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AUTUMN.



SPRING is the morning of the year,
And summer is the noontide bright,
The autumn is the evening clear
That comes before the winter's night.

And in the evening everywhere,
Along the roadsides up and down,
I see the golden torches flare,
Like lighted street lamps in the town.

I think the butterfly and bee,
From distant meadows coming back,
Are quite contented when they see
These lamps along the homeward track.

But those who stay too late get lost,
For when the darkness falls about,
Down every lighted street the frost
Will go and put the torches out.

[SELECTED.]

A LETTER FROM THE BLACKFOOT AGENCY, MONT.

Rose Aubrey, who recently returned to her home at the above agency, has kindly favored us with an interesting letter concerning affairs there, from which we have taken the following extracts:

"The returned students from old Carlisle all appear to be doing well.

I have returned from a visit to Spyna Deveraux.

She is busy attending to housekeeping and other affairs of the old father and mother.

She has won many friends for Carlisle School by her bright and nice manners.

Of the other Carlisle students, Pressly Houk is working hard to get a little party of children to return with him as he intends to go back again to Carlisle.

James Grant is clerk in the trader's store.

Richard Sanderville is interpreter for Agent Steel.

Peter Oscar and John Ground are assistant farmers for the agent.

Joe Spanish is janitor in the hospital.

Charles Buck is assisting his father on the farm.

Anthony Austin is assistant Blacksmith.

Joseph Evans is improving his ranch.

Libbie Wren is at home with her mother, also Mary Jane.

Minnie Perrine is well and with her folks. She was seamstress in our Indian school until her health failed.

Perry Kennerly is working for the trader. Bertrand is east at school.

Hattie Kennerly has been very sick. I have just returned from a visit to her. She is some better. She talks somewhat hopeful of the future. I do hope so much she will get well.

William Hazlett is at work on a farm.

Malcolm Clark is assisting his father on the ranch.

Julia Cobell and her brothers are at their home.

Poor old Mr. Ellis!

Martha's father fell dead from heart failure a short time ago and was nicely buried by old friends.

Her old mother died last winter after a lingering illness. Her only desire to live seemed to be to see her daughter once more.

She was a very good Indian woman. She has few or no relatives with the tribe.

Martha's only brother returned from Carlisle and died four years ago.

I feel very sorry for Martha, but still I know she is in good hands.

I am quite pleased with Robert J. Hamilton's letter from his country home in the RED MAN of July.

Robert writes intelligently of his people as he has returned not long ago to Carlisle from a visit to them.

Gentlemen who travel much in the west claim our people are much ahead as Indians in industrial progress and general endeavor of what they have seen of other Indian tribes, which makes me more hopeful of the future of my people.

We now have an agent of broad views who believes in intercommunication with their

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The news has reached us of the marriage at Darlington, Okla., of Kish Hawkins, class '89, and Katie Zallawager, who was for a short time at Carlisle.

A superintendent of a western school sends us a marked copy of the HELPER, in which the plan of sending Indian children away from the reservation was advocated, and adds "Them ere's my sentiments tew." (Will Carleton.)

Mrs. Standing is a good friend of the printers, as the two baskets of grapes which came to the office last Friday testified. They were of her own raising and were greatly appreciated, as their rapid disappearance showed. We return our thanks to the kind giver.

Miss Burgess and Mr. Wheelock came in from Wisconsin yesterday afternoon with a party of fourteen boys and sixteen girls. Of these, Nicodemus Hill, Brigman, Cornelius, John and Whitney Powlas, Taylor Smith, John Webster, Chauncey Archiquette, Nancy Wheelock and Alice Powlas are old pupils.

Mr. Rueben Washington (Foulke), of Newhall, Mo., has been visiting his brother, Mr. George Foulke. Mr. Washington was sold as a slave in Virginia at the age of 9 or 10, and had never seen his mother since that time till last week, a period of 45 years. He had never seen his brother George. The reunion brought much joy.

Last week the return of pupils from country homes occurred, 123 girls coming in on Friday and 163 boys on Saturday. Everybody seemed to be in the best of spirits, looking as if country life agreed with them, but seeming glad to get back to Carlisle. The girls especially were laden with bundles and boxes, and many of their friends were remembered with fruit, cake, etc. The volume of sound that came from the quarters and dining hall was something wonderful, as friend met friend and every body tried to relate their experiences at the same time. To many it was a little hard to settle down again to hard study, but let us

all go at our winter's work with a determination that will mean success, if we do get a headache occasionally.

The Invincible Debating Society opened the season last Friday evening with an open meeting in the chapel. As all the officers had left the school at the close of the school year, Alex. Upshaw was selected chairman. The meeting was opened by Scripture reading, after which Jas. Flannery played a cornet solo in his usual fine style. He was followed by Frank Mott, who recited in a manner difficult to be excelled by one of greater experience. A special feature of the evening was the singing of the double quartette. At the conclusion of the programme, a discussion of subjects beneficial to the society was participated in by a number of the members, Prof. Bakeless and William Leighton spoke encouraging words. The audience was extremely large, and if interest means anything, the prospect for a good year is very bright. The election of officers will take place at the meeting tonight.

With the return of the farm boys, the football practice has started in earnest. Most of the old players are here, and with the experience of last year, the team bids fair to make a good showing. Bemus Pierce is Captain. Eight games have been arranged so far. A number of challenges have been declined, several of them on account of the reputation of the team for rough and unfair playing. Our boys earned a reputation for gentlemanly playing last year and it is proposed to keep it up this season, any unnecessary roughness being frowned down upon.

Some Indians are acting sensibly on the allotment question, as the following clipping from an Indian Territory exchange shows: "About 150 Comanches with 25 or 30 wagons were in this week after lumber. Their trade in lumber is likely to amount to a great deal in the near future, as they are busy choosing their allotments and building as fast as they can." Now let all the Indians accept the inevitable with good grace, get down to work and make of themselves honest, industrious, self-supporting citizens, and the Indian problem is solved.

Miss Florence Wells, class '94, writes a long and interesting letter describing her journey by stage and rail to the Tonasket Indian School, Washington. It will be remembered that she was transferred from the Genoa, Nebraska School, where she has been teaching the past year. She says that the school is all under one roof and is away from all other places. The Indians are quite civilized and the children neat, good looking and well behaved. The fruit is especially fine and goes ahead of that of the east.

In the educational department, Prof. Bakeless is up to his eyes in work. The work of placing several hundred pupils, some of them new, is not a simple one, but matters will soon be straightened out and everything be running smoothly. Quite a number of promotions have been made, and the outlook for a good year is very promising.

Hot again.

When will Jack Frost arrive?

The coal house is being painted.

The Cumberland County Fair will be held next week.

New oilcloth in the halls of the Teachers' Quarters is an improvement.

Mr. Thompson is giving the new boys in the awkward squad some points in drilling.

Teachers' Meeting is now held on Saturday morning from 8 to 9, instead of Monday afternoon.

Asher Parker and Simon Standingdeer, printers, have gone to the country for the winter.

John Leslie photographed the Y. M. C. A. Wheelmen of town Saturday evening on the football field.

Miss Mosher, who brought in the Cheyenne party last week, remains with us as teacher. She has charge of No. 4.

At the addition to the gymnasium, the floors are down and the plasterers are giving the first coat on the third story.

The weather is particularly trying just now. One day an overcoat or a cloak is in demand and the next we are looking up fans.

Mrs. Sawyer rides the bicycle. If the number of riders continues to increase, it will soon be the rule and not the exception to be a cyclist.

At the opening exercises on Monday, Miss Weekly gave a talk on the Money and Currency question, and on Tuesday Miss Cutter spoke on Harvard College.

Howard Gansworth, class '94, who has been spending the summer at his home in New York, returned last Saturday and has resumed his studies at the Dickinson Preparatory School.

The cold spell of the early part of the week necessitated the use of the steam heat, and Mr. Weber and his assistants, Messrs. Jordan and Pierce, will now look after the important matter of keeping us warm.

Bishop Dickson and Revs. W. A. Wagoner and J. P. Anthony of the United Brethren Church, accompanied by Rev. W. J. Houck, of town, were at the school on Sunday afternoon. They attended the services in the chapel.

The Atlanta Exposition opened on Wednesday. The Indian Exhibit there is very complete and will be a first-class object lesson to the people of the South to show them what is being done for the Indian and his possibilities for civilization.

Sloyd work has begun and will no doubt be a great attraction to visitors, as it is something new in the educational line, at least in this section. A new walk is being laid to the room from the main entrance to the school building, which will be a great convenience.

The trolley is running at last in the town of Carlisle, having been opened Saturday night. With a new street opened to the school and the trolley on it, it would be of great advantage to us and the many visitors who come to see the school, but as the matter stands it is not of much use. Improvements come and we hope this one will,

Moses Patterson has gone to his home in New York.

On Sunday three boys arrived here from Seneca, Mo.

Blanche Melbourne arrived at the school on Monday from her Montana home.

Miss Elizabeth Hench, of Carlisle, is looking after No. 11 until the return of Mr. Spray.

Twenty-six boys have been transferred from Mrs. Given's charge to the Large Boys' Quarters.

Master John Given has attained to the dignity of "long pants" and seems several inches taller.

Miss Tessie Shenfelder, of Reading, is spending several weeks with her uncle, Mr. Weber.

Miss Ferguson, who came with the Chipewa party last week, is teaching in No. 3, for the present.

Miss Hench is rejoicing over a fine pair of buckskin moccasins, a present from Jessie Spreadhands of Oklahoma Territory.

Nellie Orme kindly remembered the Man-on-the-band-stand with several large pound apples brought in from her country home.

Mrs. Dennison Wheelock left Monday night for her home at White Earth, Minn. Her brother, Mr. LaChapelle, accompanied her.

Major Province McCormick, Indian Inspector, is spending several days with us. He is accompanied by his wife and little daughter.

Spalding's Official Football Guide for 1895 contains the record of our school team of last year, also a good likeness of Benjamin Caswell, the captain.

Robert Hudson, Thomas Flynn and Albert Silas are again at the case after their summer sojourn in the country. Their fingers are still as nimble as ever.

Fifty-three boys and thirty-four girls have gone to the country for the winter. They will not fall behind in their studies, as they will attend school while out.

Master Jack Standing, who has rendered valuable assistance in the printing office during the summer, is now attending Metzger, which opened Wednesday.

The school paid a visit to the Sells Bros. Circus, which exhibited in Carlisle, on Wednesday afternoon. Everybody said it was the best show they had ever seen, the menagerie and ring performances being above the average.

Miss Julia Long, who is studying for a trained nurse at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, is spending a two weeks' vacation at the school hospital. Her friend, Miss Hardinger, from the same institution is with her.

A meeting of the wheelmen and wheelwomen of the school was held Wednesday evening and a bicycle club organized. Miss Bourassa was elected President and Mr. St. Cyr secretary. Colors will be adopted at the next meeting. A number of club runs are in anticipation, the first one of which will be taken to-night. The name of the club has not been decided upon as yet.

white neighbors and brothers, all are which tends to a closer friendship and a common weal than a wide apart or border warfare.

We are putting on quite business airs just now as the Great Father has sent a commission to buy our mountains of gold and silver, great bodies of timber, beautiful glacier lakes and grand mountain scenery to which that of far famed Italy does not compare.

At least, so much traveled tourists have passed judgment.

For the sale of which we all have visions of millions to come, but for my part I want only a fair price, the money to be put in government bonds, the interest to be paid semi-annually as we have had cheap tinware and ill-fitting clothing in payment of land heretofore sold.

I am as loyal to old Carlisle as ever and do what I can in my feeble way to have our large boys and girls go there to school.

I am endeavoring to perfect myself some in the English language as I wish to learn type-writing and somewhat of shorthand to enable me to earn a livelihood as I am not very strong."

BE PATIENT.

The Bishop of Manchester, in a recent address to young men, advised them to be patient, be *patient*. It is the hardest lesson in the world to learn, particularly for young people. Do your duty, and leave success to take care of itself, and then you will see the wisdom of the old proverb, "Everything comes to the man that can wait." And this is not only true with respect to social success, but it is even more true to the discipline of the intellect and the will.

You know, for instance, how hard it is to learn a difficult subject. All the ideas are unfamiliar, all the words are unfamiliar. We go on laboring month after month, and seem to make no way. Now, that disheartens and drives away nine students out of ten—the nine out of ten that will always be obscure people—but the tenth man goes on. He works harder and harder, he lets his mind play round the subject, he lets the ideas of that subject soak into his brain, he determines that nothing can possibly resist persistent effort, and one fine day a great flood of light comes in, he suddenly sees all about it; his work is easy, his work is delightful. Everybody says of him, "What an amazing amount of ability that young man has." No, it was not ability, it was patient perseverance. That man had learned to labor and to wait.—[*Ex.*]

EDUCATION.

The wise man, the educated man, the cultured man, will be the lord of the future. In the past there have been men who have amassed great wealth, and yet have displayed the most flagrant ignorance in all matters of education; but such cases are becoming scarcer and scarcer every year, and the reason is not far to seek: competition is growing keener every year, and as it grows it tramples under foot ignorance of every form, and even intelligence which is not of the brightest and best. Smart, educated men are in business now, and they manage their concerns upon scientific bases, with the result that every other man, if he wants to be successful, must see to it that he secures an education that will enable him to cope, not with the illiterate traders of years gone by, but with the trained economists of to-day. The time has gone by when it was desirable that business men should have an education; it is now absolutely essential that they procure one. Now there is only one way to get an education, and that is to *get it!* It will never come to us, that is it will never force itself upon us. It is willing to be wooed, and loves to be won, but it admireth not the foolish man and is too wise to force itself unwelcomed upon him. The world needs educated men and women; upon them depends its salvation from vice and corruption; upon them depends the glory of its future. It is our duty to get wisdom. Let us be like Solomon of old—ask for Wisdom, and with it get all that goes to make this life happy, and the next worth hoping for.—[*Ex.*]

DON'T.

70. Don't use them for those. "*Them boots,*" "*them bonnets,*" etc, is so gross an error that we commonly hear it only from the uneducated.

71. Don't say, "I am *through,*" when you are announcing that you have finished dinner or breakfast.

72. Don't say "I *guess*" for "I think," or "I *expect*" for "I suppose."

Enigma

I am made of 18 letters.

My 6, 2, 7, 4 is to cure.

My 1, 3, 5 is a covering for the head.

My 18, 11, 15, 9 is seen at the seashore.

My 17, 10, 14, 13 sails the seas.

My 12, 16, 8 is used in writing.

The farm pupils seemed to be overflowing with the whole on their return last week.

Answer to Penny Puzzle.

1. 18 (youth), 95 (old age); 2 Tulips (two lips); 3. Date; 4. Brow; 5. Hare (hair); 6. Copper head; 7. One sent (one cent); 8. Shield; 9. Arrows; 10. Sea (c); 11. Tea (t); 12. Beau (bow). Did you find anything else?

ANSWER TO CONUNDRUM: A quarter to three.