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NOTHING'S gained by worrying,
By hurrying
And scurrying;
With fretting and with flurrying
The temper's often lost;
And in pursuit of some small prize
We rush ahead, and are not wise,
And find the unwonted exercise
A fearful price has cost.
'Tis better far to join the throng
That do their duty right along;
Reluctant they to raise a fuss,
Or make themselves ridiculous.
Calm and serene in heart and nerve,
Their strength is always in reserve
And nobly stands each test;
And every day and all about,
By scenes within and scenes without,
We can discern, with ne'er a doubt,
That quiet ways are best.

SOUND DOCTRINE.

Through a letter from Mr. Potter, who for several years was a worker among the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians and last year was numbered among Carlisle's employes but now is located on a homestead in Oklahoma, we learn that:

"Harry Raven is a clerk in the trader's store and is the proud father of a little boy whom he calls William Miller Raven, and says 'That name will be seen on the rolls at Carlisle in the year 1900.'

Harvey White Shield is locating on a claim adjoining the city of King Fisher. He has his eye open to business when the Cheyenne Reserve opens up.

Hubell Big Horse is toiling hard on his farm on the Washita, under Mr. Seger.

Robert Burns and Cleaver Warden are clerking in the Agent's office and are very efficient.

Paul Boynton wears only blanket with face painted, and I have never seen him yet to know him.

John D. Miles, Ernie Black, Bird Seward, and others are scouts receiving \$25 a month and found, and they are endeavoring to save

part of their salaries for a rainy day, although they find it up-hill work, having numerous relatives and friends who are always ready to hang on to the working Indians for support.

Leonard Tyler and other Carlisle boys are very active in their efforts to persuade the other Indians to take their lands in severalty and become individuals.

The Cheyenne school has received large appropriations, and is to be converted into a large training school after the pattern of Carlisle, equipped with a full system of shops, etc. No prettier location could have been selected.

It is quite refreshing to receive the HELPER with its lively and newsy articles.

Carlisle seems to be the centre of the Indian universe.

It is the sun of Indian civilization the light of which pierces its way into the farthest reservation.

All other agencies and instrumentalities are more or less guided by and attracted to their source and head—the great civilizer, Carlisle.

Cut off the light, the teachings and the power which is diffused daily from that great institution and nothing less than a drought in the field of Indian civilization and advancement would certainly follow. Any one who would endeavor to cramp or lessen the usefulness of the Carlisle school is certainly far from being plumb in the upper story.

It seems ridiculous to censure or under value the work of such an institution owing to retrogression of some of the students who return to the reservations where a life of idleness and sin awaits them.

What percentage of the number of the white students leaving other schools make life a success and shine out as brilliant lights? And yet they have not to contend with the destroying influences of an Indian reservation.

The reservation is a poor old granary in which to store the products of such a school as Carlisle.

Why blame the farmer or censure his methods of work if the results of his labors are stored against his wishes in a place where his grain will be destroyed?"

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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.

Miss Leverett writes that she will visit Denver soon.

Julia Long writes from her country home, showing a contented and happy spirit with her work and surroundings.

The old ware house back of the dining hall is being leveled to the ground. It was the old commissary in war times and long years before.

The Appropriation Bill has passed at last and we are once more a school. We have never doubted that we were a school, but the non-passage of the bill until this late day has resulted in great inconvenience to the Indian Department all around.

Mr. Given's sprained ankle turns out to be inflammatory rheumatism. He has not been able to use feet or hands since he went to Kansas. He has the sympathy of his many friends at Carlisle for having been obliged to spend his vacation in such a suffering manner.

Our old friend Prof. W. W. Woodruff, of Philadelphia, renews his subscription, this week. If our other subscribers would be a third as particular to have us understand that their renewal was a renewal, we would be saved much trouble. The Professor writes the word three times.

Miss Dittes, of Dakota, has arrived, and is taking charge of the girls. Miss Dittes was a teacher with us for a year some five years ago. She is welcomed back by her old friends, and has the hearty wishes of all for her success in this her new line of work, so fraught with arduous responsibilities requiring much motherly tact, patience and skill to compass.

On Wednesday morning while it was pouring down rain a disappointed line of Catholic pupils filed up in front of the office ready for orders to march to the train that was to take them off to Pine Grove to a Sunday School picnic. They were told that there could be no picnic in the woods on such a day, but soon the clouds began to break and word came out from the Junction that the train would leave. It was not deemed wise for the girls to go and only the large boys went. The party consisted of Joseph Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Peter Oscar, Charles Buck and Presley Houk. They claim to have had a delightful day. They visited the furnace and other places of interest around that charming spot.

Charley Dagenett is back, our Charley who went home over a year ago for a change to get stronger and better in health that he might graduate. He comes with a party of pupils from the Quapaw Agency, I. T. Among those he brought were Florence Walton, who went home this summer, William Long, Thos. Barnett, Casandra Hicks, and Lizzie Choteau, Wyandottes, Oliver Williams, Ottawa, Lou Williamson and Curtis Williamson, Shawnees.

Lorenzo Martinez is not one to stick to the reservation and allow the Government to support him. He has worked for months in a printing-office in New Mexico, earning good wages, while now for a change he is working for Railroad contractors and is foreman of a gang of men. A boy of pluck can earn an honest living almost anywhere, and Lorenzo has shown, so far, that he has the pluck.

Miss Bender has returned from her trip among the farm girls and reports them having most excellent homes, with one exception, and the girl was removed from that place immediately. There were only three unfavorable reports to make of the girls, and she says that all she visited are looking remarkably well having improved immensely in health.

Superintendent John Williams of the Ft. Hall, Indian Industrial School, Idaho, arrived Sunday night with Minnie Yarnell, Della Randall, Bannocks, Phillip Lavatta, Geo. W. Pocotello, Pennington Powell and Jackson Ovary, Shoshones, to enter our school as pupils. They are bright, intelligent boys and girls.

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.

ADDRESS: THE RED MAN, CARLISLE, PA.

Miss Noble spent Tuesday at Lancaster.

When the HELPER fails to reach you don't fail to inform us and we will make it right.

The paint brush is now operating in the hospital, freshening up things in that quarter.

Mrs. Seabrook, of Middleburg, Md., is visiting her niece Miss Alice Seabrook, chief of the hospital corps.

Johnnie Given was orderly one afternoon this week and carried off the honors with dignity and much dispatch.

Miss Clarke and her two nephews Malcolm and Neddie spent Saturday on the Battle Field of Gettysburg, and had a delightful day.

The printing-office boiler had to be cleaned once more. After a peck or more of shale was removed from around the flues it behaved very well.

Misses Hamilton, Carter and McAdam have arrived from Glens Falls, N. Y., where they have been attending the Summer School and having a most delightful time.

School opens the 1st of September. It will take several days to get things in place and to make a fair start. The farm pupils who return for the winter will be in by the 12th.

The colt which Mr. Foulke takes out every evening for exercise is a splendid little animal. He must have a name, a *high-sounding* name, a NICE name. What shall it be?

The room at the hospital, formerly used as the Doctor's office, is now converted into a sitting and reception room, while the Doctor occupies the small corner room for an office.

Wasn't he a contemptible sneak and a coward who went into Mrs. Campbell's yard when she was away for a day and stole all of those beautiful peaches off of Irene's tree which she had planted with her own little hands?

The youngest caller of the year was baby Fletcher, of town, who came out Wednesday afternoon with her mamma and some friends from a distance. Little Mary liked to see the "weels go wound" in the printing office.

Subscribers will please note the terms of "Standing Offer" on last page. We cannot afford to keep an account open with persons sending a few names at a time. Unless all the names of a club are sent at once no premium need be expected.

We expect to see a certain amount of litter around where workmen are at work in a shop, but one of the shops was unnecessarily and disgracefully littered up with pieces on Wednesday when a party of ladies were going around. Five minutes sweeping would have made the place very presentable.

Yesterday the Methodist Sunday School boys attended the Methodist picnic held at Pine Grove.

Miss Fisher has returned looking much better for her vacation rest among friends in Detroit, Mich.

Johnson Webster is in from the country with a good record and is occupying his old stand at the case.

Mr. Goodyear, Mrs. Campbell and Miss Merritt spend Friday, at Mt. Alto, with a large excursion party.

A new building is being erected on the foundations of the old coal house. There will be a boiler-room and a tool-room for Mr. Jordan and his steam fixtures, a need long felt.

The yellow-jackets are building a nest on the railing of the balcony in front of the teachers' quarters. They have caused two or three little unpleasant episodes and bits of excitement, but they are interesting to watch.

Ah, that is a part of the training in a training school! When one makes himself believe that it is best to give up pleasantly and do a certain piece of work, when at the same time he wants so much to go and play ball, it is most excellent training.

Mrs. Bennett and Barbara returned from Bucks County on Thursday having been gone for over a week. Barbara was quite ill while away, which destroyed the pleasure of her visit, but we are happy to be able to report that she is getting better fast.

The small boys have had a reading-room for some time, in name, but now they have it fixed up with files and tables and lights and everything very nice and convenient. They have a good class of periodicals and are enjoying the room immensely.

Kish Hawkins dropped in upon us suddenly on Tuesday, having come from his country home on business. He remained but an hour or so. Kish is his own master and can come and go when and where he pleases. We hope he will always please to go in the wisest ways.

If we say "thanks" for all the kind words received about our little paper, its columns would be filled with nothing but "thanks" "thanks" "thanks" and that would not be very interesting to most of our readers, so we say a hearty "thank you, friends," all in a bunch.

It is a pleasure for the M. O. T. B. S. to watch the shop men read the *Red Man* and pick out their boys spoken of in the reports of those who have gone home. Here is one doing splendidly, "Ah, he is my boy," says the carpenter, and here is another, and so on, every one proud of his boys who are doing well.

BRANCH OUT!

Frank Locke, a Sioux boy, who married one of our promising Sioux girls and is living at Rosebud, Dak., did not remain long enough at Carlisle to finish the course. He is making a good record for himself, and in a recent letter expresses a great deal of gratitude for what his friends have done for him and "for our dear babe," to use his own words. "We have a little farm of three acres at White Elk and Red Stone Camps," he says, "and we are expecting a good crop of corn and vegetables in spite of the unsettlement of our camp Indians. We have some trouble to quiet the Indians here. They at the Pine Ridge reserve are feeling unsettled and they do not know what to do about it. We hope that everything will be fixed for them this Fall."

Frank has the prospect of an appointment as Assistant Teacher at the Pine Ridge Agency. How glad the M. O. T. B. S. would be to see every one of our returned boys and girls too independent to accept a Government appointment.

Why?

Because it is believed by many that an Indian will lean upon the Government as long as the Government allows him to. A life of leaning *weakens*.

As soon as we strike out for ourselves we begin to grow strong.

A young man after having learned his trade at Government expense, and after having received an education at Government expense, if, after this, he continues to draw rations from the Government and occupies a position where the Government must pay him a salary, he has little chance to gain that real independence of character so essential to business success.

Every Indian who branches out in business for himself away from his people, as Richard Davis is doing, and as Eugene Tahkapuer is doing, as several others of our pupils are doing, accomplishes more for the good of his people than vast numbers can possibly accomplish supported all the while by the Government no matter how good their lives may be on the reservation.

The following is a boy's composition on flies. The cyclone makes the house fly, the carpenter makes the saw fly, the driver makes the horse fly, the grocer makes the sand fly, the blacksmith makes the fire fly, the boarder makes the butter fly, and the girls make the money fly.

A locomotive does not use tobacco even if it does "chew, chew" to go ahead, and "chew, chew," to-back-u.'

ONE OF OUR BOYS AT PINE RIDGE, DAK.

A recent letter from Robert American Horse says "I am perfect well no little thing wrong with me at all and I try to keep on my Christian working and try to teach all my folks what is right and good for the Christian people. I preach two times on Sunday. Another service we have on Wednesday evening and Friday evening, but all my friends are doing very well. We keep a pole to put up on a red sheet to know the people time to service, and another things we have the women's sewing society, this to sew something to make money to help the church work. Alice Lone Bear is at Ft. Robinson. Her father is one of the Indian soldiers. Isabella Two Dogs is dead."

Robert did not *graduate*, but he is using his limited knowledge the very best he knows how. This we have from good authority. He stands as a leader in Church work and as an example of steadfast and earnest purpose to do right.

Enigma.

I am made of 9 letters.

My 4, 5, 7, is an animal much disliked at Carlisle.

My 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, is something useful in school.

My 6, 5, 4, is something to travel in.

My 2, 3, 7, 7, 8, 9, is a man very useful in making up our summer and winter outfits.

My whole is what your boys and girls at Carlisle are proud of.

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Carlisle Indian School.

STANDING OFFER.—For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 17 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.

The new combination picture showing all our buildings and hand-stand. (boudoir) will also be given for TEN subscribers.

(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.

For FIFTEEN, the new combination picture 8x10 showing all our buildings.

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

For TWO Subscribers and a One-cent stamp, we send the printed copy of the Apache contrast. For ONE Subscriber and a Two-cent stamp we will send the printed copy of Pueblo contrast.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once.