

THE INDIAN HELPER

A WEEKLY LETTER
—FROM THE—
Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa.

VOL. VII.

—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1892—

NO. 52.

HOW MY BOY WENT DOWN.

IT was not on the field of battle,
It was not with a ship at sea;
But a fate far worse than either
That stole him away from me.
'Twas the death in the ruby wine cup.
That the reason and senses drown;
He drank the alluring poison,
And thus my boy went down.

Down from the heights of manhood
To the depths of disgrace and sin;
Down to the worthless being,
From the hope of what might have been;
For the brand of a beast besotted,
He bartered his manhood's crown;
Through the gate of a sinful pleasure
My poor, weak boy went down.

—[*Sunday School Times.*]

A MOST GLOOMY AND DEPLORABLE PICTURE OF THE PAWNEES.

(*Continued from last week.*)

The East had given Phebe an education.

The East had given her a profession, that of a trained nurse.

And now the East was offering her an opportunity to follow her profession.

In the East she could really do more for her people than by staying with them.

In the East she could show her white sisters and brothers, many of whom who are ever ready with the saying "The only good Indian is a dead one," that she could cope with them in intellect.

Her skill could earn for her wages not to be ashamed of. She could through her profession gain entrance into the best of families and make her service valuable to the sick and dying, as well as to the well and prosperous.

Then why not go East?

Why not stay East?

Why not seek to live in an atmosphere that favored her further growth and development?

Thus the Man-on-the-band-stand heard his young friend reasoning to herself as she sat

sometimes alone amid discouraging surroundings in her cheerless home, away out in that hot, dry, sickly Pawnee country.

Phebe loves her friends, and that is right.

She is proud of the tribe to which she belongs and she has a right to be.

The Pawnees have never been known to be unfriendly to the whites.

They have always been loyal to the United States Government.

Before enfeebled by disease begotten through a life of inactivity they were pre-eminently a strong and courageous people.

They were conspicuous as plains orators.

The Pawnees were greatly feared by their enemy the Sioux, whom they frequently conquered in battle.

Phebe is the daughter of Comanche Chief one of the first chiefs in the tribe.

Her father died since she came to Carlisle.

It was when he was living that the writer went to the Pawnee Agency, and learning the desire of Phebe Howell to come East began to plead for her, but Comanche Chief refused permission.

He declared most emphatically that he would not think of his daughter going away from home.

"She would die," he said.

"Well, do not your children die, at home?" asked the writer, to which Comanche Chief made no reply save the closing of the eyes, a determined compression of the lips, and a shake of the head implying; "It matters not, she shall not go."

The fact is that Phebe was approaching that age when an Indian girl is of a marketable value.

Phebe's brother although uneducated was able to see that an education was of priceless value to the possessor and so favored her going to Carlisle.

But the old chief remained persistent almost

(*Continued on the Fourth Page.*)

THE INDIAN HELPER.

PRINTED EVERY FRIDAY.

—AT THE—

Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa.,

BY INDIAN BOYS.

THE INDIAN HELPER IS PRINTED by Indian boys, but EDITED by The man-on-the-band-stand, who is NOT an Indian.

PRICE:—10 CENTS A YEAR.

Address INDIAN HELPER, Carlisle, Pa.

Miss M. Burgess, Manager.

Entered in the P. O. at Carlisle as second class mail matter.

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.

This week's issue ends Volume VII of the HELPER.

Miss Leverett, one of our former teachers, we learn is now teaching at Reed's Ferry, New Hampshire.

A workman who is too lazy to care what sort of tools he has to work with is the kind who rarely succeeds.

Annie Gesis in complying with the request for each HELPER subscriber to send a new subscription has favored us with the name of the kind lady with whom she makes her home.

No kind of work is too hard ordinarily when one is thoroughly interested. Only when we work discontentedly does it seem hard and irksome.

Frank Everett says the way the Indians mark off a race course is to shoot arrows from the point of starting. Where the arrow lights is the end of the course. He calls it Indian surveying.

Mrs. Wade, who for a long time has been a faithful worker in the Missionary corps at the Omaha Agency Nebraska, starts next month for Alaska to enter the Mission school there as Assistant-Matron.

Jane John and Lena Greene of Hampton, ex-students of Carlisle, are in the same neighborhood as Susie Henni in Connecticut. Susie writes an interesting letter a part of which will appear in the September Red Man.

A camp meeting for returned students was held at the Mission school at Omaha Agency, Aug. 20 and 21. It was well attended and enjoyed. All of our pupils who are there on a vacation went and took their parents, brothers and sisters with them. Levi Levering a graduate of Carlisle, who is now preparing for the ministry, presided over the meeting, while several of the teachers and employees assisted with the music, and addressed the students.—[Pipe of Peace.

THE SUCCESSFUL CONTESTANT.

After a long and tedious examination of thousands of words, the committee appointed as judges—Mrs. Claudy, Miss Merritt and Miss Sage, with four competent assistants—have decided that Donald P. Campbell is the successful winner of the prize of ten dollars offered to the person making the most words from the letters contained in "The Indian Helper." The list containing the highest number of words (2070) was taken up first and carefully examined, word for word with the two dictionaries named in the instructions—Worcester's and Webster's. Every word that was not a recognized English word or was not found in either dictionary was checked off. Over six hundred foreign words such as are found in the fine explanatory part of the definitions of words, where the derivation of roots from foreign languages, etc., words and parts of words that form no part of the English language were embodied in this list. There were also duplicates and words containing letters not allowable. The two lists containing the next highest number, 1526 and 1524 respectively, were now taken. A great many duplicates were found in the 1524 list while a number of prefixes and single letters had to be stricken out of the 1526 list, reducing it to 1472, the winning number. The 1524 list as it came from the hands of the committee stood 1404. Great credit is due to the committee who worked over the lists with untiring zeal during every available moment for several days. Naturally, questions arose as to whether certain words should be considered but the greatest care was taken to give a thoughtful and just decision in every case. Could the action of the committee showing up every little detail and question discussed be submitted to the judgment of the intelligent portion of the country, their final decision could not but be considered a just one. A few might object to leaving in certain words, others might object to discarding certain words that were stricken out. It would take too much time and space of our little paper to state more fully the points in question but we shall gladly explain by letter any points inquired after if a two cent stamp accompany the request. Thanking those who so enthusiastically worked to accumulate words and took such an interest in the matter, "as much for the amusement it afforded them and the benefit derived from the careful study of the dictionary" some said, and congratulating Master Campbell for his success we bid adieu to the Vacation Offer.

One hundred and sixty boys and ninety-six girls returned to the school this week from country homes. The girls arrived yesterday and the boys to-day. Departments are more than busy getting ready for them. About as many have remained in the country to go to school with white children this winter, and they are the ones to be congratulated for having such a grand opportunity to remain out and separate from the mass.

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 for twelve numbers. The same premium is given for ONE subscription for the HELPER.

Miss Dora Shaffner is teaching No. 11 temporarily.

Edward Marsden has returned from his Ohio trip and is again performing the duties of typo.

Monday being Labor Day both the schools and snoops enjoyed a holiday, although school had not yet begun.

Mrs. Ida Zimmerman, of Emmitsburg, was a guest of Miss Seabrook this week. Maggie Old Eagle lives with them.

Misses Nana and Richenda Pratt returned from the sea-shore last Thursday, looking thoroughly brown and rested.

Dr. Dixon has gone to the New York Agency for a party of pupils who wish to come to Carlisle. We cannot accommodate all who wish to come.

All had the privilege of going to the circus yesterday who wished to. It is pronounced a first class exhibition of animals and ring performances.

Mr. Wile's first sermon to our school after several weeks' vacation at the shore was most welcome. Our pupils and employees thoroughly enjoy his talks.

Nellie Robertson has gone to West Chester to take a Normal course. She is more than thankful for the splendid privilege and will make the best use of her time.

The small boys had a picnic on Wednesday picking potatoes at the lower farm. They were carried to and from the farm in the large four-horse Herdie which was part of the fun.

A good game of ball was played between the first and second nines of the school on Labor Day, and it was with great labor that the first nine beat the second. It was a ten inning game and the excitement ran high to the very close, when the score stood 11 to 7 in favor of the first.

Last Saturday a game of ball was played between a nine from New Kingston and our school nine. The batteries were good, but both teams had poor support in the out-field.

The score stood as follows:

Indians.....	3	0	2	0	0	4	0	5	x	—14.
New Kingston..	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	4	0	—10.

The directors of the Poor of Adams and Cumberland County escorted by Mr. W. Kramer, Esq., of Carlisle went the rounds of our departments on Wednesday afternoon showing great interest in the work of the boys and and girls both in the shops and in the school rooms.

Officers for the Sunday School are to be elected Sunday. The candidates are: For Superintendent, Dr. Dixon and Miss Shaffner; for Assistant Superintendent, A. J. Standing and Miss Hamilton; for Treasurer, Miss Lord and Miss Anthony; for Secretary, Ida Warren and Arthur Johnson; for Assistant Secretary, Minnie Yandall and Fred Big Horse.

School for the year began on Tuesday and all departments are assuming a strict business-like aspect. The small irregularities permitted in vacation must come to a halt, the march to and from meals must be by the beat of the drum, and "we like it," the Man-on-the-band-stand hears many a one say as they step along with head erect and in perfect time.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeatts of Craigheads, were among the callers on Saturday.

Twenty-one happy girls took the train yesterday morning for country homes to take the places of some who came in.

There is some talk through the daily papers of postponing the World's Fair for a year or so on account of the cholera scare.

A big tennis tournament involving nearly all the players on the grounds is in progress. We have some very good players both among the pupils and teachers, and there is no better way to take exercise than on the tennis ground.

Mrs. and Miss Hilton, with whom Buck Red Kettle lives near town, were paying social calls on Friday. They are now in the height of sickel pears and grapes, and their friends at the school are frequently favored with a basket of the same.

Solomon Chandler has been heard from after a long silence. He gives the sad news of the death of his wife at their home in Kiowa country. He gives half a promise of a visit to the school this Fall, and possibly Harry Shirley will accompany him. Both will receive a warm welcome when they come.

Richard Davis, of the near farm, loves to stroll into the printing office occasionally for a friendly call, it being the place he used to work when a school boy. He is always a welcome visitor, carrying with him a certain presence of true worth and straightforwardness, indicative of a manly purpose in life.

If the boys who devour the Sullivan fight news and the base ball columns of the news papers would show half the interest in reading something of real worth they might grow stronger mentally and be better satisfied with themselves, than after becoming so enraptured over the accounts of such brutal scenes as occurred in New Orleans this week. Such reading excites the animal and brutal part of man's nature, not his higher and better senses.

Mrs. Ravel Smith of Philadelphia, with whom Spyna De-veraux has been living, was a guest of the school on Tuesday. Mrs. Smith speaks in the highest terms of Spyna and is loth to give her up to attend school this winter at Carlisle. Nellie Eagle Child has gone to take her place and will find in Mrs. Smith the same motherly adviser that Spyna enjoyed. There are several Indian girls in the neighborhood and Mrs. Smith, who is the wife of the Methodist minister there is their Sunday school teacher, taking special interest not only in her own charge but in all the girls in her class.

Supt. Mallalien, of the Nebraska Industrial School at Kearney, on the Union Pacific road, and wife, were among the callers on Friday last. Mr. Mallalien's pupils, being juvenile offenders of the law, are sent him by the courts of Nebraska. From his descriptions of the institution and from the excellent paper published there, we judge that it is of the most progressive type of school. He is a man of broad and comprehensive views on the subject of education, thoroughly believing that the family can do more for the boy than the State can, thus sympathizing in full with the outing system.

(Continued from first page.)

to the very last, when a sudden change came over him.

What produced the change?

No one ever knew, at least the white portion of the settlement never knew.

But on the day before the time to start East, when all hopes of having Phebe in the party were given up, and the writer was strolling disconsolately along the road leading to the boarding school, Comanche Chief and son, who was a man larger than the average Indian, came galloping up the road both mounted on one pony.

An interpreter was upon another pony.

The son alighted and with smile spreading over his large and generous countenance, shook hands with the writer and said "Phebe goes."

Of course, due compliment was paid the old chief through the interpreter, for his far-seeing judgment.

"I always thought you were a MAN," said the writer.

"How! How!" exclaimed the chief assenting and taking the compliment in its full sense, for to be called a man is as high a tribute as an Indian ever wishes. There is no higher.

"When you objected to your daughter's being educated my heart was troubled. I felt sorry for the girl, but I felt more sorry for you, for I thought you were getting old and childish, but I see I was mistaken, you are a man of sound mind and good sense," continued the writer.

And she further said.

"I thank you for giving me your daughter.

"We will take good care of her at Carlisle, and you will live to see the day when she will thank you more than I do and you will thank the Great Spirit for putting it in your heart to send her. You are giving her something better than ponies, better than money, better than anything else you can possibly think of.

"You are giving her a chance to gain knowledge and experience which will make her a useful woman."

The Chief was pleased, and with some advice as to the care of Phebe and a hope that she would keep well, he said "Good-bye;" the son mounted behind him and they galloped off.

The next day, Phebe, with quite a party of Pawnee boys and girls, started for Carlisle.

This experience all came vividly to mind as the brave young woman stood before the writer a few days since telling with sorrow of the condition of affairs she found at home.

How overwhelming discouragements one after another bore down upon returned pupils;

How it seemed almost impossible for them to face all their trials and that some went back to Indian ways.

And here we will leave Phebe's account, only too glad that she has reached this land

of promise, once again, for a new start in life. But in this connection we take up a letter just received from a friend now at Pawnee who corroborates the story Phebe tells of her people.

The letter says:

"The Pawnees are ghost dancing.

The whole matter could be stopped with very little trouble.

It has had a most disastrous effect on these people.

They have retrograded instead of advancing in the past year.

Their farms show it.

Their clothing shows it.

Many have died.

And many will die during the coming winter, because of the scarcity of corn and wheat.

They were dancing when they should have been tilling the soil.

They are dancing to-day and have been dancing for the past week at night, and their crying and singing could be distinctly heard for a long distance.

Mark Evarts' brother David is a wreck.

He is in a dying condition.

Ghost dancing has done it.

It is pitiable that such things are allowed."

ENIGMA.

I am made of 8 letters.

My 8, 2, 5, 6 is an enclosure.

My 1, 7, 6 is what a boy is sometimes called.

My 3, 2, 8 is an arm of the sea.

My 1, 4, 7, 6 is that which is carried.

My whole is a legal holiday.

SUBSCRIBER.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Harrison.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscription as 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. Cash price 5 cents.

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. Cash price 60 cents for the two.

3. (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.)

4. 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. Or, cabinet photo of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents each.

5. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a bond or combination showing all our prominent buildings. Cash price 25 cents.

6. For ten subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, two photo graphs, 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 on arrival and a few years after. Cash price 20 cents each.

7. 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 '88, '90, '91, '92. Or, 8x10 photo, of buildings. Cash price 50 cents for school, 30 cents for 8x10's.

8. For forty subscriptions and 7 cents extra, a copy of "Stiya, a returned Carlisle Indian girl at home." Cash price 50 cents.

9. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cts. extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6½x8½ and 8x10 photos of the Carlisle School exhibit in the line of march at the Bi centennial in Phila. Cash price 20 and 25 cents.

10. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 12½x16 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. duoir-size for 7 subscriptions, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

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