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MAKE YOUR MARK!

SHOULD opponents hedge your way,
Make your mark!
Work by night or work by day,
Make your mark!
Struggle manfully and well,
Let no obstacle oppose;
None right shielded ever fell
By the weapons of his foes,
Make your mark!
Life is fleeting as a shade;
Make your mark!
Marks of some kind must be made;
Make your mark!
Make it while the arm is strong,
In the golden hours of youth.
Never, never make it wrong.
Make it with the stamp of truth.
Make your mark!

OVERWHELMING TRIALS AT HOME.

Many are the stories of hardships and difficulties which have come from returned pupils on reservations, and thousands of trials which never come to light, are borne patiently, uncomplainingly, and without credit. No picture can be made vivid enough or words portray the magnitude of the obstacles in the way of progress encountered by the average Indian boy or girl who goes home from school.

A most worthy Carlisle student says in a letter received some months since:

"Many a time when in a gloomy mood my mind has brought to my pleasure the many remembrances of the carryings on while at Carlisle.

Many a good home-sick sigh have I given for Carlisle and the many true friends there, of which there are very few in this highly praised but heartless (for a returned Indian student) west.

Many a glance and a pass-by is given to us by people who confess one thing but indeed they are far from being real friends.

I am looked on as a dangerous enemy by the officials of the (Indian) village, because I side

with the whites in regard to the education of the Indian youth.

Because I will not surrender they say I am an ill-bred being.

The other day I plead before the Agent's secretary for an Indian that had been persecuted because he was poor and law-abiding and sided with me.

And the officials were in flames because I won the case and I **COULD NOT BE HANDLED AS OTHERS.**"

(Educated Indian boys and girls reason; they have wills of their own, hence are unpopular, with some of the whites as well as the Indians.)—Ed.

"When all charges failed to scare me they declared I had no right to the land and that I could not have my share.

When that too failed, they left, vowing they would get me yet.

You can hardly imagine the trials and traps that are laid for us, by the whites as well as Indians.

The Priest of the parish has offered me a good sum to denounce all that I have said.

BUT I AM WHAT I HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE TO THE LAST.

The Indians say I belong to a certain clan and must serve.

They are digging around constantly for me to give in, but to submit to them is not my motto.

Of course, from a distance there is a great deal said, but they dare not touch.

I am and **WILL BE** a Carlisle subject.

And I am steadily gaining friends on my side."

This is what the Man-on-the-band-stand calls **UNADULTERATED GRIT.**

A RED MAN'S TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

One of our boys who read the following story was so impressed with it that he made a request to have it re-printed in the **HELPER**, and we cheerfully comply:

In the dense forest along the banks of Black River, in Northern Michigan, foxes and

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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 Wood, of the Omaha Mission, writes in a private letter that recently she went to Winnebago Agency to attend the organization of the Winnebago Indian Presbyterian Church. "The service was quite interesting," she says, "and Howard Logan, Benjamin Lawry, Cecelia Londrosh, her sister Mrs. Munn, and Peter Snow, (all old pupils of Carlisle) were among those received into the Church. Also Benjamin Lawry's father. Howard Logan was chosen elder for three years. I was so glad to see the boys and they seemed just as glad to see me. We called ourselves a little piece of Carlisle and our hearts grew warm and grateful as we thought of it. Benjamin introduced me to his father, who has a kind and intelligent face, which lighted up, and I thought he clasped my hand more warmly when Benjamin told him I was from Carlisle." Mary Tyndall is working at the Mission now, and often visits Miss Wood's room to talk over Carlisle and Philadelphia where she last attended school. She closes her interesting letter by saying, "I wish I could come in and have a little talk on the Indian question. I see some things so much more clearly than I used."

The Man-on-the-band-stand is grieved to report that he accidentally heard it whispered that Santa Claus is very poor this year. If ever boys and girls deserved a nice Christmas, the Indian boys and girls of the Carlisle school certainly merit it, for they have worked hard and faithfully all the year, and have done exceedingly well. We do hope that old Santa will strike a gold mine, and a good deep one, too, worth about \$200. Just wait! We will not begin to cry yet. We know one thing, he will do the best he can for us.

A very pleasant letter has been received from our friend and former co-worker, Mr. Richardson, whom the boys will remember as ever helpful to them in their society and Christian work. Mr. Richardson is at present principal of a school at Penacook, N. H., but remembers with much satisfaction his work at Carlisle.

The pupil teachers from the Normal rooms attended Institute on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Joshua Given who is at Madison, Conn. at present, sends another club of subscribers for which the Man-on-the-band-stand is grateful.

The sad news of the serious illness in Boston of General Armstrong, of the Hampton Institute, Va., touches the hearts of all true friends of the Negro and Indian.

A very beautifully written letter has been received from Harvey Townsend, who is now attending the Albuquerque School, New Mexico. He seems thoroughly interested in his studies and work.

Pupils wishing the HELPER and having no money in pocket but money in bank, if they will write a note and say, "Dear M. O. T. B. S. I would like to have the HELPER for one year," the clerks will get the money from Miss Luckenbach without any trouble.

The many friends of Maria Annallo are delighted to hear she is again going to school. She wished to return to Carlisle, but not being allowed by her mother has gone to the Ramona School, Santa Fé, and is making the most of her opportunities. Maria has an excellent mind and she should have the very best of opportunities given her. Annie Marmon is with her, and they like their school very much.

The members of the Standard Debating Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Samuel Townsend; 1st. Vice President, Charles Dagenett; 2nd. Vice President, Arthur Johnson; Recording Secretary, Albert Bishop; Assistant Secretary, Chauncey Y. Robe; Corresponding Secretary, Fred B. Horse, Treasurer, George Ladeaux; Reporter, Richard Davis; Marshal, Stally Norcross.

Room details were changed on Tuesday. How proud each girl who is given the privilege of taking charge of a teacher's room feels when entrusted with the care of the mantel ornaments, the pictures and the room bric-a-brac, some of which are precious to the owners on account of the associations they have. A room-girl ought to feel that the room is her very own for a month, and she ought to try her best to keep it tidy, imagining all the while that the teacher is her visitor (except when giving necessary instructions.) This room detail is especially valuable in that it gives the girl an opportunity to handle with care delicate articles and to develop through individual instruction a taste for tidiness. A girl shows in a teacher's room how she is going to keep her own home when she gets one. A woman who neglects her home and allows cob-webs to grow and dust to collect on the furniture or under it and in the hard places to reach, is a LAZY woman, and if she has children and allows them to go even a little while with dirty hands and faces and wearing soiled clothing she is WORSE than a lazy woman, she is a disgrace to her sex, unless she be out of health, when there is some little excuse for such neglect.

James Wheelock has the mumps.

Twenty days more before Christmas.

Sunday was the coldest day of the year, so far.

William Lufkins, Chippewa, entered the printing-office yesterday, as an afternoon worker.

What is the matter with the line of large boys as they march to school, and why do the little boys keep in so much better order?

Johnnie Yellow Robe broke his arm while playing in the gymnasium on Monday. He is plucky and doing as well as possible.

A tombstone purchased by the friends of the late George Ell, has been placed at his grave in memory of the love in which he was held.

Dennison Wheelock has resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Chauncey Yellow Robe has been elected in his place.

The band was out yesterday in honor of the chiefs who gazed and wondered and were pleased with the efforts of the boys of their own blood.

Mr. Wolfe has gone to considerable expense and labor in fixing up his room, and succeeded in making for himself a very pleasant abode in the large boys' quarters.

Make a Christmas present of *Stiya* to a friend who should become interested in the welfare of our returned girls. Price 50 cents; by mail, 57 cents. Address HELPER.

A number of the teachers attended Institute yesterday, which gave pupil teachers a chance to try their skill at managing a department for a half day.

A gift that would prove acceptable to most any little friend and at the same time keep you in constant remembrance during the year would be a year's subscription to the HELPER. Five 2-cent stamps is all it takes.

Prof. B. F. Johnson, an old-time school-mate of Miss Burgess, now Superintendent of the schools in Union County, Mr. Slyder and little son Jesse were among the Institute visitors. Mr. Johnson was one of the instructors at the Institute.

Julia Given, who went to her home at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Indian Territory, last summer, has returned to finish her course of study. Her friends at the school are rejoiced to have her with us again.

How the Man-on-the-band-stand does hate a SNEAK! There is a certain boy in the country who very often does SNEAKY things, and it troubles the M. O. T. B. S. very much, for the boy is piling up trouble for himself, sure.

Miss Paull has moved her quarters to the room formerly occupied by Miss Bender. Miss Lord goes in Miss Paull's room, Miss Cochrane will occupy the room vacated by Miss Luckenbach. We will all get settled by Christmas, 'tis hoped.

The college "preps" and the law student have moved from the large boys' quarters to rooms in the building occupied by the small boys on the plea that they will have more time undisturbed in which they may study what are growing to be quite difficult lessons.

This being Institute week, teachers by the score have visited the school.

There were two sociables last Saturday night—one among the little folks in the small girls' play room and the regular sociable in the gymnasium for the young ladies and gentlemen. From what we could see and learn all hands had the usual good time.

How sweet and pretty the little girls of the Normal room look in their clean white aprons! The boys until now have generally appeared better dressed than the girls in school, but now the boys will have to keep hands and nails and faces clean, hair well brushed and boots nicely blacked to look as well as the girls.

Capt. Pratt was laid up Wednesday with a heavy cold, but toward evening when the following message was received from Steelton he announced that he was feeling much better: "R. H. Pratt:—Mamma and I are so sorry to hear you are not well. Signed, Richard Henry Pratt." Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pratt, of Steelton, have the hearty congratulations of their many friends at the school, and may little Richard Henry live long and prosper, is the wish of the M. O. T. B. S.

The Y. M. C. A. boys are around asking for contributions for the repair of the old blacksmith shop, into a room for the exclusive use of the Association. A ten dollar Christmas present or even less will be gratefully received by them. The Association has done most excellent Christian work in our school and well deserves a place in which to meet and have some comforts. FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS is all that they ask. Teachers and employees are contributing what they feel they can afford.

As we go to press, eight Cheyenne and Arapahoe Chiefs arrived from Washington where they have been to see about the immediate allotment of their lands and the payment of the reserve fund in cash instead of implements, etc., that the Government has proposed to pay them with. Besides the chiefs there is one woman, and three of our old pupils as interpreters are in charge of the party—Kish Hawkins, (class '89,) and Leonard Tyler and Jesse Bent who left the school before they graduated. All are welcome guests, especially those who were once of us, Carlisle students escorting their chiefs to Washington and interpreting for them and the Government! What a change in twelve years!

The FIVE DOLLAR offer holds good until the week before Christmas. Answers are still coming in by the score. Some are beautifully written, although the hand writing has nothing to do with the contest. All we ask is for the contestants to observe the three requirements in the terms as stated in No. 11 HELPER. The nearest correct according to those terms will get the prize. All answers will be laid before the committee on Friday the 18th, and on Monday the 21st a check will be forwarded the winner. SEND FOR SAMPLE COPIES OF NUMBER 11, for distribution among your friends who may wish to try. There is plenty of time yet to enter the contest. Any one remembering a mistake he or she has made may try over again by sending another subscription.

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wolves are numerous, and occasionally a bear or deer may be seen.

One day a sportsman, after a long chase, succeeded in shooting a deer, and as he was a long way up the river, he decided to call at the nearest Indian hut and borrow a boat to take his game to Cheboygan. He found an Indian working in the woods peeling birch-bark, and, thinking to ingratiate himself, he drew from his pocket a flask of whiskey.

"Me no drink whiskey," said the Indian.

"Don't drink whiskey?" asked the sportsman, in astonishment; "I thought my red brothers all liked whiskey."

"Yes; me like it," said the Indian.

"Like it, and don't drink it?" exclaimed the sportsman. "If you like it, why not drink?"

"Me like it, and drink little; brother drink little, he want more; bimby heap drunk. Ugh! Me no drink any," said the Indian.

The sportsman looked at the Indian, then at the whiskey, and finally dashed the flask against a stone, breaking it and emptying the contents upon the ground. He stood gazing at the broken flask, while repeating: "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I have been a brute, but the red man's lecture shall be remembered."

He then told his errand, and the Indian rolled up his bark, went to the river with the sportsman, helped to get the deer into the boat, and took them to Cheboygan.

At the parting the sportsman grasped the red man's hand, and said: "Thank you for your temperance lecture; I shall drink no more."

The Indian smiled, seated himself in the boat, and rowed back to his hut.

NOT LUCK, BUT WORK.

Twenty hands in a printing office!
All want to get on in the world, and expect to do so.

One of the compositors will own a newspaper and become an influential citizen.

But which one is the lucky individual?

Lucky!

There is no luck about it.

The thing is almost certain.

The young man who will distance his competitors is he who masters his business, who preserves his integrity, who lives cleanly and purely, who devotes his leisure to the acquisition of knowledge, who gains friends by deserving them, and who saves his spare money.

There are some ways to fortune shorter than this dusty old highway, but the staunch men all go this road.

SPECIAL OFFER.

We have on hand a lot of finely executed photographs of the Carlisle School exhibition in the parade at the Bi-centennial. The photographs were taken by a Philadelphia expert and represent the school as it appeared on Broad street with the thousands of spectators looking on. There are two sizes of beveled gilt edge card—6½x8½ and 8x10. The price of these pictures when they were first out was 30 and 40 cents respectively. We now offer them for 20 and 30 cents cash, or we will forward to any address the smaller size for 2 subscriptions for the *Red Man* or ten subscriptions for the *HELPER*. The larger picture we will forward for 3 subscriptions for the *Red Man* or for fifteen subscriptions for the *HELPER*. The *HELPER* is ten cents a year; the *Red Man*, fifty cents. Send five cents extra for postage.

Enigma.

I am made of 8 letters.

My 1, 5, 6, 3, 8 is what boot-blacks like to give.

My 4, 2, 7 is the brightest thing in the sky.

My whole is what we at Carlisle love, and what we have enjoyed much of, the last few days.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA:
Thanksgiving Dinner.

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 contrast, 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 pappose 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 another 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 distinctly. Or, 8x10 photo. of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x10 photo. of graduating classes, choice of '89, '90, '91. Or, 8x10 photo. of build ups.

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

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

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