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**B**LOW, winds of March, and sing  
Your songs unto the timid buds and grass,  
Unclasp the fetters of the woodland spring  
Hushed in its house of glass.

Blow wind of March and wake  
The sleeping violets with gentle words:  
Spread your green canopy of leaves and make  
A shelter for the birds.

Blow, wind of March, and thrill  
The languid pulses of the barren trees,  
Until their empty hands with blossoms fill  
And tempt the honey bees.

## COMMENCEMENT.

Nature itself seemed to smile upon the class of '96, for the clouds of the morning gave way before the bright sunshine and Thursday afternoon was a beautiful one. Before 1 o'clock people began to gather from all directions. The trolley cars were over-loaded, while the freight track and other avenues were black with people. When the doors of the gymnasium were opened at 1:30, such a wild rush for seats ensued that it is a wonder some one was not hurt. So much has the interest increased from the time when Assembly Hall was amply sufficient for the audience that next year the gymnasium will have to be enlarged or the admission limited. "What a contrast," said a visitor, "was the quiet, orderly entrance of the Indian pupils as they marched to their seats, the graduating class bringing up the rear!"

The national colors were the only decorations, while from the ceiling hung the motto of the class, "We will go on." On the stage were seated Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Senator Knute Nelson, Governor Daniel H. Hastings, United States Commissioner of Education Harris, Hon. J. S. Sherman, Chairman and other members of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, Chaplain McCabe, and other distinguished visitors.

Shortly after two o'clock the band opened

the program with a fine rendition of Le Thiere's Fantasia, "Gipsy Life," followed by "Jerusalem" by the choir with Linnie Thompson as soloist.

Prayer was then offered by Dr. Teunis Hamlin, of Washington.

Accompanied by the band, the school sang with vigor and spirit the "Marseilles Hymn."

Robert Jackson's oration "Our To-days," was well written and well delivered.

Cynthia Webster showed that "Indian Girls as Teachers" would not be behind their white sisters with proper training.

Linnie Thompson excelled herself in that difficult solo, "Judith," by Concone, and her singing made quite a hit.

The orations, "Our Development a Necessity" by Delos Lonewolf, and "The Indian a Man" by Elmer Simon, were stirring appeals for the red man and the eloquence and pathos of the speeches touched the hearts of the audience, which was generous in applause.

James Flannery's cornet solo, "My Old Kentucky Home," with its difficult variations, was so enthusiastically received that although no encores was the rule, the band had to give the popular "Indian War Dance."

Gen. Howard, in well chosen words of advice, presented the diplomas to the 25 graduates. He said that white men were not all the same. The Indian had his friends as well as his enemies, and he numbered himself with the former. His appeal to the graduates not to slight their parents, but to try to elevate them made a deep impression.

Pennsylvania's governor, Daniel H. Hastings, followed in a stirring speech, comparing the times when Red and White, Blue and Gray met in deadly conflict on these grounds and the present when they came together as friend and brothers.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, the Confederate cavalry leader who burned the barracks here just before the battle of Gettysburg, was introduced.

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We inadvertently missed giving the correct answer to the "I" conundrum last week, of which fact we are reminded through several letters. The sealed answer reads thus: "I is the happiest of all the vowels, "Because it is the centre of bliss, e is in Hades and all the others are in purgatory."

Archie Johnson recently injured in a railroad accident at a crossing in Bucks County, wherein the lady with him was killed, is getting better from his injuries. Mr. Standing has gone to Bucks County to attend the investigation. It is claimed that the engineer did not whistle at this point and was running at about the usual rate of speed.

A letter from Miss Fuji Tsukamoto, Kobe, Japan, is full of interest. She writes to Miss Ollie Chouteau, and speaks of her continued interest in the Indian girls whose acquaintance she made while in this country. The letter was read at the regular meeting of the King's Daughters' circle on Sunday afternoon, and was very entertaining throughout.

Miss Gaither, formerly a teacher with us, is now superintendent of the Umatilla Indian School, on the Pacific coast, and has an enterprising school. They take an interest in the HELPER, keeping up a good subscription list all the while. The conditions of Indian life there are depressing. The Indians are citizens. Many of them will not be controlled, and like millions of white citizens are going fast to destruction through the agency of fire-water.

Sarah James, of Laguna, N. M., former student of Carlisle has written a very newsy letter. Some things she states portray a picture full of discouragements. The days of "Stiya" are by no means over. Sarah says she has many little brothers and sisters who need clothing and she helps to earn the money to buy some. Her father and mother are very kind and did not compel her to "dress in Indian." They gave her permission to do as she pleased about dress and she has adhered to the American style, as they call citi-

zen's dress out there. Many of her friends make fun of her, but she is firm in her own convictions of right, and is ashamed of those who are too weak to stand up for the right.

"Stiya" is a little story of a Carlisle Indian girl who stood for the right after she got home through every kind of persecution. It is an illustrated story, the pictures showing the curious Pueblo houses and dress of the Indians of that far off land. Every thrilling scene portrayed by pen is a true picture of what has actually occurred, and is not overdrawn. The book is published by the Riverside Publishing Company on the best of paper. It will be sent post-paid on the receipt of fifty cents. Address HELPER

We have received many letters from visitors speaking of the enjoyment of the Commencement Exercises. One, from a resident of Carlisle, is especially pleasant. The writer says in part:

"While waiting for the doors to open, my memory went back to the day we stood on the ground to watch the long-haired Sioux, the first installment of the Carlisle School. \*

\* \* I would like to have a photograph of the stage as Antonio jumped up (from his seat on the floor) to shake hands with Gen. Howard Capt. Pratt giving his hand to help the Indian up is a pen picture of what we Carlisleers have seen for many years."

On Tuesday evening we had with us Rev. Mr. Law, Missionary in the Northern Huron region. He gave the school a half hour address which was full of interesting descriptions of mission work in the wilderness of that section. His work has been likened unto that of John the Baptist, but the wilderness of forest in which he labors is better than the wilderness of Judea. There is a group of a hundred islands in his field and he has a little naphtha boat with a 4 horse power engine. He is Captain and engineer, and his wife is first mate. His ten children are the crew. They have a baby organ on the boat and hold meetings on the shores of the islands sometimes. He goes into lumber camps where the men are rough and do their laundry work on Sunday, but he is treated courteously. He gives them heart to heart talks and does not call it preaching, and they ask him to come again. They do not like to be preached to but enjoy the singing and the talking. In his boyhood days when he was working his way through college he lived on 90 cents a week.

The lumbermen in the north, Rev. Mr. Law says, do not have trunks as a rule but carry their clothing in small bundles which they call turkeys. These are used as pillows in the camp.

Herman N. Hill, class '96, left for his home in Wisconsin on Wednesday afternoon. Herman, the printer, known generally by the name of Nic, is full of life and hopes for the future. As soon as Spring opens he intends to farm his father's place at Oneida, and will help his father in this way until Fall, when he may strike out for a higher school than Carlisle, or into business for himself. May he meet with success in all of his undertakings, is the wish of his many friends at Carlisle.

We are Marching on  
Difficulties give way to diligence.  
The Senior class begins with 37.  
Nothing puts on so many airs as the wind  
these days.

Louisa Geissdorf, '96, has entered the West  
Chester Normal School.

Robert Jackson, '96, remains to take further  
instruction in teaching.

Everything has dropped back into regular  
order since Commencement.

Leila Cornelius, '96, has gone to Philadel-  
phia to take a course at Drexel.

March came in like a lion, may we hope the  
mouth will go out like a lamb?

A complete list of Commencement guests  
will be given in the March *Red Man*.

Frank Cayou and James Wheelock, '96,  
have entered Dickinson Preparatory.

Cora Snyder, '96, has gone to her home in  
New York. She intends taking a course at  
Fredonia.

Miss Ericson has Finland stamps for sale  
from one to five cents. Address Miss Ericson,  
Carlisle, Pa., for information.

Capt. Pratt and a number of commencement  
visitors accompanied Generals Howard and  
Lee to Gettysburg the day after Commence-  
ment.

One hundred and fifteen books were taken  
out of the Reference Library and read during  
the month of February, and references are con-  
sulted continually.

Timothy Henry, Walter LeRoy Kennedy,  
Cynthia Webster, Alice Parker, and Susie  
Davenport, all of class '96, have entered the  
High School in the city of Carlisle.

Promotions have been in order during the  
past week. The classes promoted in every  
instance were quite well prepared for the  
advanced work they are to take up.

About 100 members of Capt. Colwell Post,  
No. 201, G. A. R., came out from town to at-  
tend the reception in honor of General Lee  
and General Howard, in the Y. M. C. A. hall,  
Friday night.

Delos Lonewolf, class '96, took his depart-  
ure for his home in Oklahoma, on Wednes-  
day evening. We expect to hear from him  
later. Delos can make things move his way  
if he will.

Jason Betzinez has struck out for himself,  
and has found employment at Steelton.  
Jason is a good worker in iron and knows not  
what lazy means. So there is another Apache  
who will make a record for himself in civili-  
zation.

It was noticed on Commencement Day that  
Generals Howard and Lee, Commissioner  
Harris, Gen. Eaton and a number of the  
Washington delegation wore the class colors.  
These were furnished by Miss Delia Jack-  
son, niece of Rev. Dr. Noircross.

A reception given by the band on Tuesday  
evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall was a very  
happy affair. It was a select company and  
the splendid hall was not too crowded for en-  
joyment. The orchestra furnished music for  
promenading. There were games of every  
variety to entertain and the refreshments  
touched just the right spot.

A Public Sale of Condemned Property will  
take place to-morrow in front of the store  
house.

Miss Patterson, and Dr. Alice Seabrook, of  
Philadelphia, were guests of Mrs. Standing,  
Commencement week.

Miss Lida Standing was home from the  
Normal at Shippensburg for Commence-  
ment. She brought as a guest the drawing  
teacher, Miss Linsey.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a reception on Satur-  
day night, at which General Howard spoke  
feelingly. There were other addresses. Tim-  
othy Henry, President, was conductor of cer-  
emonies.

The newly elected Y. M. C. A. officers for  
the ensuing year are: President, Howard  
Gansworth; Vice-President, Alexander Up-  
shaw; Corresponding Secretary, Frank Shive-  
ly; Recording Secretary, Frank O. Jones;  
Treasurer, Frank Mott.

Miss McAtee is still with us. She brought  
a specimen of a very curious kind of cereal  
which is attracting the attention of our  
students. It is an African corn which has  
lately been introduced into Oklahoma. Fur-  
ther description will be given later.

Mrs. Wasson, formerly of the Chemawa  
Indian School, was a Commencement guest of  
Miss Miles. Although living quietly at her  
home in New York, she is thoroughly inter-  
ested in the Indian work. We have a num-  
ber of Chemawa pupils whom she knows and  
who were glad to see their old friend.

Mark Penoi, '96, has gone to work on a farm  
in Bucks county where he has made a record  
for himself at farming. The first thing we  
know, Mark will be writing articles on the  
science of farming for the New York *Tribune*  
or for some farm journal. He is getting the  
business down to a science.

The reporter for the Susan Longstreth  
Literary Society must have been a little mis-  
taken in her statements last week, for now  
the Invincible reporter comes to the front  
with the following:

The Invincibles desire to say that they did  
hold a meeting on the evening when the  
Susans proposed a leap year visit. Unex-  
pected band practice did not break up their  
program and they were not frightened. They  
will be glad to receive calls from the Susans  
at any time, especially this year. REPORTER.

In order to get the March *Red Man* out as  
soon as possible the printers have been doing  
night work. They are having a taste of piece  
work and seem to enjoy it. There are over  
eighty thousand ems in the *Red Man*. An  
em is the square of the body of a type. As  
most of the letters are thinner than an em it  
is safe to say that in 80,000 ems, there  
are at least 160,000 type set. Apprentices are  
necessarily slow workmen, but we are peg-  
ging away and hope to give the March num-  
ber to our readers next week. In preparing  
for the compositor the stirring addresses of  
General Howard, General Lee, Senator Knute  
Nelson, Congressman Snerman and Pendle-  
ton, Governor Hastings, Dr. Harris, Dr. Mc-  
Allister, Rudolph Blankenburg, Antonio  
Apache, Rev. Cornelius Hill and the orations  
of the graduates, we can say with truth it is  
most excellent reading matter. 5 cents a copy.

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His assurance that should Gov. Hastings ever enter the field in defense of our country, Virginia (Gen. Lee) would be found by his side along with Maine (Gen. Howard), was loudly applauded. He told of the days spent at Carlisle barracks as a lieutenant and of the scars received from a Comanche Indian in Texas, and spoke feelingly of his cordial reception now as compared with the one received in '63.

Chaplain McCabe sang one of his moving songs.

Hon. James S. Sherman, chairman of the Indian Committee of the House, said he found after conversation with Antonio Apache on the Indian question that they were not so far apart, and eulogized the work and influence of the Christian women of the land.

Senator Knute Nelson talked to the pupils more especially of the life after graduation and of his conviction that they should be located separately away from the reservation.

Dr. Harris, Commissioner of Education, spoke encouragingly of the future of the Indian and believed that with the proper education, the Indian would work out his own salvation.

The exercises closed with the singing of the doxology and benediction by Chaplain McCabe, and the vast audience dispersed to the strains of "Hail Columbia."

#### Wednesday Afternoon.

The exhibition in the gymnasium was the first thing on the programme Wednesday afternoon.

From the galleries, hundreds of visitors watched the athletic display and applauded heartily.

First, a company of thirty boys went through the varied movements as laid down in the tactics for infantry.

They were followed by 80 girls and 80 boys, who gave an exhibition of dumb-bell and Indian club drilling.

The game of basket ball between two teams of 9 each, captained by Frank Hudson and Jacob Jamison, was hotly contested, Hudson's team winning by one goal to nothing.

A general exhibition of gymnastic work on the trapeze, parallel bars, ropes, and other apparatus closed the performance there.

From the gymnasium the visitors went through the various shops, seemingly well pleased with the industrial features of the school.

#### Wednesday Evening.

On Wednesday evening was held what might be called the "Experience meeting." It was an impromptu affair, some of the distinguished guests being called on as the spirit moved while the band and choir gave pleasing variety. The Assembly Hall was literally packed with people so that nearly all the Indians were left out in the cold, so to speak, but they were glad to give way to guests.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Lemuel Moss. Among those who spoke were Gen. O. O. Howard, Antonio Apache, Rev. Cornelius Hill, (Oneida), Hon. James S. Sherman, Senator Nelson, Representative Pendleton, of Texas, Rudolph Blankenburg, of Phila., and Dr. James McAllister, President of Drexel Institute, while Chaplain McCabe sang "I love to tell the story," accompanied by the composer, Wm. G. Fisher, and as an encore the Chaplain sang "The Sword of Bunker Hill," playing his own accompaniment.

The exercises were most interesting, but our limited space prevents a fuller account.

The inspection of the schools took place Thursday morning, the Kindergarten work and Sloyd department proving of special interest.

For a complete account from Tuesday night, when Dr. Buckley lectured, to the close on Thursday afternoon secure a copy of *March Red Man*, which will be out in a week. Single copies 5 cents. A large number of the March edition are being ordered. We propose to satisfy all demands, but would like orders to be sent in before going to press so as to know about how many to print.

#### Enigma

I am composed of 17 letters.  
My 16, 15, 13, 14 is something used in a ceremony at weddings.  
My 6, 8, 5, 6 is what some horses do.  
My 3, 4, 17, 12 is the name of a girl.  
My 7, 1, 16, 9 is what people some times tell.  
My 10, 11, 2 is what we do to get water.  
My whole is what we admire among the Indians.  
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