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The Man-on-the-band-stand Wills the Following Selection to the Class of '96.'

LIFE is like a crooked railroad,
And the engineer is brave
Who can make a trip successful
From the cradle to the grave.

There are stations all along it,
Where, at almost any breath,
You'll be "flagged" to stop your engine
By the passenger of death.

You may run the grades of trouble
Many days and years with ease,
But time may have you "side-tracked"
By the switchman of disease.

You may cross the bridge of manhood,
Run the tunnel long of strife,
Having God for your conductor,
On the "lightning train" of life.

Always mindful of instructions,
Watchful duty never lack,
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the track.

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What will they do when they go back?

This and numerous other questions always asked by visitors, the Man-on-the-band-stand will be pleased to answer for the benefit of strangers, this, our Commencement week.

Go back?

These two words are not in Carlisle's vocabulary. We go back when there is no other way open.

Carlisle's motto is:

Go FORWARD, not back!

Go OUT, not in!

What do the members of this class propose doing?

Of the 25 young men and women of the class of '96, five or six are going to the high school in Carlisle; one girl will enter the West Chester Normal school; one will go to the Fredonia Normal, N. Y.; one girl enters Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; one young man has an offer at Johnstown, this State, to work at his trade of printing; several young men have engaged themselves with their

so-called farm fathers to work for the summer, to earn the means to enter a school of their choice later on, or will wait for a business opening.

Will none go home?

Yes; a few will return to their homes. One or two have Government positions awaiting them. One young man lives in a lumber district, where he expects to go into the lumbering business.

Why are Indians taken away from their homes to educate? Are there not good schools among them? And is it not expensive to bring them so far?

Carlisle has proven that it is less expensive to remove the youth from the old environment into an atmosphere of self-help, where they take on the incentives for right living, very soon. They may learn to read and write and become quite good scholars as far as books are concerned in the home school, but it is utterly absurd to expect them to take on the life of industry and thrift where idleness, superstition and thriftlessness surround them on every hand.

But are they not happier and more content in the home school, and is it not best after all to educate them in keeping with their surroundings, where through the school they may leaven the whole lump?

No! It is not best! You cannot leaven that mass of interia with half-educated children nor with children at all, in fact. The tribe dominated by the medicine man is an immovable mass of stolidity, and nothing short of breaking it up and inviting the youth OUT into our schools, with our children, and educating them in the same experiences that our children enjoy will be successful. If it is the purpose of the Government to always keep the Indians living together in tribes, or on allotted lands in communities, to be rationed and coddled until they die, then the schools at

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Lan-
guage.

Francis M. Cayou, of the graduating class of
the Indian School, made an excellent address
at Sunnyside Sunday school yesterday after-
noon.—[*Carlisle Daily Herald*.]

Compositors sometimes make laughable
mistakes. The person who set up the pro-
grams of last school entertainment placed
the letter "e" where "o" should have been, in
the word Historical, making it read Histerical
Tableaux.

Archie Johnson, one of our Indian boys in
the country was driving with a lady home
from church last Sunday, and in crossing the
Newtown Railroad was struck by a train and
considerably hurt, although not seriously.
The lady was instantly killed. Archie was
taken on the train to a hospital near. His
wounds are flesh wounds and he will recover
speedily.

The five dollars for sending to us the most
complete answer to the conundrum, Why
should "I" be the happiest of all the vowels?
was won by Miss Martie L. Ulrich, Lebanon,
Pa. The committee to decide the matter con-
sisted of Mrs. Standing, Chairman, Miss Paull,
and Mr. Kensler. We have not looked over
the answers, and take the judgment of the
committee as final. The Man-on-the-band-
stand congratulates Miss Ulrich.

A nice list of subscribers has just been re-
ceived from the enterprising Siletz Oregon
Indian Boarding School, G. W. Myers, super-
intendent. He says "I expect to follow this
with a similar list in a few weeks. We like
the INDIAN HELPER so well now that we can
not do without it. It has been a helper to stir
up a desire to read papers. A few of my pupils
have subscribed for other papers. They like
to have papers come in their own name. Our
school is progressing very nicely. Quite a
number were very much interested in Major
and Tim's conversations and thought they
ought to talk every week for the HELPER."

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Accounts in other papers must necessarily
be abridged. *The Red Man* will give the
graduating essays in full; the class picture; a
portrait of General O. O. Howard who confers
the diplomas; the names of all visitors from a
distance; the addresses of the distinguished
speakers, and a full description of the entire
occasion from Tuesday evening to the close.
Address *Red Man*.

The Sloyd department will be a new fea-
ture of the school this year for commencement
visitors. It takes but a few moments in that
busy room to see the advantages of such
training of mind through the hand. Its ben-
efits cannot be told. The gradual advance
from the flower sticks, clay modellers, fish-
line winders, match scratchers all of which
although simple in mechanism are executed
under scientific principles, to the book hold-
ers, prettily carved pen-racks, wooden spoons,
salad forks, sponge holders, hammer handles,
nail boxes, egg stands and what not, is an
interesting study for any one. The souven-
irs are on sale from 5 cents to 40 cents; pro-
ceeds to go toward buying wood for the de-
partment.

The names of the visitors from Bucks Coun-
ty as we go to press on Wednesday A. M., are
William Wyncoop, Superintendent of the
Presbyterian Sunday School, Newtown, Miss
Fannie Rubinkam, a teacher of Sunday
School in the same church, well known to
many of our boys, Mr. Camm, Mr. Chas. H.
Watson, Mrs. John Hageman, Amos D. Ben-
nett, Amos S. Bennett, Mrs. B. F. Bennett,
Miss Linton and friend.

Last Friday the Susans proposed to make a
Leap Year visit to their brother societies.
But the brothers became so frightened that
they decided at the "eleventh hour" not to
hold any meetings that evening. The Susans
took the refusal with dignity and marched in-
to their society room where they spent a most
pleasant evening listening to original comic
dialogues and music. REPORTER.

Visitors from Philadelphia, as we go to
press are President McAllister, of the Drexel
Institute, Philadelphia, and Mrs. McAllister
and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg.

Mr. Wasson of the New York *Tribune* is here.

Mrs. Kelly, so well known at Carlisle, is here.

Miss Luckenbach spent Sunday at Bethlehem.

Mr. Snyder, former tailor, is with us for Commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallup, of Jersey City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Master Brewster Gallup is with his mamma and papa.

The Philadelphia *Press* is represented by Mr. Paine who came Tuesday.

Col. Wm. C. Church, editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*, is with us.

Wasn't Tuesday night gorgeous in moonlight effect? But the next day it snowed.

Miss Richenda Pratt is home from school in Philadelphia, to attend Commencement.

Miss Hench went to Philadelphia on Monday to bring Miriam home. The latter is ill.

Mrs. Anna Halftown, a Seneca, of New York, mother of Lovett, is one of the visitors.

Miss Agnes J. McAtee, of Clifton Springs, is with us for a week or so, a guest of Miss Luckenbach.

Miss Thompson of Milroy and Mrs. Vauzandt, friends of Mrs. Bakeless are her guests for Commencement.

Mr. Wile's sermon to the Graduating Class last Sunday was one of the finest he has ever delivered before the school.

Carlisle's old time friends, Dr. and Mrs. Lippincott of Philadelphia, came with the Philadelphia party Tuesday.

Mr. Standing escorted the Washington party, which arrived too late to give the names in this issue of the HELPER.

Take warning from the dreadful accident which befell Archie Johnson and look both ways before venturing on a railroad track.

The Carlisle Banner, "Into civilization and citizenship," occupies a conspicuous place in Assembly Hall.

On Tuesday night Dr. Buckley proved conclusively by many interesting illustrations that "you can't read human nature."

Miss Luzena Choteau, (Class '92) member of the *Inter-Ocean* force Chicago, is here to write up Commencement for that paper.

When Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson, entered Assembly Hall, the night of Dr. Buckley's lecture, the Dickinson students gave the college yell.

For ten subscriptions the Souvenir containing 60 views of the school will be sent free. A two cent stamp must accompany the subscription to pay postage.

Three traveling Hindoos of considerable reputation as jugglers and magicians who do many wonderful tricks amused and entertained the school on last Thursday afternoon.

The trolley is a great accommodation these Commencement days. The gentlemen in charge are sparing no pains to give most excellent service.

We can not give names of all visitors in this week's HELPER.

William Harrison, of Nebraska, student of Hampton is with us.

Spencer Smith has been ill for several weeks. His arms and hands are in a condition that he cannot lift them. He is patient in his suffering, and has the sympathy of many friends.

Washington's Birthday was a holiday but a busy one in some quarters, here, as it was so near Commencement. A large number of students and others attended the celebration at Bosler Hall, Dickinson College, in the evening.

We sing the Marseilles Hymn this Commencement instead of America. There is more in it for the Indian. "My native country thee, Land of the noble free," does not mean the Indian. He is not free until he is a citizen with no "conditions."

Dahnola Jessan who has been very near death's door in the past weeks with pneumonia writes a spirited letter showing that he is fast improving. He looks upon the bright side of hospital life. The other boys, Charles Fineday and Jos. Culbertson who were ill at the same time with the same dread disease are improving rapidly.

A fine audience consisting of townpeople and Indian students greeted Dr. Buckley on Tuesday evening. His lecture was replete with anecdote, and "The Wit, Humor and Pathos of Travel."

Sunday was one of those beautiful days that remind one of approaching Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanhorn, of Lambertville arrived Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray of St. Paul is visiting her sister Miss Paull.

Miss Ella Patterson of Washington was among the guests to arrive Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilson of Pittsburg are here. The Doctor represents the *Presbyterian Banner* and *Pittsburg Despatch*.

Mr. James Wheelock, father of James Wheelock, (class '96), with Rev. Cornelius Hill both of Oneida, Wisconsin, arrived on Tuesday.

Mr. Bourassa, father of Miss Rosa, class '90, now a teacher with us, arrived last week for Commencement.

Fifty or sixty boys and girls are in from country homes to attend Commencement.

Miss Nellie J. Allen, of Scranton, State Secretary Y. W. C. A. for Pennsylvania, paid a visit to the girls of our school last Sunday. She made an interesting address before the King's Daughters and others at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The Standards did not hold a meeting last week on account of the unusual band practice. They hope that the band will not interfere always.

Notice how pleased the farm fathers and mothers are to see their Indian sons and daughters who have at various times lived with them, and with what genuine pleasure the Indians greet their farm parents. These are the conditions that enhance the true spirit of civilization.

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home are all they need and more than they need.

But is that the purpose of the Government? If it is not and if the Indians are to enter

had some outing. A few who have lately entered from their homes have not yet been out and cannot answer, but as a rule they are eager to go out.

What sort of records are your graduates making for themselves?



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upon a higher sphere of life; if they are ever to become responsible INDIVIDUALS—citizens of our commonwealth, able to support themselves and have a standing in business, they must certainly be given an opportunity to come OUT into the atmosphere of business, self-support, and loyal citizenship.

How many Indians have you at Carlisle?

759.

How many boys?

451.

And 308 girls? And are they all present?

No; 77 girls and 78 boys are out in country homes attending school with white children.

Do you always have so many out?

We seldom have so few; in the summer months we have only about 200 at the school, while four or five hundred are out earning an experience that no school, whether home or remote can give, and earning independent manhood and womanhood, which they can get in no other way than OUT by themselves.

Do they like it?

Ask them! Nearly every student here has

Take the classes of '93 and '94, whose records we have been looking up the past few days. Every one is usefully employed. We are willing that the records of the graduates right straight through should be placed by the side of the record of the graduates of any institution of learning in the land, white, colored or Indian.

How many graduates in all has Carlisle turned out?

Counting this year's class, which is the eighth and the largest, the number is an even 125.

At what grade do you graduate your pupils?

At about the Grammar grade of city public schools.

Enigma.

I am made of 16 letters.

My 1, 8, 10, is an insect.

My 5, 3, 4, 11 is a planet.

My 9, 12, 7 is what burglars do.

My 6, 14, 15, 2, 16 is not large.

My 13, 15, 5 is a species of goat.

My whole is an educational institution in Pennsylvania where a friend of nearly every Carlisle Indian boy is going to school.