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CHRISTMAS TIME.



CHRISTMAS is a merry time,
Merry time!
Full of rhymes and full of chimes,
Full of toys and full of joys!
Merry time!

Christmas is a festal time,
Festal time!
Full of wreaths and glittering trees,
Bright surprise and sparkling eyes,
Festal time!

Christmas is a holy time,
Holy time!
Full of lays and full of praise,
Full of songs by happy throings,
Holy time!

—*Youth's Companion.*

THE PRIZE FOR THANKSGIVING OFFER.

Won by Miss Clara M. Peck, of Bucks County

The Committee appointed by the Man-on-the-band-stand, to decide upon the nearest correct answer to the HELPER Thanksgiving Offer, consisted of Dr. Dixon, our School Physician, as chairman, Miss Fisher, Principal of the Educational Department, and Miss Cutter, teacher of the highest department of the school.

After examining the papers and deliberately considering all the points in question they made the following decisions:

1. An answer to be correct must be complete.
2. An answer is complete only when it contains the substance of the question asked or of the proposition in question.
3. Periods must end complete sentences.
4. When a line of poetry lacks only the following line to complete the full sense and smoothness of sound it must, as is customary in all standard works of poetry, end with the semi-colon.

Following these widely known rules for

punctuation, all papers with periods or commas at the end of each line were thrown out.

Some contestants followed the punctuation of the original copy published in No. 11, which was not punctuated properly.

As to spelling, about 150 answers had the word En-gedi mis-spelled, the hyphen being left out.

All lists of names were thrown out, not being complete answers.

The committee decided that the rules observed in the following two lines should have been carried out to the end of the verse:

Ahasuerus was a monarch who reigned in the East;
Belshazzar was a Chaldee who made a great feast.

And so on to the end, placing a semi-colon after the line containing the first word of the rhyme, and a period at the end of the line where the rhyme ended.

There can be no question as to this being the general way of punctuating such rhyme.

According to these rules which were UNANIMOUSLY adopted by the committee, there was not one answer absolutely correct, that is, not one that would have passed any first-class publishing house in the land without having to be corrected before publication.

We congratulate Miss Peck on her success in getting the nearest correct answer, and sincerely thank the hundreds of our readers who entered the contest and showed such an interest in the little offer.

The exercise has proved to be a lesson in spelling to many and in punctuation to all, and has been a useful practice all around.

Each one who made the effort and failed can see from the above description wherein his or her mistakes are, and it will not be necessary to enter into any correspondence in regard to the matter, besides, our clerical force and press of work will not admit of it.

Feeling sure that ALL will be satisfied with the decision of the committee, the Man-on-the-band-stand wishes his readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Christmas Notes.

The day was dull and foggy.

But hearts were bright and cheerful.

The morning began with "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" from hundreds of voices.

At day-break, messengers with packages were seen flying from room to room in the teachers' quarters and from one house to another; by breakfast time centre tables were filled with kind remembrances from friends.

Miss Clark, of Harrisburg, was a guest of Miss Luckenbach, Christmas.

A number of the pupils sent presents to their parents and friends at home.

A number of the boys and girls remembered their country friends by little presents.

It took 69 turkeys to go round for the pupils' Christmas dinner, and they were done to a turn.

Photographs of the school seems to be a popular present for the boys and girls to send to country friends.

Julia Bent's friends have reason to feel grateful for the loving evidence of her handiwork, in the shape of Christmas presents.

Numerous boxes from country friends gladdened the hearts of those of our pupils who were so fortunate as to be thus remembered.

To Sam. Dion the school is largely indebted for the pretty appearance of the dining-hall. He did excellent work, both in designing and executing.

One of the girls who helped arrange the tree for the girls' quarters was heard to say in the loveliest spirit, "We enjoy the anticipation of the pleasure we are to give the little girls as much as if we were to have a tree for ourselves."

The tree in the centre of assembly room a girls' quarters was gaily trimmed and brilliantly lighted, and it made glad the little hearts and big ones, too, as they came in from prayer-meeting Christmas eve and marched around and round the room, while

Nellie Robertson played. They kept beautiful step as they gazed. After the marching, presents were distributed, each girl being remembered in some way, while quite a number received handsome presents from friends. Six large baskets of presents were sent over from the large boys' quarters, and a few from the small boys' quarters, all to sisters, cousins, ETC., don't you know? (principally ETC'S).

The Christmas service was conducted by Mr. Standing and Dr. Dixon. The responsive reading from the printed programs resounded with the true spirit. The choir sang Mozart's Gloria and other selections.

In Mr. Standing's address at the Christmas service he referred to the first Christmas celebration he helped to arrange for Indian children, twenty years ago, at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Indian Territory. The description of getting some hunter-boys ready with guns and provisions, and sending them out for wild turkey and other game, with instructions not to return without something, the deer and turkey that they brought in, the Christmas tree and the novel experience for the Indians, their enjoyment of it, etc., was made very vivid. The people round about the agency and many Indian parents came in help celebrate.

No HELPER next week.

Nina received the prettiest doll. Her grandfather, Bear Robe, one of the party of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Chiefs, who visited the school a few weeks ago, left money for the purchase of it.

The decoration committee looped the trimmings in the dining hall gracefully in two rows down the long centre, and the side trimmings were tastefully arranged. The enamel trimmings around the platform was a little different from the usual style and all the more appreciated.

The Wednesday evening Christmas entertainment was a complete success. The Crying Family, in which Nora Cushaway and Robert Hamilton took the leading parts was perhaps the most amusing feature. George Buck in white costume was a typical January; Samuel Sixkiller, a fine St. Valentine; Elmer Simon was a blustering March, and Emaline Clarke, a veritable April; Esther Johnson made a bright, pretty May and Sophia Coulon, a pleasant June; Mary Jane Wren, with flag and colors, was a patriotic Fourth of July; Willie Leighton, a pleasurable August, Frank Tewery, a "hunting" September; Laura Long a brilliant October and William Archiquette, a practical November, with a good farmer's basket full of Thanksgiving; but none of these were wanted by the Crying Family. Not until Santa Claus came in did they dry their tears and look hopeful. They had cried too much, however, to dare hope for any presents, and only received a promise of one next year, if they would be good. The closing song of this act was encored. Minnie Perrine's essay on Christmas, and declamation by Benj. Caswell on the same topic merit worthy mention. The part taken by the little pupils from 13 and 14 in which there were a number of lively songs, pleased the audience. The fireplace and mantel in this scene and others

produced a natural and striking picture. The tableau in which Irene Campbell and Gracie Dixon, in night robes, stood beside their "mama," (Celicia Wheelock), as she sat and sang so sweetly to them; the bird-like voices of the children, and the gently placing of them in bed; the sudden appearance of Santa Claus (Lot Eyelash), as he stealthily entered; the poise of Santa Claus' retreating form, and the position of his head as he stood gazing over his shoulder at the sleeping beauties, (a remarkable bit of artistic acting,) all of which produced a scene that touched the hearts of the lookers on. Belinda Archquette in the impersonation of fairy queen sang a sweet lullaby as she waved a wand over the little sleepers, which added greatly to the effect of the whole. The school is certainly under obligations to the teachers who got up the entertainment and to the pupils who took part.

Christmas festivities began Monday night with the King's Daughter's Fair, which was a brilliant AF-fair. All sorts of pretty fancy things, such as girls only can make, were arranged on tables occupying the center of the large gymnasium. Besides fancy articles there were cake and candy (home made), and cocoa (delicious) was served for five cents a cup. The Post Office was an interesting feature and the auction, over which Mr. Good-year glibly presided, was particularly enjoyed, near the close. They netted quite a few dollars which will be expended for benevolent purposes.

The Man-on-the-band-stand was not forgotten this time sure. He received a present of a ginger-bread lady, very artistically baked in dress of the latest fashion. If the artist derived as much pleasure in the making of this "well-bred" and "well-raised" personage, and if the delightfully witty play upon words in the letter received with the present afforded half the pleasure to the inventor as they gave to the Man-on-the-band-stand and his friends who read them, the happy originator was more than satisfied with the time spent in producing the remarkable figure.

As has been our custom for years, there will be no INDIAN HELPER printed next week. Subscribers will lose nothing, as they shall each receive their full quota of fifty-two numbers, which constitutes a year's subscription. The printers may get one or two breathing spells during the week, but most of the time the printing office will be running full force on the *Red Man*.

Capt. Pratt spent Christmas in the West, probably with Mrs. Pratt's sister—Mrs. Allen, in St. Louis, on his way home from the Conference of Indian School Superintendents, held Wednesday and Thursday at Lawrence, Kansas.

Prince and Charlie and Harry and Bob and their drivers are glad enough Christmas is over. The numerous trips to town, without charging them with the use of slang, made them tired.

The day after Christmas is generally the time for thanking for presents, either by letter or by word of mouth. Are any of our boys and girls forgetting it? If only a common pin is received NEVER FORGET to thank for it!

NO "HELPER" next week.

Miss Fisher has gone to Detroit to spend her Christmas.

Miss Hunt is visiting friends near Jamestown, N. Y.

Miss Nana Pratt is spending her holiday vacation at home.

Robert Matthews was in from his country home for Christmas.

Mr. J. B. Given is home from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for the holidays.

The Kennerly boys have been visiting Washington with their father.

Miss Hamilton left, Wednesday night, for Greensburg, Ind., to visit her mother.

Miss Paul is spending the holidays among friends in the vicinity of Pittsburg.

Miss Cutter has gone to her home in Amherst, Mass. for a Christmas visit.

The mechanics are to have a short rest this time, taking four days, turn about.

Miss Shaffner, whose home is in town, will spend part of the holidays in Philadelphia.

A nice subscription list was received this week from the school at Sisseton Agency, Dak.

Miss Meredith has gone to her home near Doylestown, and does not expect to return to us again.

Miss Cochran's home is on the Pa. R. R., west of Newport, where she has gone for the holidays.

On Thursday morning, Miss Woolston left for her home at Beverly, N. J., for a holiday vacation.

Miss Lida Standing is home for the holidays. Miss Lida's school is at West Chester, this State.

Expressman Corbett is not sorry that Christmas is over. He did not go to bed for two nights.

Miss Lord is at her home in Northampton, Mass., and will return at the close of the holiday vacation.

A question that Miss Ely has been privileged to learn by heart, these days: "How much postage for this package?"

It does not take much time to write a note of thanks for a favor received, but it gives the person getting it, pleasure for all time.

As much pleasure as is gained by receiving, was experienced by pupils in their giving of presents, this Christmas. Indeed this is the case every Christmas, now-a days.

If we could only learn to EXPECT NOTHING for Christmas, then when we ARE remembered by a card or some little present we can be both surprised and pleased.

Eustace Esapoyet has returned from Ft. Totten, Dak., his eyes having given out at all day work in the tailor shop, over which he had charge as instructor.

Mr. Jordan is having a rest of two weeks in his year's work he has put in twenty-two nights in addition to all day work, at his arduous duties in connection with the heating apparatus and repairs of pipes. Has he not earned a rest?

As God Christmas News as The Man-on-the-band-stand needs to Make him Happy.

From a friend and lifelong worker among the Indians, who resides at Muscogee, I. T., we hear the following about our old boys and girls:

"Ellis Childers is Speaker of the House in the Creek Council. He is making a most excellent officer. (One of our printer boys.)

Almarine McKellup is National Revenue Collector. His predecessor has just been impeached for embezzling \$6,000, so Almarine will have a responsible place.

Cornelius Carr has a good position in a store, here.

Ben Marshall is flourishing as a ranchman and bids fair to accumulate wealth. (One of our printer boys.)

With two exceptions I could give you quite favorable accounts of the boys, and most of the girls are doing well.

Rosa Ross Miles has married a white man and lives in Texas.

Minnie Atkins Peters lives with her white husband in Denver.

The signs of the times here all indicate a speedy dissolution of these tribal governments. The sooner it becomes the better."

NEWS FROM ONEIDA, WISCONSIN.

Julia Powlas, who married Charles Wheelock, writes a very interesting letter. (They are both Carlisle pupils.)

From a private communication just received we take the liberty to cull the following newsy items about returned boys and girls:

There will be a party, consisting of returned students and others, at the Rev. Mr. Pike's, (Missionary) during the holidays, which is looked forward to with pleasant anticipations.

Angeline Baird has married one of the Haskell Institute boys, one who is considered a very nice young man, (the name is not given.)

Jemima Wheelock is too busy to visit much, hence Julia has not seen her for sometime.

Walter (their little boy) is as dear as ever. He talks a little and also tries to walk.

Both Julia and Charlie are teaching school this winter, and they also have a store.

They have just finished painting the wood work in their house and are having comfortable happy times.

The Man-on-the-band-stand's Brothers.

He has two. They may not own him but he owns them. One is the Man-with-his-ear-to-the-ground of the *Indian's Friend*, Philadel-

phia, and the last is the writer of the following letter: FT. TOTTEN, N. Dak.

DEAR OLD MAN-ON-THE-BAND-STAND:

Put on your spectacles and examine the enclosed list of subscribers for the HELPER and *Red Man*. (Twenty seven for HELPER and two for *Red Man*.)

You don't know me but that makes no difference.

I'm an old man minus the band-stand.

I have a large family of boys and girls like yourself and I never sleep with both eyes shut.

My children need just such advice and good wholesome mind food as your weekly letters contain. So don't forget us.

We will meet at the World's Fair and shake.

Yours in the work,
MAN-WHO-WALKS-AROUND.

What the Animals of Iceland Say on Christmas Morn.

In Iceland people believe that the cock crows out "Christus natus est" (Christ is born).

The ox bellows "Ubi" (where)? and falls on his knees.

The lamb bleats "Bethlem."

The ass brays "Eamus" (let us go).

And the bees hum the hundredth psalm.—
Ex.

Enigma.

I am made of 8 letters.

My 4, 3, 7, 6 is a burden.

My 2, 1, 8 is food for horses.

My 5 is what some people are troubled with.

My whole is what the boys and girls at Carlisle enjoy as much as any boy and girl in the world.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Commerce of ideas.

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 cont ast, 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 market 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 wholeschool(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 bu ldi gs.

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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