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## TO THE NEW-YEAR.

ONE song for thee, New Year!  
One universal prayer!  
Teach us—all other teaching far above—  
To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love;  
To slay all hatred, strife,  
And live the larger life!  
To bind the wounds that bleed,  
To lift the fallen, lead the blind  
As only love can lead—  
To live for all mankind.

Teach us, New Year, to be  
Free men among the free,  
Our only master Duty; with no God  
Save one—our Maker—monarchs of the sod!  
Teach us, with all its light,  
Its day, its night,  
Its grief, its gloom,  
Its heart-beats tremulous,  
Its beauty and its bloom—  
God made the world for us!

—FRANK L. STANTON, in Songs of the Sod.

## MAJOR AND MRS. PRATT IN THE BERMUDAS.

Major Pratt in a letter to Mr. Standing which came in time to be read to the pupils on Christmas for a Christmas greeting says:

"We had a quiet passage except for a few hours at the end, and were not then materially uncomfortable."

They stopped first at the Hamilton House, but are now at Mr. Hodgson's across the bay from Hamilton, "a rarely picturesque place in this island community of nothing but picturesqueness."

So far their experiences have more than met their expectations.

The air has been balmy and mellow and the thermometer ranges from 67 to 73 degrees seeming a little cooler than that because of moisture.

The roads are superb for the wheel, and the bays filled with small islands are fine for boating of all sorts.

The Bermudas belong to Great Britain, and the Major refers to the land and naval forces which in their carriage and equipment compel respect.

"I shall not write much now," he says "but hope to receive the benefit which I came to get."

"The boat sails at 10:30 this A. M., and if she does as well going back as she did coming down you should have this on Sunday, Christmas. If so, please publicly express to all students and employees my hearty Christmas greetings."

## HOLIDAY DOINGS.

Monday, December 26th, was the day observed at our school as the Christmas holiday, but this year Christmas was spread out more than in years when the day does not occur on Sunday.

When the small boys went to English-speaking on Saturday night they left their assembly room looking as it always does when they leave, except that some of the older ones of their number had artistically draped pretty trimmings of green on nails and over pictures.

But in the hour the boys were absent Santa Claus came and brought a tree, trimmed it and loaded it down with presents.

He came and went before they got back, and who can picture the surprise that was on the faces of the company of boys as they marched in from chapel that Saturday night?

Soon they heard distant bells, for Santa was coming with another load. The jingling sounded nearer and nearer until finally the reindeer stopped just outside the door, and Santa, white with snow and frost, came bounding in to make his boys happy.

His speeches kept them laughing all the while as he handed their presents.

Every-boy was remembered and some of them had so many friends at the school that they received an arm-load of presents. The new boys understood how that was, and know that they, too, will have many friends after they have been here longer, but wasn't it kind in Old Santa Claus to not forget them this time?

### At the Girls' Quarters.

Santa Claus came out of a real chimney at the girls' quarters; besides a tree there was a fire-place and chimney.

For some hours before, and all during the English speaking meeting the girls' assembly hall was making ready for the reception of the girls as they came from chapel on Satur-

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Do not hesitate to take the HELPER from the Post Office for if you have not paid for it some one else has. It is paid for in advance.

Hugh Chee is helper at the Ft. Sill school, Oklahoma.

Isaac Cutter is harness-maker at the San Carlos, Arizona, Indian school.

Nellie Carey, ex-pupil, is assistant seamstress at the Omaha Agency school, Nebraska.

Henrietta B. Fremont, class '95, Carlisle, is still teaching at the Crow Creek school, South Dakota.

We see in a list of employees at the Phoenix school that Morgan Toprock is Assistant-Disciplinarian.

A new paper devoted to the interests of the Winnebago and Omaha Indians is to be started in the near future, at Pender, Nebraska, by Messrs. Chase and Comstock, so it is said.

Juan Thomas, Edward Walker, Abbie Duxtator, Clarinda Charles, Daisy Wasson, Nellie Orme, Ida Wheelock, Matilda Jamison, Est aine Depelsquestangu, Lilly Felix, Alice Baker and Sosipatra Suvoroff, came from their country homes to spend Christmas, preferring this time to Commencement when there are such crowds. They showed good sense.

We are pleased to note that the interesting Indian News, published by the Genoa Nebraska Indian School, comes this month in clear, clean readable print. We know of some of the disadvantages under which they have labored, and the surprise to the Man-on-the-band-stand has been that they were able to produce any print, but the December number shows that they have new material for which they are to be congratulated.

We see by the list of employees of the Pawnee school, Oklahoma, that Phebe Howell is assistant laundress. Phebe carries the diplomas from two Philadelphia schools of nursing and is capable of earning in the east from fifteen to twenty-five dollars a week. We understand that she is remaining at the Agency to be near an aged mother in her declining years. We are pleased that Phebe has pluck to take a position lower than she is fitted to carry, rather than do nothing.

"Indian Killer" is the name of a certain brand of whiskey used in the South West. It would be an appropriate name for all brands.

Mr. Elmer B. Simon, '96, who is attending the State Normal School, at Indiana, Pa., was a guest of Prof. Bakeless during the holidays. He left for Indiana Monday evening.

A beautiful calendar from the Thomas W. Price Co. of Philadelphia of whom we buy our HELPER paper, was one of the gifts prized by the Man-on-the-band-stand's workers this Christmas.

Later letters from Major and Mrs. Pratt than the one mentioned on first page have been received. A number came yesterday, and all show that the absent ones are well and as happy as can be away from where they would rather be than anywhere else, at Carlisle. They do not exactly say so, but between the lines we read that Carlisle is the best place after all.

Howice Seonia, who is living with Mrs. Collins, rejoices by letter over her good Christmas time. Santa Claus was generous to her. She received a handsome Bible for reciting the Shorter Catechism, a book for regular attendance at Sabbath School, a box of handkerchiefs from her pastor's wife, candy and many other things, all of which made her very happy. She wishes all at Carlisle a Happy New Year.

Miss Merritt formerly connected with the school, is now the wife of Lieut. F. J. Morrow of the 17th U S A., which regiment is stationed at Columbus, Ohio. The 17th has been ordered to the Phillipines and it is understood Mrs. Morrow will accompany her husband to those far away islands. The journey will be by way of the Suez Canal. The regiment will leave about the 15th of the present month. Lieut. Morrow was transferred to the 17th from the 7th Infantry.

Those who spent Christmas among friends at a distance were: Professor Bakeless, at Shamokin Dam, Pa; Miss Cutter, Amherst, Mass; Miss Paul, Blairsville, this State; Miss Luckenbach, Bethlehem; (not Judea); Mr. Snyder, Lock Haven; Mr. Ralston at his home, near Carlisle; Mrs. Butler, Miss McCook and Miss Seonia, Philadelphia; Miss Cochran, Millerstown; Miss Forster in Washington; Miss Senseney, in Baltimore and Washington; Miss Wilson in Philadelphia; Mrs. Sawyer at South Norwalk, Conn.

To show how we read, be it said that 243 boys took out books from the library last week, and 113 girls. Some think the girls do not read as much as the boys do. There is a small excuse for this if the statement be true, seeing that the girls do twice as much work for themselves as the boys do. Who ever heard of the boys making shirt-waists and dresses for themselves out of work hours? Then, too, the dining-room detail alone takes 68 girls every day, and much of that work is done when the boys are at play. "But" says an interested young woman who understands the situation, "the girls could read more if they would, and they spend more time than is necessary in dressing themselves to look pretty." The Man-on-the-band-stand admires the young lady with a polished brain more than one with small intellect in a fine dress.

Good-bye, sleighing.

Slush and water everywhere.

Happy ninety-nine to every body.

Now is the time for overshoes, if ever

School began in earnest on January 2nd.

Who is not glad for the lengthening days?

Edmond Wheelock is getting over an attack of grip.

A cold wave is promised, then for more skating.

The Band was photographed by Mr. Rogers on Friday last.

Miss McCook has been the victim of La Grippe for a few days.

Myron Moses took Christmas dinner with friends at Mt. Holly Springs.

Who was that boy that tried to use cheese as butter, at the Christmas dinner?

Mrs. Bakeless and John are at Milroy, where they went to meet Santa Claus.

Last Wednesday Mr. Dennison Wheelock "tripped" to Philadelphia on school business.

There was good skating up to Friday during the holidays, and the sport was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Richenda Pratt has returned to Wilson College, after an enjoyable holiday season at home.

Miss Eversman of Carlisle, was a guest of Mr. J. Wheelock at the club dinner on Christmas.

A number have been kind enough to say that they missed the little HELPER greatly, last week.

Miss Cora Freye, violinist, of Chambersburg, was Miss Hill's guest on Monday and Tuesday.

Harry Seonia made himself useful during the holidays by assisting the small girls in their skating.

Prof. Rubenstine's orchestra, which made such a strike last Friday evening will surely be in demand throughout the season.

Miss Shaffner has gone on her winter rounds among the girls in country homes. She will visit all the schools attended by Indian girls and report accordingly.

Frank Rooks says he likes his country home the very best because the people are all so kind to him, and he likes the school children, too.

Miss Newcomer, of Kansas, is the late Civil Service appointee. Miss Paull has taken Miss Simmons' school and Miss Newcomer has No. 2

Elige Crow and Lossel Bigjim visited Hampton, Va., during the holidays. Mary Wilkin-son, of Hampton, visited Ella Rickert here at the same time.

Isaac Seneca, Samuel Barker, Bazile Thomas, Hugh Leider, John Kawi, Paul Smith, David Abraham, Melissa Cornelius, Celicia Metoxen, Lucy Ramone and Mary Moon spent a part of the holidays among their country friends.

Mrs. Rumsport, of the teachers' club kitchen has been spending the holidays at her home in Huntingdon. While absent her husband was injured on the railroad, and it is feared the caring for him will take her from us for some time, if not altogether.

There should be good Society meetings to-night, the first in the new year.

It is said that the Chilocco school, Oklaho-ma, is soon to have a paper of its own.

A number of the teachers and students at-tended the Passion Play, yesterday afternoon, at the Carlisle Opera House.

In the Bermuda Royal Gazette we note the names of Major and Mrs. R. H. Pratt, among other arrivals at the Hamilton.

Master George and Miss Laura Jones of Steelton came with Dorothy who lives at Mr. Pratts, to spend Sunday.

Capt. Becker, of Billings, Montana, the new-ly appointed agent for the Crow Indians, with his wife and son called at the school on their way west.

Mrs. Standing has had an almost serious tus-sle with La Grippe, having been bed-fast for several days. We are glad to report that she is improving.

It is Miss Senseney's and Miss Smith's turn to visit the Invincibles, to-night; Miss Seonia and Miss Paull the Standards, and Miss Peter and Miss Robertson, the Susans.

The Man on-the-band-stand's chief clerk was the recipient of a handsome waste-paper bas-ket from the "printorial" force. He is glad it came in time to receive the Spring poetry.

The Sunshine Scatterers, Miss Bender's Circle of Kings' Daughters when she was a teacher with us, tendered her a reception on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, Miss Bender left for her home near Philadelphia.

On last Saturday evening at the Christmas tree in the girls' quarters Miss Ericson gave a brief but interesting talk on the English custom of holding Christmas festivities on Christmas Eve, as we did this year.

Anna Lewis wished just a little, she says, that she could have come in from her country home to spend the holidays, but she adds that she would not have missed Tuesday of last week where she was for all the sports of Car-lisle.

The cold wave the middle of last week was a bitter one, still we were warm compared to some sections of the country. Not a hundred miles north, the mercury registered 26 below zero. At no time here was it more than 4 be-low.

A lot of new books for the library is the present most appreciated by Professor Bakeless and the librarian this Christmas. The Pro-fessor believes that a good library such as we are getting will be a greater incentive for in-tellectual growth and activity than any other one feature of the school. Our young men and women have made perceptible advance in their tastes for good books.

Miss Simmons has gone to Boston to take special musical training. In her life as a teacher with us she has made a host of friends who wish her the greatest success in her new field. Miss Simmons has musical talent, and no doubt will make her mark in the world as a violinist. It will be remembered that Miss Simmons is a Sioux Indian maiden who has worked her way through school and partly through college, having attained prominence in her college life at Earlham College, In-diana.

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day night, and such a sight as met their gaze when they did come cannot be forgotten very soon.

The tree was brilliant with sparkling tinsel and flashing lights, and the room was prettily decorated with evergreens.

All received presents, and some received several.

The little girls each got a doll, with which every one was delighted.

The little Indian girls love dolls, and some of the girls who are not so very little like to play with them.

No one went to bed at 9:30 on Christmas eve this year, for it took a long time to distribute the presents, and a longer time to settle down after all the jollity of two or three hours was over.

A company of girl singers waited up till after mid-night, when they serenaded the various quarters with the sweet singing of carols. This was appreciated by all who heard it, and has been commented upon since as being very delightful at that still hour of the night.

#### At the Large Boys' Quarters.

There was no tree and no Santa Claus at the big boys' quarters, but there was no one there too large to receive a present. Stacks of gifts were piled upon tables and benches, and who can say that the boy grown to the stature of a young man is not just as pleased as any small boy when he is remembered by dear friends at Christmas?

Santa Claus did not come in person, but he forgot no one; and as in the other quarters, those who have been there the longest and have made the most friends received the most gifts.

#### The Faculty and Officers.

As a number of the teachers went away to spend the holidays, presents began to fly from room to room as early as Friday evening. Santa Claus was as kind to the faculty as he was to the pupils. We think no one was forgotten. Perhaps the most original gift was one received by Miss Ely from a large number of her co-workers. A pair of handsome opera glasses with an artistic booklet beautifully designed and painted by Miss Forster, was the gift. Mrs. Cook composed an appropriate poem, a stanza of which occupied each alternating page. On the first page was a sketch of Miss Ely as she sits at her desk, a perfect likeness, and on each page opposite the artistic lettering in green was an appropriate sketch. Mrs. Standing was given a beautiful cut glass dish by her friends—the faculty and officers.

There were other general gifts, class gifts to teachers and shop gifts to instructors.

#### The Dinners.

The menu was not printed as usual for the pupils' dinner, but the roast chicken and turkey with the accompanying vegetables and desserts were enjoyed as much. At the teachers' club, the usual good dinner was served. Both dining-halls were decorated prettily.

#### Sunday Afternoon.

The Christmas Service for the School was held at the usual hour for Sunday afternoon service. Rev. Dr. Wile officiated, assisted by Assistant-Superintendent Standing in the responsive reading. The band was at its best and played in rich melodious strains "The Heavens are Telling" from The Creation—Haydn. The Choir sang Neidlinger's Anthem and Chorus—"A Little Town of Bethlehem." The band accompanied the school singing which interspersed the responsive reading. Dr. Wile's sermon was brief but full of deep and impressive thoughts appropriate for the time and occasion.

#### The Evenings

On Monday evening a basket ball team made up of band boys met a team from Company B in open combat before the assembled multitude in the gymnasium. The band won by a score of 6 to 2. On Tuesday evening there were stereopticon views in Assembly Hall. On Wednesday evening a continuation of the same. These pictures are always enjoyed. On Thursday night the New Year's Sociable in which the whole school participated was held in the gymnasium. Refreshments, consisting of apples, oranges, candy and nuts in paper bags of generous size were served. On Friday evening the literary societies of the school carried out a very enjoyable program which was gotten up by the pupils themselves with only such help as would naturally come through suggestions when advice was asked. This brings no strain upon faculty and officers, and is all the more enjoyed, especially when the entertainment is of such high order as Friday night's performance. The musical farce was perhaps the number that brought out the heartiest laughter, although there were other excellent numbers. The sentiment was unanimous that the affair was the best of its kind we have had for many a day. Saturday night was stormy and all enjoyed a stay-in evening, while some sat up to see the old year out.

#### An Enigma From One of Our Girls.

I am composed of 10 letters.  
My 7, 2, 8, 4 is a covering for the face.  
My 10, 9, 4, 3 is what we all like to be.  
My 6, 5, 10 is a tree.  
My 6, 9, 3, 4 is a loud noise.  
My 1, 9, 2, 4 is a kind of meat.  
My whole is the name of my country school.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA IN No. 9.: Happy New Year.