for the singing.

Several teachers and a few of the advanced pupils attended Judge Tourgee's lecture Friday night, and were well pleased.

Some of the Philadelphia visitors who were here on Monday particularly noticed the good bread that was on the table for dinner.

New Indian Clubs and dumb-bells have arrived for the gymnasium. Now the girls and teachers can take a hand in swinging clubs for some of these are light.

Ben Thomas takes Charles Dagnette's place as mail carrier for the nine o'clock mail. Ben is a boy who can always be relied upon when given important duty to perform.

Dr. Woodbourne, of Rosebud Agency, Dak., left for the West on Tuesday night taking with him Lucy Day, Adel Tyon, Lizzie Frog and George Little Wound.

The band promises two concerts a week during the summer when the weather permits. From the practising overheard in the room back of the printing-office we predict some new and pretty pieces.

Rev. Dr. Brown and Miss Fisher were appointed delegates from our Sunday School to attend the Prohibition Convention held in town, on Tuesday. Kish Hawkins and Dennison Wheelock attended as delegates from the Band of Hope.

We have a plate from which we can print the photograph of the Pueblo group furnished as a premium for ten subscriptions for the INDIAN HELPER. The photographs are worth twenty cents a piece or forty cents for the two. We offer the print of this most popular picture for one new subscriber and a two cent stamp. The two cent stamp must accompany the name and subscription if the picture is desired.

Out of door drill has begun.

Henry Bressette won the ten-cent puzzle of last week.

The Exhibition last Saturday night was a success.

Miss Irvine is out among her girls on farms in the eastern part of the State.

The last wagon-body made by Dick Wallace is a very creditable piece of work.

How nice the tin-shop looked Monday morning after the scrub on Saturday. Keep it up!

Dickinson tug-of-war team came out Wednesday afternoon for a little practice with our team.

Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Jack and Miss Patton of Lewistown visited the school Monday, guests of Miss Irvine.

The base-ball grounds was fringed with girls while the two interesting games were playing on Saturday, and a very pretty fringe it made.

When General Hartranft and party visited the Blacksmith shop Sam Keryte showed an axle of his welding in which it was impossible for any but an expert to detect the weld.

The waving of handkerchiefs last Saturday night for applause was a great improvement over the noisy clapping of hands. Next exhibition night everyone will be sure to have a handkerchief, so the M. O. T. B. S. thinks.

Charlie Dagnette now makes his home at Major Hilton's near Carlisle, the half day he is not in school. Charlie is a boy who will appreciate with thankfulness the extra privileges this gives him, and he will also do what he can to earn all that he gets.

The Mock Senate has challenged the Invincibles to discuss the Woman's Suffrage question. They have had several bills under discussion, among others the Oklahoma Bill and the removal of the Apache prisoners from Mt. Vernon Barracks.

Late word from Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pratt tells of their safe arrival in their new home, Dubuque, Iowa, and that they are quite charmed with the place. Their house is in a beautiful location on a bluff overlooking the "Father of Waters."

The school was thronged with visitors, Monday, from the 209th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, a reunion of which was held in town. In the ranks as they paraded through the streets of Carlisle the Man-on-the-bandstand saw middle-aged men and old men and some lame from wounds received while fighting for their country, in the War of the Rebellion.



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Friend, as you went out to Dakota, you ought to come out here and see us.

We are very anxious to see anybody from east.

At our place the people are trying to fence up all their farming land this year, every person has been getting twenty posts for the use of fencing.

Last Sunday when I went down to Isleta, I saw a big dance which they call the "cequia dance."

They said that they were dancing because they were glad, on account that they have got through working on the cequia or the ditch for their irrigation.

The Rio Grande is already getting high.

It is supposed that it will get very high this spring, because there is a great deal of snow up north on the mountains.

Around here the people are about through in planting the wheat.

Up towards home they have just begun this week.

Cyrus Dixon sends his regards to you and to your family.

Please remember me to Capt. and to all the teachers.

Now I will close my letter with my kindest wishes to Mrs. Campbell, her children and to yourself.

Hoping to hear from you I remain respectfully yours.

JOHN DIXON.

#### PRINTERS EXEMPT FROM DISEASE.

Owing to the dust arising from type metal, and the tendency of compositors to lean over the case while at work, it has been frequently asserted that the printing business is not conducive to long life.

This is a mistake.

There is scarcely any indoor occupation, when care as to eating and drinking is observed, that is healthier than printing.

During yellow fever periods in the Southern States, they were singularly exempt, and this has also been the case in the cholera epidemics which have recently occurred in various States in South America.

Recently the cholera prevailed in Chili, causing great mortality among the people, yet out of one hundred members of the Typographical Union of Valparaiso, not one member had been attacked. In the visitation of yellow fever in the fifties, in Alabama and New Orleans, the printers were the last to leave their post of duty.

During the recent epidemic in Florida, we have heard of but very few printers among the victims; but they have stood nobly up to their posts of duty.—*(St. Louis Stationer.)*

#### — TONE TATTLINGS. —

Some things Prof Brown would like us all to Remember.

What is SOUND?

Sound is anything that can be heard.

What is a TONE?

A tone is a sound in which pitch is perceptible.

Musical sounds are called *tones*.

What must every tone have?

Every tone must have LENGTH, PITCH, POWER and QUALITY, and these are called TONE PROPERTIES.

How is the length of tones represented?

By characters called NOTES.

There are eight different kinds in general use. The double-whole note; the whole note; the half note; the quarter note; the eighth note; the sixteenth note; the thirty-second note and the sixty-fourth note.

#### — Enigma. —

I am made of 9 letters.

My 8, 7, 3, is what boys like to spin.

My 9, 5, 3, to take a little drink.

My 4, 2, 6, 1, what we call a person with heaps of money.

My all is what Johnnie Given calls people who cheat and deceive, but he tries to say "hypocrite."

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Go-on-a-farm fever.

STANDING OFFER.—For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 15 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  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 Pueblos 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 Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

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.

For THREE new subscribers we will give the picture of Apache baby, Eunice. Send a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once. If the stamp to pay postage on premium does not accompany the subscription list we take it for granted that the premium is not wanted.

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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