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COMMIT THIS TO MEMORY.

HELP the weak if you are strong;
Love the old if you are young;
Own a fault, if you are wrong;
If you're angry, hold your tongue.
In each duty
Lies a beauty
If your eyes you do not shut,
Just as surely
And securely
As a kernel in a nut.

AN INDIAN BOY IN BUCKS COUNTY, WHO BOASTS OF HIS TEN- MILE SHOES.

One Friday evening, M—— went to the village, a mile distant, to get his boots mended. The boots were to be done the following day. On Saturday he called at 7 P. M. for the promised boots.

The door being closed he went away and called on Monday evening.

Finding the door closed again the neighbors told him he would have to come before six o'clock as the shoe-maker lived several squares off and closed early.

The next day as soon as the school was out he wended his way once more to the shoe-maker shop, but to his surprise again found a closed door.

This time the neighbors told the Indian boy that the shoemaker had gone away in the afternoon.

M—— trudged back to his farm home quite discouraged, but the family made a joke of it and had quite a lively time, he enjoying the fun as much as the others.

He was assured however that he would not have to walk the distance again on the same errand as some of the family were going to the village on the next day and they would try and get the boots for him.

M—— said, "No, I want to get them myself. I will get my work done in the early morning and go before school."

This he was allowed to do, and finding the shoe-maker in at last, said:

"I have come for my boots. How much are they?"

"Eighty cents," was the reply.

"Well," said M——, "that is too much."

"Why?" asked the shoemaker.

"Because, I have walked ten miles after them and worn out my shoes."

Either M——'s cheery, bright manner or the situation appealed to the shoemaker's better nature, for he said:

"All right. I will mend the shoes."

And so there is an Indian boy in Bucks county who boasts of his ten-mile shoes.

The same good farm mother who tells the above incident says of this boy:

"We think so much of M——. He is always at home in the evenings, contented and happy, just like a member of the family, and he seems to make our interest his aim. Since he has learned to do his regular work he goes about it like a man."

She also says:

"I think if those interested in the HELPER could see these boys poring over the little paper during the winter evenings in the country homes, their hearts would throb with a glad reward."

A MISUNDERSTANDING OR A MIS- TAKE, WHICH?

Some of the Indian boys and girls have great difficulty in mastering certain sounds of the English language. The following may have been the result of such difficulty.

At any rate, two young men appeared at the front door of the girls' quarters.

They were dressed in shop attire and asked for Tenie Wirth.

"Tenie Wirth?" said Miss C——, "I will go and find her."

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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.

The new files in the Girls' Reading Room greatly improve its looks.

He who gives life the best possible employment affords it the most possible enjoyment.

Those days are lost in which we do no good; those worse than lost in which we do evil.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, without thought of fame.

Know you not that a good man does nothing for the sake of appearance, but for the sake of doing right?—*Epictetus*.

The Government school house on the Winnebago Indian reservation in Nebraska was destroyed by fire Saturday, Feb. 28.

We expect to get the *Red Man* for March out the latter part of the month. It will contain a full account of the graduating exercises.

Ernest F. Lushbaugh has sent us a club of forty eight subscribers from the Chillicothe Indian School, now known as Haworth Institute.

The Wichita and Caddo reservation contains 743,610 acres. The treaty with these Indians is now before Congress and will soon be ratified.

The grip is playing havoc with the Cherokees, just east of Osage Agency. Within a radius of ten miles of Skiatook twenty two have died within the last six weeks, and it is still spreading.

The *Red Man* for the first quarter of this year is what may be termed a "boom edition." It contains twenty pages of solid reading matter, devoted exclusively to the cause of Indian education, and is a model of neatness in typographical appearance.—(*Pipe of Peace*).

Some interesting experiments in testing "color perception" have been made this week in several of the school rooms. This has been done at the request of Mrs. Mary Dana Hicks, one of the directors of the Prang Normal Art Classes, Boston, by whom the spectrum chart and spectrum tablets were sent and blanks upon which to record the results of the tests made.

One of our exchanges says: An old chief of the Arapahoe Indians took his allotment on the site of a favorite Messiah dance ground. Now come the Indians to dance and the chief forbids it on his ground. His reason is that they tramp out the grass and burn the timber. One good result of breaking up the reservation.

On Monday morning the school assembled to listen to talks by Bishops Bowman and Andrews, who had been present at the dedication of the new Methodist church in Carlisle the day before. Both the Bishops made interesting and instructive addresses and were listened to with great attention by the scholars.

It is very probable that the troublesome beer question will soon be settled. A bill has been drawn up and presented to Congress asking that the penalty for introducing and selling malt liquors in the Territory be fixed the same as that for introducing or selling spirituous liquors.—(*Indian Arrow*).

The work of allotting the Cheyenne and Arapahoe lands is progressing steadily and rapidly, and nearly one third of the work is done. Every effort is being made to have the work completed in time to have the lands thrown open for settlement April 1st.

Edward W. Yankton, of Co. I, 2nd Infantry, stationed at Fort Omaha, Nebr., writes us a very interesting letter telling us the details of his army life there. He says he likes army life and is always glad to hear from Carlisle.

From a Denver, Colo., paper, we learn that Mrs. Pratt, together with several prominent clergymen of that city, is to address a meeting there this evening, at which the best way of educating Indians is to be discussed.

The last entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. course was that of the Redpath Star Concert Co., which took place last Thursday evening. It was attended by quite a number of the teachers and pupils.

Edward Marsden, of Marietta College, Ohio, who visited Samuel Townsend during the holidays, renews his subscription to the HELPER and sends his remembrances to the boys and girls.

Do the Indian boys and girls who are educated at training schools go back to the blanket on their return to the reservation? The story of one who did not and the forces arrayed against her will be found in "Stiya." Price, 50 cents; by mail, 57 cents. Address HELPER.

Rain!

And snow!

Everybody is longing for spring.

Ida Blue Jacket, Shawnee, arrived at the school last week.

Joseph H. Hamilton, class '92, will go out to the country on Monday.

The carpenter boys are turning out some fine ladders for the use of the school.

Capt. Pratt was under the weather for several days but is now able to be about again.

Mr. A. G. Miller, of Port Perry, Pa., a cousin of Miss Paull, visited the school this week.

Are you going on a farm this summer? The requests for that purpose have been printed.

Timothy Henry is a new addition to the printing office and bids fair to become a good type-setter.

A number of photographs of the printing office were taken last Friday, while we were running off the HELPER.

Word comes from Lydia K. Flint saying that she arrived at her home in Seneca, Mo., in safety and was glad to be there.

John Ground is again on duty in the printing office after an absence of several weeks caused by the breaking of his wrist.

The girls' Endeavor Society has declined the challenge of the Standards to a public debate, being satisfied no doubt to rest upon their laurels gained by their recent victory over the Invincibles.

So many changes have been made in the printing office force since the last photograph was taken that a new one has become necessary. Mr. Choate will take one tomorrow and we will be able to offer it for a premium in a couple of weeks.

American Horse went to see his daughter, Lucy, who is living in a family near Merchantville, N. J., and attending school. She wanted to come back, but she looks so well and is getting along so nicely, that he told her she must stay there.

The newly elected officers of the Endeavor Society are as follows: Pres., Ida Johnson; Vice Pres., Susie Metoxen; Rec. Sec., Annie Thomas; Cor. Sec., Nellie V. Robertson; Treas., Ida Warren; Marshal, Leila Corneli-us; Reporter, Belinda Archique, etc.

In last week's HELPER, we noted the fact of the coming of Chief Charging Shield, Sioux, to see his daughter, Fanny, who was ill. This week we are compelled to give the sad news of her death, which occurred on Tuesday. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, Rev. Alexander MacMillan Rector of St. John's Episcopal church Carlisle, preaching the sermon.

Miss Burgess, superintendent of the printing department and chief clerk of the Man-on-the-band-stand, left us on Monday for a visit to her home on the Pacific coast. She stops a day or two at the Genoa Indian School, in Nebraska and will probably visit the Indian School at Salem, Oregon. The readers of the HELPER will no doubt be favored with some account of the visits.

Jason Betzinez is ironing the second wagon for the Montana contract.

John Laurie is making rapid progress at the wagon-making trade.

The Junior class are reported as doing themselves honor in their new class work.

Peter Cornelius has taken Mr. Norris' place as Engineer and is getting along nicely.

The boys in the harness shop turned in thirty double sets of harness for the month of February.

The Standards are making preparations for a public debate to take place the latter part of the month.

Recent letters from Etta Robertson, class '91, and Isadore Labadie tell of their good health and prosperity.

Arthur Johnson and Felix I. E. Feather, after some months of all day school, are again at work in the printing office.

Frank Everett, class '92, will spend a day or two in New York city before going to his country home with Mrs. Morris, Overbrook, Pa.

Some of the teachers attended the reception given to Dr. Evans and Bishops Bowman and Andrews in the new Methodist church on Monday evening.

The band was to have given a concert on the band stand yesterday, but owing to the rain and snow it was postponed till some more propitious occasion.

One of the Carlisle papers in copying a local from last week's HELPER made it read, "Misses Moore and Demison have composed a Carlisle school march," etc.

Last Friday evening the "What-so-ever" circle of King's Daughters was seen marching in a body across the grounds carrying two large, comfortable rocking chairs, which they presented to the Hospital.

Capt. Pratt, in company with the band, was to have gone to Newville last Saturday to take part in the flag raising over the public schools of that place, but was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

Bemos Pierce, who went to Philadelphia last week to have his eyes examined, had an operation performed for the removal of a cataract. He is doing well and it is believed that the operation will be a success.

On Wednesday evening, the Y. M. C. A. elected the following officers: Pres., Fred Big Horse; Vice Pres., Clarence W. Thunder; Rec. Sec., Andrew Beard; Cor. Sec., Stacy Matlack; Treas., Herbert G. Boy.

The Standard society was honored by a visit from their old member, Geo. Means, class '90, who spoke of the work of the Dakota Alumni Association. This is designed to embrace all graduates of training schools on the reservation and to give mutual aid and assistance, and should prove a success.

Malcolm Clarke is taking both Junior and Senior class studies so that he may graduate next February. He intends taking a full college course and wishes to get there as soon as possible. We are sorry to lose Malcolm from the printing office but rejoice at his desire to obtain knowledge.

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Whereon she ascended the stairs and made search for the young lady.

In her wanderings through the hall she encountered the matron in charge and remarked that there were two Indian boys at the door who wished Tenie Wirth.

"That is a strange proceeding for this time of day. Two Indian boys! Who are they?" inquired the matron.

"I don't know who they are, but they asked for Tenie Wirth."

"Well, this must be looked into."

The matron in charge here went to the door and with great dignity made inquiry as to what was wanted.

"We want Tenie Wirth."

"What do you want with Tenie Wirth?" asked the matron in quiet amazement.

"One man, he told us, you get Tenie Wirth at girls' quarters."

"One man?"

"Yes ma'am."

The matron was more astounded than before at this unprecedented circumstance; and as soon as she could recover herself replied:

"Well, you know the rules. You can't have Tenie Wirth without special permission from head-quarters, and, besides, this is not the right time for young men to call. You must have paper any way. Go get paper, if you want Tenie Wirth then I will see."

The boys of course left in haste, but returned in no time at all, triumphantly waving the required paper.

The matron opened and read,

"Tin-ware, to be repaired."

HOW TRADES WERE TAUGHT.

Under the caption "Old-fashioned Thoroughness," the *Youth's Companion* about a month ago told how boys on the other side of the Atlantic used to be taught trades.

If a boy wanted to become a carpenter, blacksmith or any other mechanic, he was bound as an apprentice for three or five years, the master promising to teach him all about his trade.

Before his apprenticeship ended, he must make a piece of work for examination, and if it proved satisfactory, the young man became a journeyman.

"He then had to travel four years from place to place, not being allowed to remain more than four months under any one master," or in one city.

This was done that he might get ideas about his work in many different places.

After coming back to his native city, he must produce a "Master piece;" that is, a very fine piece of work of its kind.

If this was approved he could go into business for himself, employing others to work for him and in turn teaching other apprentices.

In some parts of Germany this way of teaching trades is still observed.

By the law of Prussia no prince of the royal family is allowed to borrow money, nor is any one permitted to lend him money. If any one does lend he cannot be paid back.

Any one can ask questions, but it takes somebody who knows something to answer them.

If the earth were covered with flowers all the year round, the bees would become lazy.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.

Enigma.

I am made of 12 letters.

My 4, 5, 3 is a well known animal.

My 11, 9, 8, 1, is a place of confinement.

My 10, 12, 2, 3 is sure to follow.

My 6, 1, 10, 8, 12, 7, 10, 11, 1 is what God declares to be His.

My whole is the cause of much suffering.

SPYNA DEVEREAUX.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Snow balling

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscription 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 in 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 bonfire 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 on arrival and a few years after.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5 cents extra, a group of the whole school (9x14), faces shown distinctly. Or, 8x10 photo, of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x10 photo, of graduating classes, choice of '89, '90, '91, '92. Or, 8x10 photo, of building.

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

8. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cts. extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6x8 1/2 and 8x10 photos of the Carlisle School exhibit in the line of march at the Bi-centennial in Philadelphia.

9. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 13x16 group photo of 8 Piegan chiefs in elaborate Indian dress. This is the highest priced premium in Standing Offer and sold for 75 cts. retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces B adior size for 7 subscription, and 2 cents extra.

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

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