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THE HERITAGE.

THE rich man's son inherits lands,
And piles of brick, and stone, and gold,
And he inherits soft white hands,
And tender flesh that fears the cold.
Nor dares to wear a garment old;
A heritage, it seems to me,
One scarce would wish to hold in fee.
What doth the poor man's son inherit?
Stout muscles and a sinewy heart,
A hardy frame, a hardier spirit;
King of two hands he does his part
In every useful toil and art;
A heritage, it seems to me,
A king might wish to hold in fee.

THE MAN-ON-THE-BAND-STAND TALKS TO HIMSELF.

And he has a right to talk to himself when in one week like this 350 of his brave Indian boys and girls swarm in from country homes where they have been courageously earning their bread by the sweat of their faces.

And they have done it by *hard* work—back-aching work in the hot sun, digging potatoes, hoeing corn, pulling weeds, harvesting wheat, and the girls by washing and ironing and baking and cooking and housekeeping in general.

These **OUR** boys and girls of whom we are proud, have **WORKED** while some of the children of white people who call Indians *lazy* and good for nothing, were spending their summer vacation in play or taking pleasure trips to rest.

See the manly bearing and womanly grace of the noble 350 as they march in line to their quarters!

Mark the determination each one has stamped upon his and her face!

What is it?

It is a determination to keep up to the mark and do their very best.

And yet there are people, but we forgive them for they know not what they are talking about, who say that Carlisle's plan for placing

Indian pupils on farms should not be encouraged.

Why?

"Because all Indians are not fitted to become farmers any more than all white men are," they say.

"Farmers?"

Who wants all the Indians to become farmers?

Are Indians fitted to imbibe common sense?

That is the question to consider.

Do those who throw cold water on the work we are doing at Carlisle in trying to encourage our boys and girls to go out into places where each may have a chance **ALL BY HIMSELF** to breathe the atmosphere of industry and practical living, think that it is Carlisle's idea to make farmers of all our pupils?"

"Why," continued the Man-on-the-band-stand wiping his forehead vigorously, "it would be impossible for a boy to learn to be a practical farmer in the little outing we give him at Carlisle, even if he wanted to.

What he learns is self-reliance, courage, that life has something in it more than hunting, racing, gambling, eating and sleeping.

After this experience some may choose the life of a farmer.

Some will become tradesmen.

Some will become merchants.

Some will have gained sufficient bodily vigor to enable them to follow the life of a student and make of themselves preachers, lawyers and doctors.

When we can break away from the tribe and each learn to stand alone and look the world in the face ready to meet what comes, then there is hope for us.

Country home life means **INDIVIDUAL** manhood and womanhood, and **EVERY** opportunity.

Our boys and girls are happy in the realization of this and show it in their very carriage."

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Do not hesitate to take the HELPER from the Post Office, for if you have not paid for it, some one else has. It is paid for in advance.

Miss Semple, we see by the *Talks and Thoughts*, spent the summer in Texas.

With this issue of the HELPER we enter upon the ninth volume, HELPING been eight years in existence.

Hampton has had but four Indian boys this summer, the others have been off on farms or elsewhere spending their vacation.

An Indian on a reservation is a man outside of the world.—MISS COLLINS, missionary at Standing Rock.

We are pleased to hear good reports from Bertha Pratt, Annie Marmon and Stiya, who are attending the Romona School, Sante Fe, N. M.

A HELPER subscriber wants to know the meaning of the Indian word "Nun-un-dah." Can any one of our numerous tribes help us out in this?

We have received numerous kindly comments about the HELPER World's Fair correspondence, for which we are certainly grateful to our friends.

Mr. Given returned from the World's Fair on Tuesday, and went almost immediately to Bethlehem, where he is a little over due in his class at the Lehigh University.

Susie Baker from West Grove, says: "Please send me the dear little INDIAN HELPER same usually for I cannot go without while I have some money to spend. I like it so much that I read it over and over until I just know it all by heart."

Our office is turning into quite a job office. Glad of it. Let the jobs come in, as our printers must get more practice at jobbing than any other part of the trade to succeed these days of type-setting machines. No man will ever invent a machine to set up an artistic job, so in spite of mechanical appliances there is always room in the world for brain work.

Miss Phebe Howell, who is about to graduate from the Maternity Hospital, Phila., in addition to obtaining a year or so ago a diploma for a thorough course in nursing, has all the private cases she can manage. She now has a serious and interesting case on hand, and reports her patient getting along nicely.

Among the girls who brought in goodies made by themselves from their country homes, are Annie Gesis, apple jelly; Martha Sickles, cake; Martha Doxtator, rolls; Jeanette Pahgo-statum, ginger-cookies; Florence Wells, peach jelly; Marion King, and many others, whose names we failed to get, brought bread, cakes, and jellies. The Man-on-the-band-stand secured a taste of several of these things and pronounced them A No. 1.

John Morrison, class '93, writes for a change of HELPER address and claims to be doing well even if he is on a reservation. John is able to do well no matter where he may find himself. When a person has secured an education and sufficient experience to be independent there is no need to fear for his welfare. It is the slightly educated who are easily led around by the nose that turn out badly, sometimes.

World's Fair Notes from Chauncy Yellow Robe in charge of the Carlisle exhibit: The following people in whom Carlisle is specially interested have called at the exhibits since I last reported: Rev. W. O. Burnham of Ruperts Land Indian School, St. Paul, Manitoba; Rev J. A. Mackey, 31 years missionary among the Cree Indians in Canada; Dr. Sheldon Jackson, of Alaska; Mr. F. T. Baker, of Carlisle; Mr. Howe, of Hampton; Misses Harriet A. Loeber and Emma J. Lyman, of Hartford; Miss Gage and brother, of Beaufort, S. C. and Capt. Brown and wife.

Supt. Backus, has resigned his position at the Indian school, resignation to take effect October 1st and the same has been accepted by the department. It is with regret that our citizens learn of his determination to leave the school. That Mr. Backus has made a good superintendent and done more for the school than all of his predecessors is an undisputable fact. The recent attempt to smirch him fell flat as he has been wholly exonerated by the Indian commissioner and highly complimented for his excellent administration during the past five years.—[Genoa (Nebr.) Leader.

Enclosed please find twenty cents for my subscription for two copies of your valuable little paper. I feel almost acquainted with some of your boys and girls through notices of them in the INDIAN HELPER and have so often looked in vain for tidings of Orpha Miller who spent one vacation with me so satisfactorily—Carlisle Boarding school discipline manifesting itself in her methodical ways and in her uniform desire to learn the best way to do every thing. I know she returned to her western home and married, but her name and whereabouts and welfare I never heard. I trust she is having an influence for good among her people even if in a quiet way.
REBECCA J. ALLEN.

Will Orpha answer?

Fair weather.

County Fair next week.

World's Fair the week after.

Do you know your teacher's name?

Study-hour began for the year, on Monday evening.

Little Ida Marshall is the pet of the dining-room girls.

Sarah Kennedy has returned from her home in New York.

Friends David Bronson and wife of Virginia were here last Firstday.

On Sunday, Dr. and Mrs. Jackson, and daughters, attended the afternoon service.

Mrs. Bakeless is spending a few weeks at her home in the western part of the state.

It is not polite to speak of your farm father as "boss." Can't you say Mr. so-and-so, as well?

Sunday evening service was led by Prof. Bakeless, and there was a lively and interesting meeting.

Mr. S. G. Glass, of Leavenworth, Kansas, a friend of Mr. Given was a visitor at the school on Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Paull, sister of our Miss Paull is assisting Capt. Pratt in his personal correspondence at present.

On Thursday when the boys arrived, the weather was sunny. Why should it not be? Are they not all sons?

Enos Pego, Manuel Powless, Labn Locojim and others brought HELPER subscriptions for the country this week.

Miss Botsford gave an interesting account of the Ferris Wheel at the opening exercises of the school on Wednesday.

The farmers thought they would try a game of ball with the regular nine on Saturday and were beaten by the small score of 3 to 34.

Ida Powless is back from her Wisconsin home looking healthy and well. She says she has gained fourteen pounds while home.

The bandstand is getting a clean coat of paint. Who deserves a nice house more than the man who has to stay there all the time?

Alice Longpole came in from the Indian Territory yesterday morning. Alice wants more of Carlisle before going home to stay.

Mr. John Eckels, of town, assisted by Edward Marsden, William Leighton, and Chas. Buck, are doing some surveying on the school grounds.

Capt. Pratt returned from the World's Fair on Saturday evening, and gave a little account of his trip at English Speaking Meeting the same evening.

The Y. M. C. A. is having interesting meetings. The programme for the year, giving topics and names of leaders for each evening, has been made out and printed.

Mr. Geo. Foulke has returned from a little vacation trip. While away Otto Wells took charge of the stables and received high compliment for excellent management.

Mr. Standing favored all of the little boys with a nice treat of grapes the other evening because they have been so good not to molest the vines while the fruit was ripening.

Miss Barr is trying to fix up the hospital comfortably, making cushions, etc. and contributions in the way of bright colored cloth would be gratefully received.

Miss Henry of Wilson College, Chambersburg, paid the school a little visit over Sunday before starting in to hard study. College opened this week. Carlisle seems almost like home to her.

Little Sarah Pratt, of Steelton, is visiting her grandpapa and grandmama, all alone. Mrs. Pratt spent the day, Wednesday, at Steelton, and little Sarah begged to come home with her.

The school shipped a wagon this week to Miss Reeside to be used by Miss Ballew and herself in travelling among the Comanche camps doing missionary work among the Indian women.

Miss Hamilton is out again, greatly to her own satisfaction and that of her many friends. She has taken her old stand in the Normal Room, while Mrs. Marshall continues in the dining-room.

The young regiment of farmers who returned to school this week bought bunches of flowers, choice fruits and kindly messages in profusion from the kindly patrons having them in charge this summer.

Last Friday at the opening exercises of school Miss Cutter had an interesting recital of what she had read and what was most desirable to see in the Mines Building, at the World's Fair, she having a visit to the same in contemplation in the near future.

Those who have found their way back to the printer's case from country homes are: Presley Houk, John Ground, Brigman Cornelius, James Hill, Nicodemus Hill, Clark Gregg, Sicensi Nori, and John Sauborn, besides William Denomie, who was mentioned last week.

Mrs. Standing very kindly remembered the morning printers with a bountiful treat of grapes from the vine in their back yard. The recipients were very grateful for the same. The Man-on-the-band-stand wishes he had planted some vines when he first came to the school fourteen years ago. He might now have all he could eat.

The officers of the girls' companies at present are as follows: Company A: 1st. Sergt., Laura Long; 2nd. Sergt. Susie McDougall; Corporal, Nettie Fremont. Company B: 1st. Sergt., Ida Warren; 2nd. Sergt., Sarah Smith; Corporal, Ida LaChapelle. Company C: 1st. Sergt., Belinda Archiquette; 2nd. Sergt., Delia Raudel; Corporal, Mary Beauleau. Company D: 1st. Sergt., Julia Long; 2nd. Sergt. Spyna Devereau; Corporal, Flora Miller.

The astronomical lecture by Edward Marsden, (introduced as Prof. Marsden) was interesting and instructive. By the moving slides we obtained a more correct idea of the motion of the planets in our solar system than we have had the opportunity of observing before. The eclipses of the sun and moon were perfect, and when Venus and the moon started on a race across the sun it brought out a laugh. The high and low tides were finely illustrated, and we have to thank Mr. Marsden for a delightful evening.

INDIAN BOYS REGULAR AT SABBATH SCHOOL.

From Miss Rubinkam of Newtown, Bucks Co., we get the following encouraging report:

"I feel it more than right that I should send you a report in regard to my Sunday School Class of Indian boys at the Presbyterian Sunday School. I had 32 boys, at first, in April, but some returned since to Carlisle, and I have had 25 on the roll with average attendance of 20, ever since I took the class, over three years ago. I never enjoyed it as much as this summer for nearly all have attended every sabbath, being there at the opening and taking an interest in the exercises. I am sorry they are going away, but glad to know they are anxious to return to school, for hard study."

A BRIGHT IDEA.

The Man-on-the-band-stand had the same thought as expressed in the following clipping from the *Southern Workman*:

It is a standing rebuke to people in general, that it is necessary to place the signs "Hands off" and "Please do not handle," on all exhibits at the World's Fair.

But it was the bright idea of an exhibitor in the Washington State Building to place an inscription in such a way that people have no further desire to handle his exhibit.

It is a group of stuffed deer, with grass, trees and natural surroundings and seemed in danger of being ruined by constant handling.

On a post at one side was a rough model of an Indian baby and cradle, to which the following inscription was attached:

"This is a model of an Indian baby and cradle. Stroke it with your paws, poke it with your canes and umbrellas, but let these deer alone."

STEPHEN GIRARD.

Whoever has been in Philadelphia, no doubt has visited the great Girard College, built of marble.

Orphan boys are educated there and the College was founded by Stephen Girard a very wealthy but peculiar old merchant of his time.

One time this old gentleman induced a boy to work for him until he was twenty-one years old, promising to give him a start in life afterwards.

When the young man was twenty-one, he reminded Mr. Girard of his promise.

The eccentric old man looked at the boy for a moment and said gruffly:

"Go learn a trade!"

The boy was very much cast down, for he expected a very different start from that, but after taking time to think about the matter he concluded to do as he was bid.

He learned the cooper's trade.

After he had mastered it the boy went again to the old man, who said:

"Make me two barrels!"

The young man made and presented him with two barrels and Mr. Girard examined them and praised them.

"Now," said Mr. Girard to the young man, "you have made a capital of what you cannot lose, for you can always fall back on your trade if you meet with adversity."

Then he gave the young man a sum of money with which to start in business.

The Man-on-the-band-stand is with Stephen Girard in that he would have every boy learn a trade, even if he does not follow it in after life. A trade is a good thing to have to fall back upon in case of hard times.

Rhizma

I am made of 10 letters.

My 10, 9, 3 is an instrument used to hold articles together.

My 4, 2, 6 is what our boys will become if they live long enough.

My 7, 5, 1 is the juice of a tree.

My 8, 2, 6 is a female fowl.

My whole is the study most easy for Indian students to learn.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscriptions 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 50 subscriptions, and 5 cents extra. Cash price 40 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 Davis and family. Or, cabinet photo. of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents each.

4. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a bonoair combination showing a our prominent buildings. Cash price 35 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 (9x14), 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 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.

9. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 13½x16 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 Bonoair-size for 7 subscriptions, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

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

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