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A THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

We thank Thee for this day, dear Lord,
We thank Thee for Thy blessed word.
For health and strength to come to Thee,
In house of prayer to bend the knee.

We thank Thee for Thy common air,
For life and light, this earth so fair.

We thank Thee for Thy sun and shade,
For all the beauty Thou hast made.

For flowering earth and bending sky,
For gems that o'er our pathways lie.

For orchards bending low again,
For sheaves on sheaves of golden grain.

For moon and stars each held in space
As boundless as Thy love and grace.

The silent dew and gentle rain,
That brings fresh life to earth again.

For forest, mountain, lake and stream,
For winter's snow and summer's green.

For birds that sing Thy daily praise,
For hearts that seek at times Thy ways.

For shielding arm around us thrown,
For hands that sweetly clasp our own.

For gentle smiles that light the face.
Earth's love touched by diviner grace.

For wealth, which, when we use aright,
Is good and pleasing in Thy sight.

For poverty through which we see
Ofttimes a brighter gleam of Thee.

For sorrow leading us to where
We feel Thy tenderest love and care.

To-day for every wondrous gift,
Voicing Thy praise our hearts we lift.

D. H. KENT, in *Home Magazine*.

FOURTEEN YEARS A MISSIONARY AMONG THE ONEIDAS.

The beloved friend and missionary to the Oneidas, Rev. S. W. Ford, who labored for them so many years in the capacity of adviser, teacher and preacher, writes thus kindly of our Oneida boys and girls, as he remembers them in years gone by:

"OCONTO, WIS.

TO THE INDIAN HELPER:

The little pink slip contained in our last number of the HELPER hinted strongly of an early "Good Bye" unless we renew our subscription.

But we are too much interested in its weekly visits to give it up at present.

You will readily understand our interest in it when I tell you that I spent fourteen years as Missionary among the Oneida Indians, and left the reservation eight years ago.

A number of the pupils that are now or have been at Carlisle were taught the first rudiments of English by the writer.

In nearly every number of the HELPER we see the familiar names of our early pupils, and rejoice in the progress they are making.

As we receive occasional letters from some of them, we can appreciate the great benefits they have derived from attending the Carlisle School.

Their letters are bright, intelligent, well written, correctly spelled and grammatical.

When I see the name of Dennison Wheelock so often mentioned as the Captain of the Carlisle Brass Band, I wonder if it is the same little urchin that I tried to teach his letters at Oneida.

Chester Cornelius and others will be interested to know that their old missionary and teacher is watching with deep interest through the columns of the HELPER the progress they are making, and the positions they are occupying in society.

Allow me to congratulate all of your pupils on the good Providence which has placed the means of their elevation and happiness so easily within their reach.

Enclosed find ten cents for renewal."

He that gives advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with the other; but he that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.—*W. T. Bacon.*

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The man who conquers himself fights a battle that is watched from heaven.

Education doesn't make the man. It brings out the gold that God put in him.

The difference between one boy and another is not so much in talent as in energy.—*Dr. Arnold.*

One good thing about the printer's trade is that it throws the boys who learn it away from the reservations, to make money at it.

The Man-on-the-band-stand can't help looking out to the reservations these cold days, and when he sees so many little boys and girls running around the camps shivering with the cold and suffering for something to eat, he feels great sympathy for them. Don't we all feel sorry and want to help them?

Mr. Hiram Chase, a full blooded Indian of the Omaha tribe, has been admitted to practice in the federal court, says the Omaha Bee. He is a strong, bright, looking young man, thoroughly educated and to all appearances well equipped for the legal profession. He was born and brought up in this state near Pender. He was educated in the Indian schools in the east and graduated last year from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chase is the first Indian ever admitted to the practice of law in Nebraska.—[*Pipe of Peace.*]

Phebe Howell who is engaged as nurse at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Phila., writes: "We are busy studying for examination which will be the end of next month. Every bone in my body trembles when I think of it, and I wish it were over, for we are all anxious to know how each one stands. There are six of us in the class. We have "quiz" every week by the resident physician and lectures by the chief physicians every other week, and classes once a week by our chief nurse." Phebe speaks encouragingly of the opportunities she has in the city of hearing grand sermons occasionally.

RULES TO GOVERN THANKSGIVING OFFER.

1. ANY AND ALL of our subscribers and those who are NOT subscribers may engage in the contest.

2. Each person sending an answer must accompany it with ONE NEW SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE HELPER, and ten cents to pay for same.

3. The decision as to the nearest correct answer will be made by a committee of three responsible teachers appointed by the Man-on-the-band-stand, and the name of the winner will be published in the first HELPER printed after the holidays. By "nearest correct answer" we mean correct as to spelling, capitals and general rules for punctuation. We can engage in no correspondence in relation to the offer, for we have endeavored to make the terms clear and easily understood.

4. THOSE PRESENT at the school wishing to try for the prize must enclose in an envelope addressed INDIAN HELPER, Carlisle, Pa., TEN CENTS, and the name of a new subscriber, the same as is requested of all others trying.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. Rittenhouse, formerly of Dickinson College now Superintendent of the new Methodist hospital, Philadelphia, were rejoiced to see him on the grounds, last Thursday. His genial smile and kindly word reminded us of the days when we as a school enjoyed his helpful talks on Sunday afternoons.

Our little Fordie Grinnell, who went to California some time ago with his papa and mamma and the rest of the family, has completely regained his health and writes to Miss Carter that he is having a grand time living there in the sunshine. He likes his California home better than any other.

Mr. Standing gave a good talk on painters and sculptors, last Saturday evening. He began with a little sketch of the life of the man who is now frescoing the ceiling of the chapel so beautifully. His stories of Michael Angelo, Raphael, Van Dyke, and the Indian painter who became so prominent in Spain, were all listened to with interest.

Who in the world have more reason to be thankful these bright cold days than the Carlisle Indian boys and girls, with their comfortable warm clothing, good food, excellent school privileges and hundreds of indescribable comforts and blessings?

Pleasant greetings come from Mr. Standing's sister Hannah, who lives in England. Those of us who were here during the first years of the school remember pleasantly the days she spent in our midst while keeping house for her brother.

A farm boy says, "I am lonely to read and if you please I like to have the *Red Man*."

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Clear weather.

For *The Red Man*, an 8 page periodical containing a summary of all Indian news and selections from the best writers upon the subject, address RED MAN, Carlisle Pa. Terms, fifty cents a year of twelve numbers. The same premium is given for ONE subscription and accompanying extra for postage as is offered for five names for the HELPER.

Ice.

Skating?

Good-bye, turkey.

Only two girls spoke Indian last week.

Nutting is the fashion these Saturdays.

Company C had a clean report last Saturday night.

The HELPER may be delayed a few hours on account of Thanksgiving.

The small boys had a CLEAN REPORT on both tobacco and Indian last Saturday night.

Plainness of apparel is more becoming to girls at school than any showy dress of fashion.

The Piegan boys are showing their devotion to a loved friend by fixing up George Ell's grave.

The girls are thankful to Miss Sarah W. Peke of Upland Roads, Mass., for sending to their Reading Room, Littell's Living Age.

Mr. Norman papered two of the new rooms, the occupants of which will ever be gratefully reminded of the workmanship of a master hand.

Send answers at once to Thanksgiving Offer. All letters will be carefully filed. Subscriptions will begin on receipt of letter containing address of new subscriber.

The quail-on-toast, of which several at the teachers' club got a taste on Sunday morning, through the favor of Mrs. and Miss Worthington and their "nimrodic" friends, went directly to the spot.

It is said that some of the room girls hold their heads too high to see the dust on low things. It does not pay, girls. Your character is judged by the way you dust a room.

Mr. Jordan will be glad when the steam heating arrangements are all fixed for winter. The radiators in the new office building are as ornamental as old material can be made to look.

The cyclonic cloud which passed over these parts about noon on Thursday, played havoc before it got far. A short distance north east of us, houses were blown down and other damage done.

Asa Patterson, one of the new boys, called at the printing-office nearly as soon as he arrived, and had his HELPER changed from home address to school. Such business enterprise in a new comer is encouraging.

If the Man-on-the-band-stand could make as pretty baskets as Jane Kewayeshik made and presented to Miss Dittes he would use his spare moments in that way and always have plenty of money, for such baskets sell.

The Man-on-the-band-stand was very proud of the line of girls that passed in front of his stand on Sunday on their way to church. Many of them had on new uniforms and all now have new winter hats which are very becoming.

One of the waiter girls asked of the person upon whom she was waiting, "Will you have poached eggs?" but she used her tongue so stiffly that the party whom she was serving thought she said "pork steak" and replied accordingly. Do we not need tongue drill?

Mr. Hill, chief of the Indian Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior was here this week on a visit of inspection.

Miss Catherine Caryl, of Groton, Mass., has joined our corps of workers, and is temporarily assisting in charge of girls.

Lucy Guitar, Jean Matia, Alice Leeds, Gertrude Slow and John Nowats went to their western homes, this week.

Dr. Dixon returned with three boys from the Sac and Fox Agency, Indian Territory. He found people alive and stirring out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Linderman on their way to White Earth agency to take charge of the Government school there stopped between trains and looked us over.

Capt. Pratt returned from Logansport, Indiana, on Monday morning, early, he having escorted his mother as far as Cincinnati, on her way South to New Orleans, where she will spend the winter in the family of Mr. J. M. Pratt, the Captain's brother.

Mrs. Edward Elliott, President of the New York City Indian Association, visited our school on Tuesday, on her way to attend the Woman's National Association, held at Pittsburg, this week. Mrs. Elliott took a hearty interest in the workings of our school and is much taken up with the general Indian work.

Rev. William S. Hubbell of Buffalo, and Rev. M. F. Trippe, Missionary for twelve years among the Six Nations of Western N. Y. brought twelve boys and eight girls of the Cornplanter, Seneca, Tuscarora, Tonawanda, and Cuyuga tribes. They are bright looking boys and girls, and most of them are already making themselves at home.

The Invincibles opened the season last Friday evening by giving an entertainment, chiefly musical. From the appearance of the stage as we entered we might have thought that Theodore Thomas with his grand orchestra was about to favor the Carlisle School with a concert. The music stands were arranged for the band which favored the audience with several choice and unique selections during the evening. Then there was an orchestra which played several pieces quite creditably. There was no debate, and very little of a high intellectual order, as is usually the case with the Society entertainments. The evening was enjoyed, but as the President, Martin Archquette, remarked in his opening address, theirs being the first of the season, better results may be expected later on.

Capt. Pratt and his two clerks, Dr. Hepburn and Mr. McConkey, Mr. Standing, Miss Ely, Miss Bender and Miss Luckenbach have moved their office quarters to the new and handsome building situated where the old chapel stood. The rooms have been carpeted with old carpets sent from Washington. Having been patched and cleaned and placed on the floor they look really very well. Mr. Goodyear, Mr. McConkey, Miss Bender, Miss Ely and Miss Burgess occupy the rooms upstairs in the new building. Miss Cutter takes the rooms Misses Ely and Burgess leave, Miss Carter takes Miss Cutter's old room and Miss Luckenbach will move into the room formerly occupied by Miss Carter. Miss Shaffner will occupy the room formerly used for Captain's office.

A THANKSGIVING OFFER.

FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH.

Here is an alphabet that will make some of us study. The person sending us the nearest correct answers to all of the following will receive the week before Christmas FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH. For rules to govern this contest see 2nd page.

- A was a monarch, who reigned in the East,
Esther, i: 1.
B was a Chaldee, who made a great feast,
Daniel v: 1-4.
C was veracious, when others told lies,
Num. xiii: 30-33.
D was a woman heroic and wise,
Judges iv: 4-14.
E was a refuge, where David spared Saul,
1 Sam. xxiv: 1-7.
F was a Roman, accuser of Paul,
Acts xxvi: 24.
G was a garden, a frequent resort,
John xviii: 1, 2; Matt. xxvi: 36.
H was a city where David held court,
2 Sam. ii: 3.
I was a mocker, a very bad boy,
Genesis xvi: 16.
J was a city, preferred as a joy,
Psalm cxxxvii: 6.
K was a father, whose son was quite tall,
1 Sam. ix: 1, 2.
L was a proud one who had a great fall,
Isaiah xiv: 12.
M was a nephew, whose uncle was good,
Col. iv: 10; Acts xi: 24.
N was a city, long hid where it stood,
Zeph. ii: 13.
O was a servant, acknowledged a brother,
Philemon i: 10-16.
P was a Christian, greeting another,
2 Tim. iv: 21.
R was a damsel, who knew a man's voice,
Acts xii: 13, 14.
S was a sovereign, who made a bad choice,
1 Kings xi: 4-11.
T was a seaport, where preaching was long,
Acts xx: 6, 7.
U was a teamster, struck dead for his wrong,
2 Sam. vi: 7.
V was a cast off, and never restored,
Esther i: 19.
Z was a ruin with sorrow deplored,
Psalm cxxxvii.

FIFTEEN RULES FOR GIRLS.

It is the general feeling that all rules are written for boys and none for girls. The Man-on-the-band-stand thinks that he has found some very good rules for girls this time:

1. Shut the door, and shut it softly
2. Keep your own room in tasteful order.
3. Have an hour for rising, and rise.
4. Learn to make bread as well as cake.
5. Never let a button stay off twenty four hours.
6. Always know where your things are.
7. Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable.
8. Never come to breakfast without a collar.
9. Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned.

10. Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.

11. Never fidget, or hum, to disturb somebody.

12. Never help yourself at the table before you pass the plate.

13. Be patient with the little ones as you wish your mother to be with you.

14. Never keep anybody waiting.

15. Never fuss, or fret, or fidget.

They come and come, but we can't print them all. We do not publish such extracts as the following in the spirit of self praise, but as a part of the news of the day, feeling that our readers who enjoy the Weekly Letter will also enjoy seeing that the little paper patronized by them is appreciated by others. It being the time of the year for Thanksgiving, the Man-on-the-band-stand can but thank his many friends for their kind words of encouragement and for many favors shown in other ways.

"Every week I look forward with great pleasure to the arrival of your lovely little paper."—From Wilmington, Del.

"It really is what it indicates. We feel that you are doing a most noble work for the Indian, excelled by none."—From East Canterbury, N. H.

"My dear little paper, I can't be so long without my little INDIAN HELPER."—Dawes Institute, Sante Fe, N. M.

"We take several papers but the HELPER is always enjoyed first."—From Fordham Heights, N. Y.

"I do not know when my time runs out, but I will subscribe again, I cannot do without such a dear little paper, and I send for another besides."—From Swedesboro, N. J.

"Please find enclosed the stamps for another year of your good paper. I wish I could afford to take them by the hundred and circulate them."—From Bethlehem.

"My little boy came in yesterday with another subscription which I hasten to send. Instead of one, I wish it were a hundred."—From Boston.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscriptions for the INDIAN HELPER, as follows:

1. For one subscription and a 2-cent stamp extra, a printed copy of the Pueblo photo, advertised below in paragraph 5.

2. For two subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, the printed copy of Apache content, the original photo, of which, composing two groups on separate cards, (8x10), may be had by sending 30 subscriptions, and 5 cents extra.

(This is the most popular photograph we have ever had taken, as it shows such a decided contrast between a group of Apaches as they arrived and the same pupils four months later.)

3. For five subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, a group of the 17 Indian printer boys. Name and tribe of each given. Or, pretty faced pappoose in Indian cradle. Or, Richard Davis and family.

4. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a boudoir combination showing all our prominent buildings.

5. For ten subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, two photographs, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in their Indian dress and a other of the same pupils, three years after, showing marked and interesting contrast. Or a contrast of a Navajo boy as he arrived and a few years after.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5-cents extra, a group of the whole school (9x14), faces show distinct. Or, 8x10 photo, of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x11 photo, of graduating classes, choice of '89, '90, '91. Or, 8x10 photo, of our old gs.

7. For forty subscriptions and 7-cents extra, a copy of "Stiya, a returned Carlisle Indian girl at home."

Without accompanying extra for postage, premiums will not be sent.