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GOOD WE DO.

THE good we do with motive true
Will never quite be lost;
For somewhere in Time's distant blue
We gain more than it cost;
And oft I think a strange surprise
Will meet us as we gain
Some diadem that hidden lies,
From deeds we thought in vain.
O toiler in a weary land,
Work on with cheerful face
And sow the seed with lavish hand,
With all the gentle grace
That marks a brave yet loving soul,
A soul of royal birth;
And golden harvest shall enfold
Your own bright blessed earth.

THE OMAHAS AND WINNEBAGOES.

An Interview With A Recent Visitor to the Omaha Country.

(Continued from last week.)

"Your picture of the Omahas and Winnebagoes is anything but encouraging," said the Man-on-the-band-stand. "Do you think there is any hope of their ever bettering their condition?"

"Never as a tribe, but as INDIVIDUALS there is hope as long as there is life," said the traveller, earnestly.

"But how are the Indians going to be made to feel individual responsibility?"

"They are obliged to pass through the trials they are now undergoing, I suppose, on account of their ignorance. They will have to make mistakes and suffer for them; be swindled by sharpers and lose much that they have, before they can learn the value of their present belongings. As fast as the young people of the tribe have a chance as individuals to get OUT among the people whose ways they MUST learn if they are to become industrious and thrifty like them, they should take the chance."

"Then you would remove the children from the tribe to educate them?"

"I can see no better way, no surer way, no speedier way."

"I know," said the Man-on-the-band-stand. "The policy carried out at Carlisle of bringing Indian boys and girls away from their people when they wish to come, and throwing them into the stream of civilization in which they are obliged to swim, has certainly proven successful and very satisfactory to the Indian youth themselves who have had to do the swimming, and who have thereby attained places of respectability in good communities, but it would be too expensive to serve all the youth in that way, would it not?"

"Not half so expensive as the way they are now being educated. If such a course is considered proper, wise and easy for a few, why not for all or as many as can be secured by kindly effort? Do you know of a speedier and better way to accomplish the complete change which they must undergo in their mode of living?"

"Well," said the Man-on-the-band-stand, "I favor sending teachers and missionaries to the Indians and building schools on the reservations, so that the lessons taught in those schools, may be a standing example to the tribe."

"O, yes, that way has been in operation for hundreds of years with some success, 'tis true, and if the Government wishes to prolong the agony and keep the Indians Indians, so as to make an Indian bureau necessary and to keep places for politicians, as Agents and Indian Agency employees for a long time to come, that is the way to manage, but if it be the purpose of the Government for the Indians to become intelligent and desirable citizens of the United States, then the speediest and surest method is a wholesale plunging of the Indian youth into the heart of civilization,

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the Post Office, for if you have not paid for it,
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A line from Bessie Gotholda in the country
says she likes her home, her teacher and is
enjoying the huge Jersey sweet potatoes!
She politely makes our mouths water by ask-
ing if we have any.

We are not a prophet nor the son of a proph-
et, but in less than ten years from this time,
there will not be one in ten of the Indians
have a foot of land.—[Indian Moccasin.]

Miss Flora Campbell, class '94, who has gone
to Philadelphia to enter a school of nursing,
writes to a friend that she finds herself
a stranger among fifty, but they are all very
nice to her and she is going to enjoy her work
very much. We are sure Miss Flora will suc-
ceed for she has character and determination
that will carry her over many obstacles.

The Sunday evening service was led by
Chauncey Yellowrobe. Faith was the sub-
ject. He paid a tribute to Rev. Mr. Cleveland,
for many years a missionary among the
Sioux. Since coming to the years of under-
standing, Chauncey sees that it was by Faith
that Mr. Cleveland had the courage to travel
among the Sioux and preach the Gospel dur-
ing the time of the Custer massacre excite-
ment when it was dangerous for a white man
to show himself on that reservation. And he
believes that it is by Faith that the Carlisle
School to-day is.

We have the following encouraging words
in a private letter from one of our girls who is
bravely holding her own against the greatest
of obstacles, at her reservation home. She
says: "Some have tried their very best to run
me down, but they can't. They may say
what they please about the Carlisle students,
here is one who will stand by that school and
say Carlisle is not a failure. I have NOT for-
gotten my dear old Carlisle teachings. How
thankful I am to my Father in Heaven, that
He gave me the privilege of attending that
school. It just hurts my enemies because they
cannot find anything wrong with me. I keep
myself straight."

Miss Hunt who has recently been appointed
superintendent of the San Carlos Government
School, Arizona, writes in relation to our re-
turned Apache students, who belong to the
class of Indians of whom Delegate Smith in
Congress so boldly asserted last winter "that
the hope of civilizing is just as bright as the
hope of civilizing his food, the rattle-snake,"
as follows:

"The Carlisle boys have all been to see me
and all seem so glad to see me and hear from
Carlisle. Every one is married except Morgan
Toprock, whom I have not seen, he being at
Ft. Huachuca on a four-months' scout, and
Parker West who is assistant issue clerk.
Not one of the Carlisle boys wears Indian
clothes. Justin Scheedee has a boy, one
month old. He is on the police force. Don-
ald Waer is Capt. of Police. Constant Bread
and Reuben White Man are interpreters here
and Laban Locojim is at Ft. Apache. Stephen
Smith is Government herder. Wood Nashozey
works in the wagon shop. Justin Head is
not well but looks clean and sober. Isaac
Cutter works his farm and is doing well. Ida
Whiteface is married to an Indian and wears
Indian dress e veryas school girl here does
when out on vacation. Miriam is married.
This information I have received from the
boys the mselves. Stephen Smith married a
school girl from this school but she will not
talk English, which makes him discour-
aged.

The fruits of Harry Kohpay's interest in
the HELPER and the evidence that the HELP-
ER IS helping the cause is shown by the fol-
lowing words received from a Poughkeepsie
subscriber, who says, "The matter contained
in the paper has given me a great amount of
information—new and surprising—as to what
is being done for the elevation of the Indian
at Carlisle. I take up every issue of the
paper with interest and finish it at one sit-
ting. May the HELPER continue to grow and
successfully HELP to solve the Indian prob-
lem."

Agent Charles E. Davis of the Colorado
River Agency says at the close of a business
letter containing subscriptions:

The HELPER and the *Red Man* have both
been most welcome visitors since I arrived
from my Illinois home in December '93, and
assumed charge of this Agency. The Indians
under my charge are the Majave tribe and
number on the reservation, 865. The one
school under my charge has a capacity for ac-
commodating about 90 pupils.

Lieut. E. H. Plummer, agent for Navajos
and Moquis, and Miss Annie Thomas paid the
Canon a visit the last of August, intending to
visit the Moquis at their homes, but Lieut.
Plummer was suddenly called back to Ft. De-
fiance.—[Moqui Mission Messenger.]

A letter from Sumner Riggs, who is at his
home in Oklahoma, states that it is his
pleasure to get all the subscriptions that he
can for the HELPER, and in that way he is
surely helping the Indians.

The news comes from Anadarko, Ok., that
Luther Dahah is still quite poorly.

Circus?

The harvest moon!

Saturday was pay-day.

The leaves are leaving!

Horse-chestnuts are falling!

A blanket feels good these nights.

The big walnut tree has lost its beauty.

Guss Anee has entered the printing office.

Carlisle has 1,300 pupils in her public schools.

Much hard work is lost in looking for an easy job.

Don't get the "rheumatamatics" whatever you get.

More men are drowned in liquor every year than in the sea

"Oh, for a 'bike'" sighs many a one at the school just now.

Taking up plants seems to be a general occupation about these days.

Mrs. Masten's sweet potato pie is fine, but she says she can do even better.

Mr. Standing left last evening for a tour among the Indians of the West.

Twenty-seven new pupils from Wisconsin have been received this week.

Persons wishing farm boys must address Capt. Pratt, not the INDIAN HELPER.

The Republicans met with a damp reception on account of the rain Wednesday night.

The school exhibition of last evening came upon the carpet too late to be reported this week.

Miss Elizabeth Wind, of the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, is with us for a brief visit.

Some one is going to get hurt on the rude swing back of the gymnasium if they don't watch out.

Miss Hulme, of Mt. Holly, N. J., is with us, having taken charge of the sewing department.

The pupils of 13 and 14 are grateful for a package of reading matter from a friend in Harrisburg.

John Sanborn returned to the school on Monday after an absence of a few months in the west.

The beaten biscuits made by Jane Mark for the teachers' club lunch, yesterday cannot be beaten.

The art class began for the year, on Wednesday, and Miss Marie Worthington is again at her post as instructress.

One of the boys in writing about the Fair said he saw a man go up in a balloon and he came down in a pair of shoes.

Mr. Auman, of Ohio, is the latest Civil Service appointee for our school, he having arrived yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Standing and son Jack have returned from their vacation on the Atlantic beach, looking better for the rest and change.

Our foot-ball team will play Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Yale, at New Haven, the Naval Academy, at Annapolis and Franklin and Marshall, at Lancaster, sometime in the near future.

If any of our teachers wish to secure pictures of the Walnut tree and other views of the grounds from John Leslie, now is the time, do it.

Our regular foot ball team used up 16 of the best players the other evening on a practice game. They play the Harrisburg High School Cadets tomorrow.

"Who is neighbor next to thee? I don't know but I'll go see?" is what the members of the Club might have said on Monday morning, when all drew numbers for a change of seats.

Mrs. Pratt and Elmer Simon are in attendance upon the meeting of a Presbyterian Conference held at Franklin, Pa., this week. Elmer will address the assembly upon the Indian question.

The HELPER got its head mashed last week while the form was in the hands of an apprentice-pressman, hence some of the papers were without the letter "R" in the heading. We sent to Philadelphia and had a new head put on.

The band played for the Republican Campaign meeting, which was addressed by General Hastings and others at the Court House, Wednesday evening, and expects the honor of playing for the Democratic meeting soon to follow.

Mr. McCormick, of Harrisburg was among the visitors this week. He is much interested in our foot-ball team having been Captain of the Yale team, when in attendance upon that eminent college. He says our boys do some fine work.

Have you ever noticed that when the band plays a march while the players are standing they play much faster than when they are marching themselves? That was the trouble on Friday evening, they played fast enough for "double time."

The popular and instructive thing these days is to take the University Extension Course, and a number of the Faculty are availing themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Carlisle Center. The first lecture is given to-night in the Court House.

There came a deluge of rain just as the line was on the march to study hour on Wednesday night, and the companies first broke into double then into treble time and finally into a scurry to see who could get there first, producing a scene most amusing.

On last Saturday the Sunday-School was re-organized for the ensuing year. Mr. Standing was elected Superintendent; Miss Bowersox, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Dennison Wheelock, Secretary; Mr. William Leighton, Assistant Secretary; and Miss Luchenbach, Treasurer.

The dress parade on Friday, can be improved upon, says Mr. Thompson, but all thought the boys in line looked well. Charles Buck, as Adjutant, performed the duties of his position for the first. The Man-on-the-band-stand hopes to see the girls out in line executing the same movements as the boys, for they also need drill to attain grace of carriage and the erect and dignified bearing of soldieresses.

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where they may mingle in the public schools with the children of the men that made our civilization what it is, and where they will be obliged to take on some of the qualities of thrift they must possess to stand with us. Is not this common sense?"

"It sounds all right, and there have been sufficient results, I must admit, to prove the truth of the statement that there is no better way, but, plainly, the people of our country are not ready to see the best ways put into operation to any large extent, and there are those who would close out the Carlisle way altogether if they could. Did you not find the Omahas and Winnebagoes in favor of education?"

"In a measure they favor it. They cannot fail to see the good results as shown by the boys and girls from remote schools who have done well since their return. Every Indian now seems to know Carlisle. It was said to me by a prominent official there that the schools west of the Missouri River were merely non-reservation reservation schools, as they were too near to the tribes to have the good effect of the schools more remote."

"Did you find the returned students generally at work for themselves?"

"Yes; some are farmers, others are lawyers, doctors, ministers, clerks, interpreters and others are filling various useful positions. The Indians are proud, in a sense, of their sons and daughters, thus capable, but like yourself they are easily led to think that this sort of ability, which comes only through outside experience should be carried to them on the reservation."

"And you think such a thing cannot be! But they have good schools among the Omahas and Winnebagoes?"

"Excellent."

"Well equipped?"

"Very well. Capt. Beck has placed in the Winnebago school all the modern appliances of steam-heat and hot and cold water, and the Omaha school is planning an excellent system of sewerage and a new building for the boys."

"They have good teachers?"

"Excellent."

"The schools are full?"

"Yes."

"Then why cannot the pupils be taught to be and do anything in those schools, as well as in schools off of reservation?"

"The SURROUNDINGS are at fault, and those, all the teachers in Christendom cannot control. You cannot carry through schools of any sort the uplifting influences of thrift and industry and morality which an Indian boy ALONE on a Bucks County farm in a civilized family interested in his wel-

fare, has hourly to inspire, to induce, to IMPEL him to lead the life he must take on in order that he may stand a self-respecting citizen among us."

"That certainly is a most reasonable view," said the Man-on-the-band-stand.

"It is only common-sense. But if the people of the country, the Government, and the Indians are not ready to carry forward, on a much larger scale, what we are doing at Carlisle, and thus speedily and practically end an insignificant question which is occupying too much public attention, we shall have to submit for several more generations to the same slow, unsuccessful methods we have always used; but I do not wish to argue."

"I do not care to argue, either," said the M. O. T. B. S. "Let the matter of Indian civilization end here as far as you and I are concerned, but tell me something more of your experience on the reservation. How did you get around among the Indians?"

"You remember that Levi St. Cyr, the foreman of our printing office, was at that time home on a little visit?"

"Yes."

"While there, he and his brother purchased a fine little pony team and buggy. This he kindly gave me the use of while I was there. Some of the time he drove and interpreted and with the same team Levi Levering, class '90 drove with me for a day or two over his own reservation—the Omaha, but the interesting incidents occurring during those drives I must leave for our next talk, provided you question me in a way to bring them out."

(To be continued.)

Enigma.

I am made of 16 letters.

My 16, 11, 12, 15 is a necessary part of cooking.

My 4, 14, 13 is what most young people enjoy.

My 2, 8, 6, 3 is what prairie dogs live in.

My 10, 5, 9, 1 is to float, or swim or fly.

My 2, 5, 7, 6 is a room for assembly to meet in.

My whole is the kind of a fall that most of the girls in the girls' quarters like the best.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Lawn-mowers.

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