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USELESS.

A life without a motive
Is a useless thing at best,
When so many acts want doing
Which would bring us peace and rest.
It brings us pain and worry
It brings us discontent;
It makes the world feel empty,
And all effort poorly spent.

A life without a motive,
Like a plant without flower,
Surely ends in disappointment
At the wasting of its power.
Each life is sent for something;
That something each must find,
We know that ere we grasp it
We must work among our kind.

A life without a motive
We will gladly cast aside
When we catch the inspiration
Of those busy lives beside
Which all others will seem nothing
On the day when we return
Our talents, bright or rusty,
To the Master, for his own.

—Ex.

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

500!

By special train we were carried!

Seven coaches occupied by boys in front of
the sleeper and three coaches occupied by girls
in rear of sleeper.

And here is a point for all to note:

Every boy and girl and teacher and officer
paid his and her own expenses.

Mark this!

We are Indians, but were not transported by
the Government!

We are Indians!

Some people call us lazy, good-for-nothing
Indians, but we dug potatoes, harvested grain,
pulled weeds, washed dishes, milked cows,
and hardened our hands with good, honest
WORK to earn the money to pay our way to

the great Exposition, that we might see and
hear and learn, each for himself and herself,
thus carrying out Carlisle's methods so
strongly urged by its founder and friendly
supporters.

Each member of this joyous company wore
a yellow satin badge, on which were printed,
"United States Indian Industrial School, Car-
lisle, Pa., Excursion to World's Fair October
1893." These no doubt, will be kept by most
of the company as souvenirs of the event.

The train left the siding in Garrison Lane
about midnight Sunday, and in the morning
we awoke to find ourselves at Pittsburg,
where the Pittsburg Post appeared in such
flaming headlines as, "Bad Boys in Blue,"
"Raided by the Reds," etc.

Knowing that our 300 boys in blue aboard
the train were not of the character designated
and that it was only the World's Fair that
was to be "raided" by our Reds, we fell back
and took another nap, feeling comfortable
that the lines did not refer to us. Those occu-
pying the sleeper, however, read with a great
deal of satisfaction the heading, "Give no
quarter," feeling sure it had direct reference
to the porter and the customary 25 cent tip.

Our train arrived at South Chicago about
12 o'clock on Monday night, and as per ar-
rangement we were met by an electric car
train which carried the entire party of 500 to
the South Pier Hotel, a very comfortable,
clean and commodious house by the lake.

It was 2 o'clock before all were settled for
the night, or morning as it were and 6 o'clock
Tuesday morning found all astir, ready for
their first day at the Fair.

The regiment headed by the band, marched
to the south entrance, where we went in singly
through the turnstile; then the boys fell in
line again and marched with stately tread to
near the center of the grounds and were dis-
missed.

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Now that the Cherokee strip has been opened to settlement, the restless boomer is sighing for new worlds to conquer and is looking with longing eyes at the Ft. Sill Country, which is said to be a far richer prize.

The dampness of the Iriquois log cabin in which two chiefs of the New York tribes sit day after day to be gazed at by the passing throng, is enough to give them rheumatism, or other malady, to shorten their days. And of what good is such an exhibition of human endurance?

The lunch boxes distributed to the boys and girls each day at the Fair by the restaurant keeper were rather frail, the bottoms falling out on the slightest provocation. One of the amusing sights we saw was an Indian boy who lost his lunch in this way, sitting under a bridge disconsolately, crying out, "Sandwiches, here, only 25 cents," while the multitude was trampling the contents of his box under foot.

Among those who accompanied our party to Chicago were Mrs. Mason Pratt, of Steelton; Mr. and Mrs. Stevick, of Denver, Colo.; Mr. E. J. Staekpole and wife, of Harrisburg; Mr. Herbert Johnson, of Lancaster; Mr. Lippincott, of Phila.; Mr. Greer of Johnstown; Mr. Smith, of Dickinson College; Messrs. Rhey, Kramer, Harris and Shaffner, the two Miss Shaffners, Miss Georgia Bratton and Mrs. Beitzel and sister Miss Williams, of town, and Miss Henry, of Wilson College.

The Chilocco Indian School occupies the small Indian School building at the Fair during part of September and October. Their display of work in grafted fruits and general agriculture, was excellent. Their school work is second to none that have been on exhibition in the same building and Carlisle will have to brush up a little to equal her in art. Chilocco makes grafting a specialty and with her thousands of acres of land, has most excellent facilities for farming operations. Mr. Coppock is one of those enterprising school superintendents who make things go.

At the close of the first day's parade of the Carlisle School Battalion, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Judge Browning, rang the Liberty Bell in honor of Massasoit saving the lives of the Puritans by giving them corn. He also made an earnest address to the battalion and the assembled thousands, showing great interest in Indian education and civilization, complimenting the fine appearance of the Battalion and the Carlisle School, and the Chilocco school then on exhibition at the Fair. The Commissioner was followed by President Gates of Amherst College, Chairman of the Board of Indian Commissioners, who spoke particularly of the gratifying visit he had made to Carlisle several years before, and of his special interest in and the possibilities and the highest education of the Indian people.

While the several parades of the battalion and the marching of the boys and girls throughout the grounds attracted the greatest attention and enthusiasm and while the band gained higher compliments than ever from its performances in the parade, in the Choral Hall, and on the several prominent band stands on the grounds, there was no influence that was more effective among the hundreds of thousands of people visiting the Fair each day than that of the 450 young men and women of the Carlisle School, individually and independent of the care and observation of teachers and officers, who interestedly looked at the Fair, and modestly and politely answered the thousands of questions in regard to themselves, their people and the school. The broadening and uplifting influence of this contact upon these young people themselves and the inspiration and desires they may have gained for greater individual exertion, through what they saw, can never be estimated.

At the supper table Friday evening, when all were thinking of the return home, Capt. Pratt sprang a surprise by announcing that it was the fourteenth anniversary of the opening of the Carlisle School, the first party of Indians having arrived at the school on the morning of October 6th, 1879, and asked that "America" be sung, which was done with vigor. He then introduced Mrs. Platt, of Tabor, Iowa, for forty years a worker among the Indians and for several years connected with this school, who had come from that place to Chicago to see the boys and girls. Mrs. Platt, known as A-te-ka, (Kiowa for Grandmother) said among other things, "This will be the happiest day I will see at the Fair." All were pleased to see her and her remarks were greeted with applause. Thus did Carlisle celebrate its 14th anniversary.

A very poor but intelligent young man, in tattered garments, and almost barefoot, who had walked the entire distance from New York to Chicago to see the Fair, was one of the crowd as the Carlisle battalion passed on parade.

"What a magnificent sight!" he exclaimed. "Yes, pretty good, for wild injuns," was the reply of another.

"Wild Indians!" said he. "Educated INDIANS, they are every one of 'em!" which we regard as the most complimentary comment overheard while there.

Pleasant!

Autumn is here in earnest.

The school base-ball team had its photograph taken Monday evening.

The trees are beginning to put on their beautiful Autumn dress.

All the girls who were at Chicago were on duty Monday morning the same as usual.

The leaves are falling fast and the sweepers are kept busy to have the ground look clean.

Mr. Hudelson had an attack of World's Fair lameness for several days after his return.

The band boys were photographed in front of the Large Boys' Quarters Saturday a week ago.

A party of Hampton Students, who were up north for the summer have returned to that school.

Luzena Choteau, Class '92, is now attending the Normal School and Business Institute at Valparaiso, Ind.

Nellie Robertson, who went with us to Chicago, returned to the West Chester Normal School on Monday.

John Webster is the latest addition to the printing office and is already making good time at the case.

Miss Richenda Pratt left yesterday morning for Sykesville, Md., where she will attend a Girls' Boarding School.

Miss Lord, who had charge of the dressmaking room last year, is now attending a medical college in Philadelphia.

Forty boys returned to their country homes on Tuesday and eighteen girls yesterday. They had come in to take the Chicago trip.

The school grounds seemed almost deserted last week. The printing office closed, but the schools and the other shops went on as usual.

On account of his actions at the World's Fair, Edward Campeau, tuba player in the band, was expelled from the school on Monday last.

The ride by the whole school on the Intramural Road at the World's Fair was one of the most enjoyable treats experienced by the school in a body.

Mr. Walker was met in Chicago by his daughter Mrs. Elliott and her husband, of Cleveland, Ohio. It was entirely unexpected by Mr. W. and proved a most enjoyable surprise.

On the way out to Chicago, the conductor said he had traveled with many parties to the Fair this season, but never saw such a large company of young people so well behaved in his life before.

One of the transients at Hotel South Pier, Chicago, observing the yellow badges worn by the Carlisle boys and girls, said to her husband when he went to pay his bill: "John, buy one of them yellow things, then you can get a meal for nothin', I guess."

Walter Lippincott, whom we remember as little Walter, now six feet three, came from his home in Philadelphia, to join our World's Fair Excursion. All enjoyed the renewing of acquaintance and the freshness of repartee so freely indulged in by our bright young friend.

Mrs. Thompson spent last week with her mother at Albany, N. Y.

Charles Wheelock a former pupil, is here, having come with the excursionists.

Sixteen boys and girls, who have entered the school, joined the party at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, who were with the Chicago party, remained there to take in the Fair more fully.

Miss Ely, after seeing the Fair, left us at Chicago and went to Kansas, where she will spend her vacation with her brother and sister.

Martin Archiquette, Star Bad Boy, Gilbert Pusher, and Abner St. Cyr returned to their homes from Chicago and Edward Marsden to Marietta College.

Dr. Montezuma brought a party of 6 girls and 5 boys from Indian Territory on Wednesday afternoon. Ida Blue Jacket was the only old pupil in the party.

Capt. Archiquette, of Oneida, Wis., and Mr. Kennerly, of Kipp, Mont., who have children at the school, came on with us from Chicago and spent several days here.

It was interesting while at the Hotel South Pier to hear the comments of observers, excited by the boys and girls, who frequently went to the piano in the parlor and played off lively tunes with the air and freedom of amateur artists.

The Carlisle School was honored while at the World's Fair by an invitation from Mrs. Minn, one of the Vice Presidents of the Board of Lady Managers to special escort by herself and Mrs. Shelton, Pennsylvania's representative, over the Women's Building.

Two of our girls entered a restaurant at the Exposition to get a modest dinner, and were thunderstruck, when, after they had eaten, a bill for \$3.10 was presented them. Fortunately, they had sufficient money to pay it, but we understand they did not dine at that restaurant again during their stay.

Carlisle is represented at the great Indian Conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., by Capt. Pratt, Miss Burgess, Mrs. Campbell, Dennison Wheelock, Julia Long, Julia Dorris, Annie Lockwood, Belinda Archiquette, David Abraham, Philip Lavatta, and Harry Kohpay, who left for that place Tuesday morning, and Dr. Montezuma, who left Thursday morning.

Roger Silas, John Webster and a half a dozen others inform the Man-on-the-band-stand's chief clerk, who was with the Chicago party and had written the article on Machinery Hall in which the assertion was made that she saw no machinery to black the heels of boots, that they had found such a machine in the Electricity Building and had their boots blacked by it.

A lot of new apparatus has been placed in the gymnasium and the boys and girls too, are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to test it. We can now compare favorably with almost any college or institution of the sort. The drills which are now being carried on under the direction of Mr. Thompson will prove of great benefit. Carlisle does not propose to cultivate the mental at the expense of the physical, but is a firm believer in "a sound mind in a sound body."

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Boys and girls alike were given full liberty to go around and see what they wished.

At three o'clock Tuesday P. M., a concert was given by the band and choir in Choral Hall to a large and appreciative audience.

At 6 o'clock most of the school went back to the hotel for supper, while several remained on the grounds.

There was a set program for each day's sightseeing, made by former visitors of the Fair, showing how the most could be seen in the short time allowed, but none were obliged to follow it. Some did and gained more information than some who did not.

Each day passed rapidly and was as full to each one of the party as could possibly be made.

The dress parades of Wednesday and Thursday were witnessed by immense multitudes of people. In attendance upon the first were the Hon. D. M. Browning, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and President Gates of Amherst College, who made addresses mentioned elsewhere.

The Intramural ride and the ride upon the Lake by the School as a body are pleasureable features never to be forgotten.

While all was so exquisitely enjoyable, yet as Friday night approached, the tired feet and backs and eyes and heads of the young regiment were quite willing to respond to the call, "Get ready for the return trip."

Leaving Chicago, at near midnight, we arrived on the school siding long before light on Sunday, having had positively the very best time ever enjoyed by the school as a whole.

This has been said before of other red letter days, but the World's Fair excursion eclipsed everything in the past.

Not all the school was along. Two hundred or more had to remain behind, some being too little, some not caring to go and others not having the money.

For the excellent care en route, the favor of a special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, for the considerate treatment and excellent accommodations given by the South Pier Hotel, every member of our party has reason to be and is deeply grateful, knowing all the while to whom is due the most for the large amount of pleasure we secured for the small amount of money.

M. B.

EXCURSION NOTES.

Carlisle's Indian nurse girls of Phila., Misses Phebe Howell, Katie Grindrod, Elizabeth Wind, and Nancy Cornelius, of the Hartford

School of Nursing, were with the happy party who visited the Fair last week. With these and our own trained nurse, Miss Barr, and Dr. Montezuma, we felt as a party quite safe. Many were ear sick going and coming and many were the simple doses doled out tenderly by ever watchful Miss Barr, who flew from car to car on her errands of mercy.

The intelligent use of the guide books and maps by our pupils as they went around the grounds was observed with pleasure.

The girls helped to wait on the tables occupied by our pupils at South Pier, Chicago, and did it most willingly, even when tired. Even this little thing created favorable comment.

From the longest experience and the widest observation in these matters, we do not hesitate to assert that if Buffalo Bill would open the prison bars behind which he keeps his delegation of wild Indians and send them out through the Fair Grounds for a fortnight, giving them the same freedom our Carlisle students enjoyed for four days, he would be unable thereafter to get them to engage in their mimic dances and stage coach robberies, which bring so much profit to him and so much absolute harm to them and their people.

Enigma.

I am made of 15 letters.

My 3, 10, 1 is not bright.

My 13, 12, 6 means no.

My 4, 2, 11, 15 is learned.

My 9, 8, 7, 11 are beautiful celebrated mountains.

My 14, 2, 7 is a head dress.

My whole is a new name given to the school lane by boys who have been to the World's Fair.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Progressing.

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 30 subscriptions, and 5 cents extra. Cash price 60 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 bound 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 6 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 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 75cets. retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces Boudoir-size for 7 subscriptions, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

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