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THE PRINTER.



ITH types, and papers, and hand-press,
And faith serenely glowing,
He settled in the wilderness,
And set his mill a-going.

They wondered what he was about
When in the woods they found him,
But when he got his paper out
They build a town around him!

—[*Atlanta Constitution.*]

ENDEAVOR.

The honest, sturdy phrase, "I can,"
Upheld by force of will,
Would bring you farther up the hill
Than any aid of man.

CHARLES ELMER UPTON
in Youth's Companion.

DEPRESSING NEWS.

A man of unquestioned veracity, and for whom we have great respect, writes thus discouragingly of a reservation situation. We will not give names, for oftentimes the life thereafter of the informant is made unpleasant by those in authority who should be ashamed of the conditions around them, when they might better them if they would. Such people are among the Indians for the salary alone, and for no good that they might do.

The letter says:

"The — Indians, I am sorry to say, have retrograded terribly in the last two years in every way. The Missionary schools have closed down for want of children and the Government schools have a hard time to keep up the attendance.

One school has accommodations for 200, and a month ago had but sixty pupils. There are now ninety.

The agent is a mere policy man, and lacks back-bone and discipline in the management of his Indians.

Think of it!

He allowed — — to marry a young girl

about sixteen (and I think she is a school girl) being his second or third wife. He may pretend he does not know it, but he must know it.

Another thing I must tell you, which I know will pain you all. I have learned through reliable sources that — (one of Carlisle's most lovely characters, a sweet, gentle, modest girl of sixteen) has been sold to old —.

He is a horrid, old, diseased medicine-man. She was sold for the consideration of a pony.

For God's sake, keep the girls at Carlisle until there is enough power and law here to prevent such shameful outrages."

A SMALL SWARM OF B'S.

BE EARNEST!

Half-heartedness will not accomplish one-half as much as whole-heartedness will, rightly handled. Be earnest.

BE HONEST!

"Honesty is the best policy," and the best policy will often be found along the way that honest men travel. Be honest.

BE STRAIGHT!

Not only "straight as a string," but rather "straight as an arrow," if you would be sure to "hit the mark." Be straight.

BE WATCHFUL!

"Watch out," and watch in, as well. Also "watch and wait," if you would not let opportunity slip by unnoticed. Be watchful.

BE CONSIDERATE!

"Consider your ways and be wise," and having found the ways of wisdom, walk therein "all the days of your life." Be considerate.

BE AMIABLE!

A "cross-patch" may pass by on the other side, without being asked "to come back our way," while all the world likes to go hand in hand with amiability. Be amiable.—[*Good Housekeeping.*]

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THE BAND AT YORK.

The concert given by our band at York last Thursday received the following complimentary notices:

The audience which heard the Indian band, from the Carlisle Indian school, in the opera house last night were greatly delighted. And they were not a little astonished, too, to hear and see how well the civilized Indian youths rendered sweet and stirring strains. The members of the band show wonderful ability. —*York Gazette*, Apr. 28.

The concert given was first class. The various solos and overtures were exceedingly well rendered and brought forth rounds of applause. The instructor and members of the band are deserving of much credit for the efficient manner in which they perform on the various instruments. —*York Dispatch*, Apr. 28.

The famous band of the Carlisle Indian School, composed of thirty young Indians, under the leadership of Dennison Wheelock, a full blood Oneida, gave a charming concert at the Opera House last evening, to a medium-sized audience. The music rendered was of a high order of merit, consisting of difficult pieces from the best composers, and reflected great credit upon these talented sons of the forest. * * Those in the audience of a reflective turn of mind could not help but think of the wonderful patience and hard study that must have been brought into requisition to bring these young men up to their present state of efficiency. When we remember that they were born in the wilds of the great West, and that their parents had no knowledge of music or musical instruments, their present state of efficiency and knowledge of music is indeed most surprising. —*York Age*, Apr. 28.

Very full and interesting letters from Mr. Standing speak most encouragingly of the Carlisle Indian School exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition. Everything is now in readiness for visitors. The exhibit occupies the brightest and most frequented spot in that part of the Liberal Arts Building. It has excited the attention of many, making a very favorable impression.

Susan Longstreth.

DIED—On the 30th of April, Susan Longstreth, in the 81st year of her age.

Susan Longstreth, one of Carlisle's earliest, most loyal and most helpful friends, went to her home on Sunday, the 30th of April, full of years and good works. We had just arrived at Carlisle with our first party of students, in 1879 when she in company with one of her former pupils, Miss Mary H. Brown, came to the school, looked over its needs and from that time forward she became one of its most devoted and unswerving friends. In every emergency she not only gave liberally herself, but influenced others, especially in the beginning when the Government was inclined to be doubtful and to withhold help. During all the years of the history of the school, until disabled by sickness, her letters and words of encouragement and advice were most helpful to the school management. Having for a period of fifty years carried on a very celebrated young ladies' school in Phila., she was qualified and able to give most helpful advice. Her calm, sweet face from its place on the walls of the chapel has looked down upon the school in all its assemblies for a number of years, an inspiration in itself to higher, nobler and better things. All Carlisle feels the loss of its noble, good friend. Capt. and Mrs. Pratt, Miss Burgess, Miss Shaffner, Richard Davis, Martha Napawat, Alice Long Pole, Annie Lockwood, Maggie Thomas, Julia Given, Phebe Howell, Katie Grinnod, Bettie Wind and Mary Bailey attended the funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Twelfth St. Meeting House, Phila.

We have the painful duty this week of recording the death of Henry Kendall, a notice of whose sickness was given last week. In the Pueblo village of Isleta, New Mex., after an illness of several weeks, Henry Kendall, one of Carlisle's most honored students, passed away on the morning of the 26th of April. Typhoid fever was the immediate cause of his death, and while everything was done to save his life after the news of his illness was received by his friends in the East, all effort was in vain. The history of this brave young man is an interesting one and a brief sketch of his life and an account of some of the trials which may have led to his sickness and death, will be given in some future issue of the HELPER.

A sensational rumor that Seth Clear Eyes attempted suicide in a barber-shop in Minneapolis, by cutting his throat with a razor, quite startled his friends at the school. He was on his way home with Belknap Fox. Both were exceptionally fine boys. We have not the particulars as to the reason for his rash act. We hope to learn of his speedy recovery.

A letter from Wolf Point, Mont., informs us of the death of Moses Rogers, formerly a student at the school. The letter further states that "he was a good boy and honest in all his actions."

The news comes from Albuquerque that Laura Reid is married to George Richard and that they are farming in Paraji, six miles west of Laguna; also that Jessie Natweya is dead.

Rain!
RAIN!!
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Pay-day Saturday.

The fruit trees are in bloom.

The school was given a holiday on Saturday, it being Arbor Day.

Joe B. Harris went fishing on Saturday and caught an owl.

Dr. Dixon is now acting as Principal of the schools.

Several white boys have been arrested for stealing school property.

Miss McAdam and Miss Moore have changed rooms.

Twenty-seven boys left for country homes on Saturday.

Justin Sheedee, Apache, has entered the printing office.

The Misses Gutelius spent Saturday in Harrisburg.

Gathering dandelions is a favorite pastime among the small girls.

Two new back-stops have been erected on the base ball grounds.

The usual enjoyable time was had at the sociable last Saturday evening.

Frank Twiss writes from Pine Ridge, S. D., renewing his subscription to the HELPER.

Who was the boy who said, "We're going to Jimsburg," when he meant Chambersburg?

The school team defeated the Dickinson Prep team on Saturday by a score of 9 to 4.

Mrs. J. R. Reasoner and daughter, of Elgin, Ill., were the guests of Mrs. Given for a day this week.

John Snaborn, one of our printer boys now on a farm, receives quite a complimentary notice in the *Berwick Independent*.

The tennis club has reorganized for the coming season and is anxiously awaiting the bright sunshine so that the courts may be put in order.

Mr. David U. Petts, who has been assigned as a teacher to the Pyramid Lake Boarding School at Wadsworth, Nev., spent several days last week at the school. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the workings of the school and picked up not a few ideas in regard to Indian work while here.

Messrs. John R. Mott, College Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., Charles E. Hurlburt, State Secretary, and Gilbert A. Beaver, Assistant State Secretary, accompanied by a number of presidents of different associations of Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia, visited the school on Saturday. Mr. Mott says we have the only hall used exclusively for Y. M. C. A. meetings in the state of Pa.

The Standard Debating Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Sieni Nori; Vice President, Philip Lavatta; Recording Secretary, Lewis Williams; Corresponding Secretary, Paul Shattuck; Treasurer, Howard Gansworth; Marshal, Stanley Edge; Reporter, Bertie Kennerly; Committee on Arrangements, Thomas B. Bear, Delos Lone Wolf and Clarence W. Thunder, chairman.

The band gave an afternoon and evening concert in Chambersburg yesterday.

Miss Henry, of Wilson College, Chambersburg, shows her interest in the school by sending us several subscriptions.

The heavy rains for the past ten days have greatly retarded farming operations and made walking a thing to be dreaded.

The band will accompany St. John's Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, of town, on its pilgrimage to Martinsburg, W. Va., next Wednesday.

Misses Lord, Wiest, Bourassa and Dixon, accompanied by a body-guard of five boys, went to the mountains on Saturday and report having a delightful time.

We hear through a friendly letter that Kish Hawkins, Robert Burns and the other Carlisle boys are doing exceedingly well at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency.

When the work of painting the dining-hall has been completed and the Boys' Quarters and a few other places are touched up, we will have on our summer dress and be ready for company.

We learn from an exchange that Mr. W. B. Backus, Supt. of the Genoa Indian School, Neb., is visiting his old home in Pa. So far he has not visited us, but we hope to see him before his return home.

Sensational reports of uprisings among the Navajoes have appeared in the newspapers during the past week, but we hope to hear that, like so many reports of Indian outbreaks, they have been greatly exaggerated.

We hope all friends of Carlisle will take the trouble to see our exhibit, which is in Section I of the Liberal Arts Building. They will find Mr. Standing or some representative of Carlisle there ready to greet them and furnish information.

Miss McAtee, who has spent several months with us and who has been acting principal since the departure of Miss Fisher, left us last week for her home in Clifton Springs, N. Y. During her short stay with us, she won the respect of all for her deep, unselfish interest in the Indian work and her departure is viewed with much regret by her many friends.

The Junior Base Ball Club of the Small Boys' Quarters is composed of the following players: Sieni Nori, p and capt; George Suis, c; Paul Shattuck, 1b; Joseph Martinez, 2b; Jackson Overy, 3b; Edward Peters, ss; George Buck, rf; Bertie Kennerly, cf; Sam'l, Sixkiller, lf. They expect to play some town teams, which are composed of players of about their age.

The Indian School Building at the World's Columbian Exposition is not yet ready. Mr. Standing says the authorities of that particular branch of the exhibit inform him that the Albuquerque Indian School carpenters are to finish up the inside of the edifice, but have not yet arrived. There is no heat in the building and the outside painting is not done. Fortunately for Carlisle that we have been excused from making our appearance in that part of the exhibit, but have our exhibit in the Liberal Arts Building by the side of all the other schools in the country!

STRONG WORDS OF AN APACHE UPON THE INDIAN QUESTION.

Dr. Carlos Montezuma is an educated Apache Indian.

He received his education among the civilized people of the Eastern country.

He was a wild Apache youth who lived in Southern Arizona, was bought years ago by a photographer, brought East, educated with white boys and girls, went through the Illinois University, mainly by his own efforts, and afterward attended the Chicago Medical College, from which he graduated with honor. He is now a practicing physician among the Indians.

If ever a person was in a position to judge of the proper way to educate Indians this promising young man, in our opinion, is that one.

He is the Indian. He has passed through the mill that Carlisle advocates, and this is what he says, in a private letter, which, by the way, he does not intend to have published, but such sentiments, coming from such a source must not be allowed to DIE.

Dr. Montezuma says:

"The Indians do not die of civilization. They die for want of character to withstand the evil influence of civilization."

He says:

"I push forward against an overwhelming tide of ignorance and superstition, but I am disgusted every day to see the folly of our dealing with the Indians."

To my mind we have been nursing the Indians too much with our sympathies.

Too much of this will ruin an ignorant and superstitious people.

To bestow on a baby a man's wants is absurd.

To continue in our blind kindness toward the Indians 'means let them alone. Indians will be Indians. They cannot be made men and women like us.'

To my mind there is the same stuff in the Indian as there is in the white people. It only requires the same environments."

OH, YES! INDIANS ARE SOMETIMES THOUGHTFUL OF OTHERS.

Here, for instance, was a little Indian girl who had gone out to a country home, and while there was disabled by an abscess on her finger, about which her farm mother writes:

"M——'s finger is very much improved so that I hope ere long she can go on duty again. It has given me much pleasure to notice her thoughtfulness of me while nursing her and her patience through suffering."

Don't believe every evil report heard from home! There is not a word of truth in the half that we hear through madam rumor.

"Ah, me! What do you think! So-and-so has gone back to the blanket! Isn't it terrible?" writes a returned girl of some returned boy. Now, only a GOSSIP will write in such a strain as that. A blanket may cover a good heart, and the boy may have merely put the blanket on for the fun of it for a few minutes. Don't let us be so willing to always tell the BAD about a person, but let us see if there is not something GOOD that we can say about him. If not, the better way is to keep still.

Enigma.

I am made of 27 letters:

My 11, 21, 4, 14 is what the ordinary person must do if he would eat.

My 9, 8, 5 is a pony.

My 19, 25, 3 is a kind of drink at table.

My 7, 2, 8, 1 is hard of hearing.

My 10, 6, 24 is one of our little white boys.

My 27, 12, 13, 20 is tender, painful.

My 17, 15, 3, 26, 23 is something green.

My 18, 22, 17 is what bears do.

My 16 if used too much in our talk will make people dislike us.

My whole is a sentence found in the Bible which was very forcibly stated a few English Speaking Meetings ago, as being the KEY to the Indian's salvation.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Speak English.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscription for the INDIAN HELPER, as follows:

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 50 cents for the two. (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 David's family. Or, cabinet photo of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents each.

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

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 on arrival and a few years after. Cash price 20 cents each.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5 cents extra, a group of the whole school (2x14), faces show distinctly Or, 8x10 photo, of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x10 photo, of graduating classes choice '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. Or, 8x10 photo of buildings. Cash price 50 cents for school, 30 cents for 8x10's.

8. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cts extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6 1/2 x 8 1/2 and 8x10 photo of the Carlisle School exhibit in the line of march at the Bi-centennial in Phila. Cash price 20 and 25 cents.

9. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 13 1/2 x 16 group photo of 8 Piegan chiefs in elaborate Indian dress. This is the highest price premium in Standing Offer and sold for 75cts retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces Boudoir-size for 7 subscription, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

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

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