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DO YOUR PART.

“NOT what we make our children learn,
But what we make them love;”—
For what the heart does purely yearn
Will reach it from above.

“All things will come to him who waits,”
If while he waits he works;
The guerdon won, the open gates,
Are not for him who shirks.

Then learn to love the good, the true
And ever keep up heart;
And when there's helpful work to do,
Be sure to do your part.

ISABEL SPENSER FREELAND, for the HELPER.

OUR OWN ACCOUNT OF COMMENCEMENT.

A partial story of the Eighteenth Anniversary and Ninth Graduating Exercises which occurred on the 9th, 10th and 11th of March has been written up by reporters and widely circulated throughout the land. Long columns in some of the largest city dailies were kindly given to the Carlisle Indian and the Commencement occasion, but the Man on the band-stand has his own story, and here it is in brief:

The Thursday afternoon exercises, which each year are the real occasion for the three days' celebration, deserve first mention.

The day was one of those magnificent Spring surprises which sandwich themselves in between periods of storm.

On Tuesday, the weather was foreboding. The air was filled with heavy fog, mist and rain all day, but Wednesday noon the skies began to clear, and on Thursday morning, the cloudless heavens, bright sunshine, soft breezes and twittering birds gave to the place an aspect of May, and everybody was accordingly cheerful and happy.

And the next day it rained.

Very soon after dinner on Thursday people began to gather on the grounds, perhaps because it had been announced that the band would give a concert, if the weather were favorable.

By 1:30 the throng of people was beyond anything ever before experienced, notwithstanding the fact that invitations and tickets had been issued, and no one was admitted who did not show one or the other.

Last year it was estimated that 2,500 people

were in attendance at the Commencement exercises, but this year by actual count over 3,000 were packed in the gymnasium, and many could not get in.

Governor Hastings occupied a central position in the front row of seats on the platform. On his right were Capt. Pratt, Rev. George L. Spinning, of South Orange, N. J., Rev. Dr. Dimmick, of Harrisburg, General John Eaton, LL. D., of Washington, D. C., Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, of the Bureau of Education, Hon. R. M. Henderson, Rev. Geo. Norcross, and President Reed, of Dickinson College; and on his left sat “Sassy” Chief, Governor of the Osages, Big Elk, Bacon Rind, Fancy calf, Saucy Osage, Committee men and ex-councillors, of the Osage Nation with their interpreter Mr. Mosier. Mr. Alfred Halftown, of the New York Agency was also with them. Behind these were several tiers of seats occupied by prominent men from home and abroad. At 1:45 the pupils marched in double file as the band played a martial air. It is always an impressive sight even to those accustomed to it to witness the six and seven hundred Indian boys and girls, with solemn earnest faces and stately tread, keeping faultless step to the music, marching from the entrance the entire length of the hall to the place allotted them in the west end. The class of '97, each wearing class colors and a bouquet was the last to enter, and received rousing cheers from the 3,000 present.

Capt Pratt made a few introductory remarks, Rev. Dr. Dimmick, of Harrisburg, led in prayer, and the program, consisting of music by the band which was especially enjoyed, singing by the school, which was full of heart, orations by the graduates, which were replete with fire and purpose, and a piano solo well executed, was carried out.

General Eaton presented the diplomas, and in the presentation address showed such depth of feeling in his profound utterances for the welfare of the Indian, of the school and of the class before him that the vast assemblage was greatly touched.

The members of class '97, as they stood upon the platform facing the audience, bore looks of serious thought and manly and womanly purpose.

Then came addresses by Governor Hastings, “Sassy” chief and Dr. Spinning, all of which with the exception of that given by the chief, were thrilling in eloquence and grand thought. The chief was quiet and sedate in his talk, which was interpreted. The true eloquence

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List of Commencement Guests Most of Whom Arrived by Wednesday's Special.

Gen. John Eaton, Ex-Commissioner of Education, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Capt. Newton, Marietta, Ohio, Mrs. Anna F. Beiler, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. John H. Voorhees, Amsterdam, New York, Mr. John H. Brady, and Hon. Wm. A. Kelly, Alaska, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Commissioner of Education for Alaska, Miss Jackson, Mr. G. B. Swinehart, Editor "Miner's Paper," Juneau, Alaska, Miss Wilbur, representing "Washington Post," Miss Josephine Chester, Educational Bureau, Washington, D. C., Miss Hodgkins, Land Division, Ind. Off., Architect Friebus, Indian Office, Mrs. Chappell, Finance Division, Indian Office, Mr. Ellis, Files Division, Indian Office and Mr. Frank La Fleche, Files Division, Indian Office, Mr. Emery, representing "Associated Press," Dr. J. H. Bradford, Indian Office, Mr. Olive, Acting Chief of Accounts, Indian Office, Rev. Dr. Fiske, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Spottswood, Adjutant-General's Office, War Department, Capt. and Mrs. Beck, U. S. A. Acting Indian Agent Omaha Agency, Nebraska, Hon. R. V. Belt, Ex-Assistant Indian Commissioner, Miss Ella C. Abbott, Sterling, Mass., Mrs. C. R. Agnew and daughter, Miss Agnew, N. Y., Ex-Governor Burke of North Dakota, Mr. Antonio Apache, Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. Marion Jennings, Lafayette, Ind., Mrs. N. M. Allen, St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Guy LeRoy Stevick, Denver, Colo., Mrs. Mason D. Pratt, Steelton, Pa., Rev. George L. and Mrs. Spinning, E. Orange, N. J., Miss Byington, Stockbridge, Mass., Miss Brewer, sister of Chief Justice Brewer, Mr. Joseph Ross, of Pine Ridge, Dakota, Miss Kennedy, of Chambersburg, Miss Gutelius, Harrisburg, Mr. Mosier, interpreter for Governor Saucy Chief, Big Elk, Bacon Rind, Fancy Calif, Saucy Osage, Councillors and ex-Councillors of the Osage Nation, Oklahoma, Mr. Field and two Kickapoo Indians in blankets, Oklahoma, Mr. George Appleton, Langhorne, Pa., Mr. J. W. Balderston and Mr. Geo. C. Brooks, Lathaska, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Balderston, Octoraro, Md., Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop, Columbus, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Banks and Miss Banks, Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs.

Davidson, Newville, Mrs. A. M. Daniels, Swarthmore, Miss Evans, Phila., Mr. Jacob Edge, and Miss Elizabeth D. Edge, Downingtown, Mrs. Isabel Spenser Freeland, Phila., Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus G. Iest, Miss Sabilla Griest, and Mr. J. W. Prickett, of Sunnyside, Mr. T. Groff, Avondale, Mr. Alfred Half-ton, Warren, Miss Emma Johnson and Miss Eliza Connelly, Lincoln Institute, Philadelphia, Miss Delia Pierce, Irving, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. S. Morris Jones, Miss Jones, and Mr. Evert B. Sharpless, Bakers, Pa., Mr. J. H. Knight, Hulmeville, Mrs. Deborah Leeds, Miss Sarah P. Leeds, Miss Margarette Leeds, Miss Kate Mander, Oak Lane, Mr. Thomas Mellor, Miss Eliza Mellor and Miss Hanna Mellor, West Chester, Miss Emily Maule and Miss Maule, Clomnell, Miss Ella M. Nivin and Miss Myra Nivin, Landenburg, Mr. R. P. Nisley and Miss Nisley, Mt. Joy, Miss E. W. Reeves and Miss Eliza R. Stokes, Philadelphia, Mr. W. A. Smith, Mr. Harvey Smith, Miss Anna M. Weigle and Miss Ella Wick-ersham, Bendersville, Miss Rebecca Scott, Philadelphia, Miss Margaret Scott, Concord, Miss Lizzie Sharpless and Miss Mary Sharpless, Landenburg, Mr. John P. Sharpless, Land-nburg, Miss Cora Tuller, Philadelphia, Mr. C. T. Vanartsdale, Newtown, Bucks, Co., Mr. Thomas Woolman, Philadelphia, Dr. and Mrs. Dreibelbis and son, Reading, Pa.

Those Who Came by Special Train, Thursday.

Hon. Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Hastings, Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Reeder, State Treasurer and Mrs. Haywood, Auditor General and Mrs. Mylin, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Mrs. Latta, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs and Mrs. Brown, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Dimmick, Rev. Dr. Geo. S. Chambers, Adjutant-General, Thomas J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Spayde, Mrs. Thomas M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wanbaugh, all of Harrisburg.

Of class '97, William Sherrill has gone to live with Mr. Satterthwaite, Fallsington; Lizzie Hill goes today to live with Miss Edge, at Downingtown, and will take a post graduate course; Annie Kowuni has found an excellent home with Mrs. Henderson, Rydal; Olive Miller goes to live with Mrs. Brocius, Lansdown; Nancy Seneca left Wednesday for the Medico-Chirurgical Institute, Philadelphia, to take a course in nursing; Mary Miller will enter a Kindergarten training school, Philadelphia; Julia Williams has entered upon regular duties as a teacher here; Edith Smith has a lovely home with Mrs. Daniels, Swarthmore, for a time; Frank Jones, has gone to his home in Oklahoma, where he will run "wild" for a brief period to gather up some strength stolen from him by La Grippe; then in the Fall he will be ready to enter some higher school of learning; Frank S. Shively entered Business College in town, this week; Samuel Gruett will go to the country for a few months before going home to Michigan; Alexander Upshaw will prepare himself to enter the Bloomsburg Normal, very soon; Clark Smith, has found employment with Mr. Plank in town; Albert Nash, will enter Dickinson preparatory.

We have not heard the plans of the others.

Hoop rolling!
Marbles, already.
Tops have had their season.
Miss Bowersox is in school again.
A good time to keep off the grass.
Wheels and wheelers are getting restive.

Harold Parker, has gone to Oklahoma, for a visit.

Emma Seowitsa is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Spring fever is not dangerous but it is very contagious.

Mr. Snyder's brother, Mr. William Snyder, was his guest for a night.

Some of the dear old trees are being removed to give place to younger ones.

Mr. Kensler's birthday comes next Sunday, and the days and nights are equal. Queer isn't it?

Albert Bishop class '92, has been transferred from the Wittenberg, Wisconsin school to Red Lake, Minnesota.

President Dreher, of Roanoke College, Virginia, made a run through the school the day after Commencement.

Mrs. Dennison Wheelock and baby Richard Edmond, left this week for Mr. Wheelock's home in Oneida, Wisconsin.

Miss Barr gave a party to a few of her friends among the pupils and others on Saturday evening, in Mrs. Thompson's rooms.

The snow Saturday morning was a great surprise to early risers. There was almost enough for sleighing. All gone, again.

A surprise party gotten up by Isaac Seneca, was given in honor of his sister Nancy in the Society Hall, girls' quarters, last Monday evening.

Mrs. Allen of St. Louis, Mrs. Pratt's sister left for the West Sunday night, having made all too short a visit to satisfy her many Carlisle friends.

Miss Lampson has left Carlisle for other fields of labor. She rendered excellent service as a teacher in the time she was here, and leaves with the very best wishes of all.

Our school has entered a team in the relay race to take place in Philadelphia on April 25. They will likely be asked to run the four-mile race with Pennsylvania, Harvard and Yale.

Mrs. Pratt received as a birth day gift in February a handsome Spaulding, which only arrived Wednesday. She is already master of the silent steed and only awaits favorable weather to try the new machine.

The "Washington Post" said of the band at Washington. "The martial music which these thirty young braves managed to extract from their brass and reeds would not be discreditable to the United States Marine Band."

An interesting occurrence on Sunday afternoon was the baptism of Richard Edmond Wheelock, by the Rev. Dr. Norcross of the Second Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, in the Assembly Hall of the school.

Mr Fitzpatrick, clerk at Ft. Belknap Agency, Mont., his wife, sister and sister-in-law visited the school on Tuesday. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a native of Pennsylvania, and met Miss Burgess in her girl-hood days, yes, years ago.

The reception on Thursday night tendered by Capt. and Mrs. Pratt to the graduating class was largely attended, several of the visitors having remained over. Social chit-chat was the order of the evening, which proved a very happy ending to a week of more or less strain to all concerned. Refreshments were served a little before ten, soon after which the company dispersed, and Commencement for '97 passed into history.

Mrs. Given left on Monday evening for Keokuk, Iowa, to attend the funeral of her father, the late Rev. Dr. Brown. The sad news at Carlisle of the death of this great and much beloved friend of the Indian cast a gloom over the school. He died at Holton, Kan., surrounded by his daughter and grandchildren, among others, Mr. J. B. Given who arrived from Chicago in time to see his grandfather before he passed away. Dr. Brown was a man of over eighty, and the world has been made the better for his having lived.

Was there ever a machine made or creature born that Mr. French, of Jamestown, could not imitate? On Wednesday evening he held his audience in a broad grin, when not convulsed with laughter, for an hour, by his unique and original entertainment. Mr. French is a whole menagerie of domestic animals, birds of the air and creeping things, mosquitoes and bumblebees within himself, to say nothing of the machine shops, phonographs, brass-bands, meat-saws, saw-mills, locomotives, banjos, tambourines and mouthorgans he carries in his mouth and nose. His impersonations of various rural personages were very taking.

The Mishler Brothers, class '97, left for their homes in Wisconsin almost immediately after the graduating exercises. They are both printers, and will be missed more in the printing office, perhaps, than any other department, although the winning manner possessed by each made for them many friends who will miss them socially. Good hearted boys, both of them! And may they find pleasant paths of duty, is the wish of their long time friend—the Man-on-the-band-stand.

On Tuesday evening the school had the pleasure of hearing Professor and Mrs. J. J. Lowe, in their sacred concert "Life of Christ in Picture and Song." The voices of Prof. and Mrs. Lowe blended beautifully in choice but familiar hymns, which they rendered in inimitable style, as the pictures of Christ from many of the scenes of the Bible were thrown upon canvas by a large and superbly managed lantern. Rarely have we seen our large school audience so intense in its attention, and the story of Jesus although familiar to all, was so impressed by the beautiful pictures and soul-stirring songs, that it cannot possibly be effaced from the memories of those who witnessed and heard.

William Crazybull Girton, ex-pupil, says in a business letter that he is still policeman at Pine Ridge.

The Souvenirs of the school containing 60 views are still on sale. With the exception of a visit no better idea can be received of the school than by a glance through these pleasing pictures. Price 25 cents; or FREE for ten HELPER subscriptions and two cents extra for postage.

CLASS OF 1897



SAM'L GRUETT Chippewa C. W. THUNDER Sioux EDW. RODGERS Chippewa B. CORNELIUS Oneida MARY MILLER Chippewa WM. SHERRILL Cherokee CHAS. MISHLER Chippewa
ROBT. DEBOR Siletz LIZZIE HILL Sioux GRACE REDEAGLE Quapaw MABEL RUCK Sioux FRANK JONES Sac and Fox JULIA WILLIAMS Chippewa
REDKETTLE Martha Owl ANNIE KOWUNI Sioux ALEX. UPshaw Crow NANCY SENECA Seneca CLARK SMITH Klamath EDITH M. SMITH Tiscora
SARA SMITH Cherokee FRANK S. SHIVELY Pueblo OLIVE MILLER Crow CHRISTINE WIRTH Assinaboine LOUIS MISHLER Chippewa ALBERT NASH Winnelago

of the Indian is only heard in his own council chamber.

The lecture on Tuesday evening, by General Eaton, before the literary societies and a good audience of Carlisle's influential citizens, up on the subject, "My Personal Memories of Lincoln and Grant," was really the beginning of the exercises of the week, unless the excellent baccalaureate sermon of last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Wile, may be said to be the beginning.

On Wednesday, visitors from Philadelphia and Washington and intermediate points, 120 in all, arrived by special train. After luncheon, the gymnasium was the center of attraction. The crowd that gathered to witness the calisthenic and gymnastic drill, the company drill and the basket ball by both boys and girls taxed the galleries to their utmost. These various drills were performed with a degree of perfection that elicited much favorable comment and many inquiries as to who was the instructor, thus reflecting great credit upon Disciplinarian Thompson, who gave the necessary training without taking the pupils an hour from their studies or work.

Then the shops were visited. Instructors and pupils went ahead as nearly as possible as at routine work, operating sewing machines, manufacturing clothing, shoes, harness, tinware, setting up wagons, welding iron, joining and cabinet building, washing and ironing, darning stockings and doing the intricate

parts of dressmaking, painting and printing just as though there were not hundreds of people watching every movement of hand and eye.

There were specimens of handiwork in each department on display showing results, and many of these were closely examined by critics in manual training.

The meeting on Wednesday evening was another great gathering. In former years the Wednesday evening meeting has been held in the school Assembly Hall, which seats a thousand comfortably, but last year the throng was so great that our own pupils were crowded out, so, to give all a chance to hear the distinguished speakers, the exercises this year were held in the gymnasium, which was filled to overflowing and some could not be admitted.

The program was an impromptu affair as it always is. In addition to music by the band, singing by the school and choir, vocal solos, and piano music, there were stirring addresses by Ex-Governor Burke of Dakota, Governor Brady, of Alaska, Saucy Chief, of the Osages, Antonio Apache, of Cambridge, Capt. Beck, U. S. A., Agent of the Omahas and Winnebagoes, Nebraska, Mr. J. H. Bradford of the Indian Office, Mr. Frank LaFlesche, of the Indian Office, an Omaha Indian, Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Washington, D. C., Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson College, Isabel Spenser Freeland, of Philadelphia, and Rev. George L. Spinning of East Orange, N. J.