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## TRUE MANHOOD.

JUST wait, my brave lad, one moment, I pray.

Manhood Town lies where? Can you tell the way?

"Oh, by toiling and trying we reach that land—

A bit with the head, a bit with the hand!

'Tis by climbing up the steep hill, Work,

'Tis by keeping out of the wide street

Shirk,

'Tis by always taking the weak one's part,

'Tis by giving the mother a happy heart,

'Tis by keeping bad thoughts and actions down—

Oh, that is the way to Manhood Town!"

## A DAY AT GENOA INDIAN SCHOOL.

The readers of the HELPER have learned ere this that "far out upon the prairie," a hundred miles west of Omaha, in the beautiful valley of the Loup is situated one of the Government training schools for Indian youth, recently named the "Grant Institute."

The land in which this school is situated, was at one time the home of the once powerful Pawnee tribe.

It was here that years ago our venerable friend and accomplished writer, A-te-ka, labored for the Pawnees.

It was at this place that Aunt Martha began her work among the Indians.

This is the sacred spot where Pete Lasharo, the head chief of his tribe and his band of noble braves, made treaties with the Government.

And here it was that the redoubtable Spotted Horse and his followers would turn out in war paint and feathers to pursue their enemy, the Sioux, who often came down upon the Pawnees to raid and plunder.

Hence, this is an interesting spot. There now are gathered over four hundred Indian boys and girls from fifteen or twenty different tribes and the Man-on-the-band-stand's Chief Clerk was favored in visiting it on the 10th inst., stopping off on her way to the Pacific coast.

Before the train came to a full stop at Genoa on that memorable day, the Superintendent of Grant Institute, Mr. Backus, as large-hearted as he is big of stature, jumped

aboard and gave your humble servant a most cordial shake of welcome.

We went from the train directly to the school, the prominent buildings of which I had observed from the car window.

The school presents an imposing and impressive appearance to passers by on the train, speaking volumes daily in favor of Indian education.

We first entered the main building, which is the original structure built some twenty or thirty years ago, now changed in appearance, having had an east and a west wing attached.

To the east side of this building is the new dining hall with chapel overhead, (not yet finished) which when completed will be the handsomest edifice of the school.

Larger than this building and just completed, is the girls' home. In a few days this home will be occupied. The plan of this building is most complete and the girls will be very comfortable and happy when settled in these delightful apartments, with two or three only in each room.

The boys occupying Morgan Hall, which is the next building to the East and intended for the school rooms proper, will be given the rooms at present occupied by the girls in the main building. These rooms are nicely carpeted with rag carpet made at the school, and the boys are to have the rooms, carpet and all.

The floor in the new building is so nicely oiled that the rooms will not need carpet.

In a line, say 200 feet to the rear of these brick structures, are the shops, frame buildings and of uniform size, while the temporary dining hall is in the immediate rear of the main building between it and the line of shops.

The hospital, a neat but small house, is a little off the line to the northwest.

After being introduced to Mrs. Backus and served a delicious breakfast, Mr. Backus escorted me over the premises and into the various departments of work and school.

In the shops were Indian boys making shoes and Indian boys making harness; Indian boys making tinware and Indian boys making coats and pants; Indian boys planing boards and Indian boys setting type.

Brooms?

Why the Genoa broom factory turns out dozens upon dozens of this useful and indispensable article daily.

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THE best medicine for self-conceit is to be well introduced to yourself.

A letter received from Martha Bordeaux, an old student, says she is working for her brother and often thinks of dear old Carlisle.

It is estimated that twenty-five per cent of the stock cattle on the ranges in the Chickasaw Nation perished in the recent blizzard.

One Indian can murder another of the same tribe without running any great hazard of being hanged or punished. This is the reason Indian courts are so little respected and Indian laws so generally violated.—[Muskogee Phoenix.]

There is also much suffering reported among the boomers along the extension of the Rock Island railway on the borders of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country who are camped there patiently waiting for that country to open for settlement.

Charles Damon, whom we all remember as one of our former pupils, writes from his home at Fort Defiance, Arizona. He is kept busy on his father's farm, his health being much improved. He often wishes he were able to return to the privileges of Carlisle.

The entertainment by the Endeavor Society on Wednesday evening was a decided success. The whole passed off smoothly and afforded no small enjoyment to the audience. Before the programme was begun, Samuel Townsend, in behalf of the Standards, presented a lovely bouquet of flowers to Miss Moore as a slight token of their appreciation of her services at their debate. The piano duets by Misses Wheelock and Powlas and Misses Moore and Cloud and the solos by Misses Esther Johnson and Daisy Dixon were skillfully performed and were listened to with much pleasure. The dialogue, "Girls of a Hundred years ago," was well rendered and the tableau, "The Ten Virgins," in ghostly apparel, was greeted with bursts of laughter. The drill of the Dairy Maids, with milking stools, was a revelation, as they went through their graceful evolu-

tions. The grand opera, by the Peak Sisters, was a delightful piece of acting. The Sisters in their unique headgear, created quite a sensation and in their singing and orchestral playing was soulstirring. The tableau which closed the programme, was a hit at the Standard Glee Club, who made quite a display of shirt front at their debate. The girls were seen washing and ironing and on either side of the stage were these signs, "Starch Stiff Standard Shirts" and "Special Rates to the Standard Glee Club." The point was seen at once and was loudly applauded. Too great credit cannot be given the girls for the success of their entertainment. Though receiving some assistance from several of the teachers, yet it is to them that the praise justly belongs. Long live the Endeavor Society.

The Man-on-the-band-stand was proud of the good showing his boys of the Standard Society made at their Public Debate last Friday evening. The entertainment showed that they had lost none of their old time vigor and was highly creditable to the society and those who took part.

The address of welcome was made by Richard Davis, who said that they had been doing good and telling work, though they had given little public manifestation of it and concluded with a reference to Mr Goodyear, who has been untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the society.

The history of the society, written and read by Arthur Johnson, showed a record of which it has reason to be proud.

The Indian Club drill was a beautiful sight, the difficult movements being performed gracefully and without a break.

The recitation, "Honor," by Harry Kohpay, was delivered in a easy and self-possessed manner.

Next came the principal feature of the evening, the debate on the question, "Resolved, That all educated Indians be declared citizens of the United States." The debaters took their places on the stage and the Chairman announced the judges, Capt Pratt, Mr. Standing and Miss Shaffner. The speakers were as follows: Affirmative, Clarence W. Thunder, Richard Sanderville, Chauncey Y. Robe and John Baptiste; Negative, Robert Hamilton, Harry Hutchinson, Philip Lavatta and Albert Bishop. The speeches showed careful preparation and were delivered in an earnest and forcible manner. The decision of the Judges was in favor of the negative. When the question was opened to the house, Fred Peake took the platform and spoke on the negative. Capt. Pratt then made a few characteristic and earnest remarks on the subject.

The Glee Club, in full dress suits, came on the stage and sang "The Standards' View of Things," Pressly Houk as soloist. The verses contained allusions to the other societies and local matters and brought down the house. The last two verses, which breathed forth the spirit of loyalty to the school, not only of the Standards, but of all the pupils, were specially applauded. The climax was capped when Captain rose and called for three cheers for the Standards, which were given with a will.

The occasion was a memorable one and the Standards are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.



Mrs. Sage has been on the sick list this week.  
Answer to Last Week's Enigma: Gen George Washington.

The Junior Base Ball Club had their picture taken Monday afternoon.

About 163 boys will leave the school for country homes on April 2nd.

The North Carolina Cherokees are talking of coming to the Indian Territory in a body.

A photograph of the whole school was taken in front of the school house on Wednesday evening.

The base ball season opened in earnest last Saturday, when several games were played by scrub nines.

Mrs. Pratt and Richenda returned Wednesday from a two months' visit to Mrs. Stevick, in Denver, Col.

The pupils of No. 12 wrote a letter to Miss Cutter, sympathizing with her in her great affliction.

The best way to learn some things is to ask questions of those who are further advanced than ourselves.

The "Wayside Gleaners" circle of King's Daughters has donated \$3.00 of their funds to the starving Russians.

The amount contributed by the employees and students of the school for the Russian Famine Fund is now over \$60.00.

The members of the Endeavor Society very heartily thank Misses Cutter, Moore, Cory and Shaffner for their kind assistance in helping them to prepare their entertainment.

We thought spring had come, but we were somewhat surprised to find the snow falling when we woke up yesterday morning.

Boys and girls who are going out in the country, do not think that you are going out just to earn money, but to gain experience.

"Change cars! Baggage!" is the prevailing cry of our country boys in anticipation of enjoying a long and pleasant journey to their country homes.

Fred Peake and Albert Bishop, class of '92, are enjoying their work as teachers in No. 11, while Miss Shaffner is taking charge of No. 12 during the absence of Miss Cutter.

To those young students who are going out into the country: always remember Capt. Pratt's words, "Endure hardness bravely, boys; it is God's way of making men."

The Union Reserves as re-organized for the coming season are as follows: Harry Kohpay, p. and capt.; Morgan Toprock, c.; John Baptiste, 1st b. and p.; Eustace Esapoyhet, 2nd b.; Paul Lovejoy, 3rd b.; Jos. B. Harris, s. s.; Martin Archiquette, l. f.; David Turkey, c. f.; Jonas Place, r. f.; Benj. Harrison, Sub.; Mr. Fisk Goodyear, Manager.

The Junior Base Ball Club is composed of the following players: p., Frank Hudson; c., Johnson Spencer; 1 b. and capt., Malcolm Clarke; 2 b., Paul Shattuck; 3 b., Joseph Gordon; l. f., Frank Shively; c. f., George Suis, r. f., Pressly Houk; s. s., Robert Big Bear; subs., Clark Gregg and Sam. Sixkiller; Manager, Mr. W. R. Claudy.

Mr. Harry Frantz, of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., visited the school last Friday.

Miss Cutter was called to her home in Amherst, Mass., last Saturday by the sad news of the sudden death of her mother.

Mr. B. F. Bennett, farmer at the Seneca School, Grand River, Ind. Ter., writes that he is busy making improvement on the school farm and getting along nicely.

Miss Hummel and Miss Sue, Mrs. Geo. Gorgas, Miss Schock, and Messrs. W. A. Kelker and J. Parke Rutherford, of Harrisburg visited the school last Friday as the guests of Miss Luckenbach.

Some boys stand out by the gymnasium and try to throw stones over the large smoke stack. They do not know that nearly every stone that hits the roof makes a hole in the tin and is the cause of a leak. Let us think before we act!

The class motto, "From Possibility to Reality," which is now tacked on the wall in No. 12 is still as good as when adopted by the class of '92. We trust the present pupils of that room as well as others of our students will imbibe the spirit of these four words.

One of the blacksmiths seems to think he is wronged by having to stay here and help fix up the wagons for the Piegan chiefs, instead of going on the farm as he wished. Let him be thankful for having the opportunity of learning his trade so well. It may be of benefit to him in after years.

Rev. Mr. Smiley, the evangelist, who has been holding a series of meetings in town for the past two weeks, visited us last Monday. He addressed the pupils in the chapel on the theme, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and the many practical lessons taught will always be remembered by us.

Miss Dittes is under the physician's orders, in the hospital in Phila. to remain in bed, so that her knee may have perfect rest. Not even letter writing can be indulged in except to a limited extent, to the regret of her Carlisle friends, who hope she may soon come back to them, renewed in health.

In addition to the large photograph of the Piegan chiefs, we have cabinet photos of the same chiefs in their beautiful and striking Indian dress, which we offer as premiums for five subscribers and a one cent stamp for postage, or will be sent for twenty one cents. Anyone desiring to obtain a fine picture of Indian chiefs in native costume, should get one of these.

Last Tuesday night, the Standards held their last meeting together as a number of them are going on farms this week. Addresses were made by Arthur Johnson, Samuel Townsend, Harry Hutchinson, Charles Clawson and Albert Bishop, all of whom expressed their thankfulness for the benefit they have received from the society. The Glee Club sang several fitting selections for the occasion, after which all joined hands and sang "God be with you till we meet again." All went out with the fixed purpose to be "Standards" to the end.



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The boys I saw splicing and binding and assorting the stocks and splints were the very crew, Mr. Backus said, who had planted the seed, tended and harvested the crop; hence they knew the process of broom manufacture from the very beginning, and hundreds of dozens are made yearly by these Indian boys, clearing for the school thousands of dollars in cash.

Yes, "lazy, good-for-nothing (?) "Indians are doing this.

The Genoa idea is to insist upon each individual boy being instructed in the manufacture of the article produced in the shop in which he works in its entirety. And this idea is forced to a degree highly commendable.

I saw a pair of shoes made by a boy who had worked but a few days.

They were rough looking, but he is expected to improve upon these until he is able to produce a perfect shoe; but if that boy should be called away from the school tomorrow, he already has attained the principles of shoe making, which needs but the repetition of practice to make him useful in his line of work.

In the manager of the *Pipe of Peace*, the writer found an old friend. Old scores of pleasantries which had passed back and forth from time to time in the columns of *ye HELPER* and *ye Pipe* were wiped out, and figuratively speaking the *Pipe* was smoked in peace.

After dinner the "blacks" were harnessed to the spring wagon (Carlisle manufacture) and we were carried around the town.

Strieby Horn, the Arickaree driver, won my admiration by the management of his splendid team and the excellent condition of his horses, of which he has the exclusive care.

After this invigorating ride, supper was eaten with a relishing appetite; then the pupils' dining hall was visited.

The present room which is over-crowded, will be used as a gymnasium as soon as the new dining hall is finished and it will make a very suitable room for the purpose.

At the evening service, one or two of the very tunes I had taught my little school of Pawnee Indian boys and girls nineteen years before in this same room stirred up old and tender recollections.

After prayer the band played. The leader is a white man who takes enthusiastic interest in the musical training of his boys.

There was one other white person in the band and the music furnished compared favorably with other band music.

Without comparing the quality of music and without prejudice in favor of our band, we can but wish that Grant Institute band and the Carlisle Indian school band may meet at the World's Fair, where there will be ample opportunity to compare notes and draw conclusions. I speak thus because of being asked pointedly by an outsider if I did not think that the Genoa band beat the Carlisle band. My only reply was, "We have an excellent band at Carlisle; come and see!"

After the service a reception was held in Mr. and Mrs. Backus's rooms in honor of the Carlisle visitor.

The employees of the school and a few old-time friends gathered, a social chat was enjoyed and an oyster supper relished.

The next morning some of the same ground was gone over, the hospital visited and the time came to depart.

The school has just passed a siege of the measles, resulting in somewhat of confusion and break in regular routine. A number of the household showed the effect of the extra tax and strain such an epidemic entails.

They have reason to congratulate themselves however, that not a case was lost, and there were over a hundred down with the disease.

As we passed the buildings again on the return trip, a number of the girls and boys had gathered in front and were waving handkerchiefs and hats; the most prominent figure in the group was Carlisle's Elizabeth Blackmoon.

Elizabeth is assistant matron at the school and no word but the best was heard of her conduct and work.

Thus Genoa's day ended; and it was a day that will always be looked back upon with pleasure and satisfaction.

M. B.

#### Enigma.

I am made of 10 letters.

My 7, 2, 9, 3 is the kind of fence Abraham Lincoln built.

My 5, 10, 8 is an article used when one is arm.

My 1, 6, 4, 3 is a rope gathered in a ring.

My whole is the state in which one of Carlisle's employees is spending her vacation.

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(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.)

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