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TO HELEN HUNT.

"The birds must know. Who wisely sings.
Will sing as they."

She must have known. On angel wings.
She sings as they.
Her sweet, sad voice still fondly rings
In memory.
To California's shores she came.
Kindness at heart.
From honored rank, or common fame,
She stood apart,
Where quaint Ventura's lonely strand
Resists the foam.
She pauses, christens the fair land—
RAMONA'S home.

Sweet Helen Hunt! In myriad bowers
Birds sing for thee.
And, wand'ring 'mongst the sweet wild flowers,
Thy face we see.
Her Colorado's mountain crests
Reverent, we view.
Upon the splendid couch she rests
Nearer Heaven's blue.
Hark! the joyous anthems ringing
All through the skies;
Evermore her pure voice singing
God's melodies.

HARRY E. BURGESS.

Santa Monica, Cal.

A BASE FABRICATION.

The boys and girls that are "outing" for an eastern school do not get the money they earn. The money is kept for them at the school. This is fine — [The Indian Mission, (Catholic), Banning, California.

We print the above that all Carlisle students, past and present, may see just how unmitigated a liar the Catholic priest is, who says, writes and prints such whole-cloth fabrications.

Every Carlisle student knows that he always got every cent he ever earned, and that in many cases where the earnings were material, what he had earned was made to earn more for him through being at interest under the methods provided at the school.

HORRIBLE INDIAN DANCES STILL PRACTICED.

A letter from a person now among the Pueblo Indians, gives such a description of a snake

dance recently witnessed, that a reporter's interview with Mrs. Alice Bennett, a few months ago, published in the San Francisco Examiner is brought vividly to mind.

Mrs. Bennett says the Examiner, has given several years and a good share of an inherited private fortune to an attempted amelioration of the lot of the Indian tribes of Southern California and Arizona. She was a personal friend of the late Helen Hunt Jackson, and



Snake Dance, as Practiced by Some Pueblo Tribes near Santa Fe Route, in New Mexico.

on the death of the famous author Mrs. Bennett took up Mrs. Jackson's work of showing the injustice of the government's dealings with the western Indians.

The article is too long to print all, but what she says of the Pueblo dances, having been nearly corroborated by the statements of personal friends who have lived among these Indians, we print, to show, as she says, that "the most crying need among the Indians of the Southwest, is restriction of their abominable dances, which are—I blush to say—encouraged by the white people."

In the semitropic regions of New Mexico and Arizona the Indians dance much more fanatically and often than their red brothers do in the colder regions. Every Indian outrage in the Territories during the last dozen years may be traced to some idea or superstition or fascination born during a tribal dance. The

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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.

It is VERY important for you to SAY "renewal" when you renew by letter.

Ignacio Casto, who went home to California on account of a diseased ankle, has had his leg amputated at the County Hospital, San Jacinto, California. He has suffered greatly with it, but now it is hoped he will soon get well.

Rev. Francis A. Strough of Little Falls, N. Y., entertained the student body on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with stereopticon views. His first lecture was on "The Modern Prodigal Son" picturing the temptations and pitfalls which confront a young man when he starts out in life. The last was on "Our New Possessions, with views from Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines.

A teacher in Dauphin Co., Miss Hoy, interested her pupils in the HELPER to the extent that quite a number of them subscribed. There is no better way to instill into the minds of the growing youth of our country the true status of the rising Indian, and to "instill" OUT of their heads the blood-and-thunder, be-painted, be-feathered savage, so frequently exhibited to excited crowds as the real Indian, than by interesting them in the plain little HELPER, which gives the Indian his just due, and thus Helps.

The Printers are playing no mean football, and have shown that they have not only the bodies but the brains to win. They played the Tailors on the 28th of October, winning by a score of 5-0. Last Saturday they played the Gardner's sons—Carpenters, and won by a score of 6-5. To-morrow they play the Kemp student's—Harness makers, the results of which we await with curiosity. It is too bad that the shop boys stood in their own light, and by not stopping when the workbell rings—the FIRST bell, caused orders to be issued to have these interesting and very profitable games ended. Some calves always WILL take enough rope to strangle themselves if a little liberty of string is given. Too bad! Who ARE the calves? It is said there will be no more playing this year between shops.

Mr. Charles E. Dagenett, '91, who is attending Eastman at Poughkeepsie, speaks of the school in high praise. He has found it all he expected and more. He says: "From the time one enters he is kept ever mindful of the words of Smiles—'self-help.' The object of the whole institution seems to be individuality. It is simply a question of merit. The millionaire's son and the country plowboy must travel the same road and by the same vehicle—'self-help.' The dose is pretty hard for many to take, but the effect is excellent." Mr. and Mrs. Dagenett expect to witness the Princeton-Indian game at New York to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson reports the game at Utica, N. Y., last Saturday, as very satisfactory. Our boys won by a score of 32-0. They were treated as gentlemen, and the praise of the boys regarding Hamilton College and the surroundings are profuse. Congressman Sherman, of the Indian Committee of the House of Representatives, with a number of friends witnessed the game. He was very enthusiastic over "our boys" as he called them. Leander Gansworth, '96, who is on the Booneville Herald, as printer, also was there. He is looking in splendid health all say, and is getting on well.

Joseph Denomie, who has been home for some time was not well for over seven months and did not work, but he has regained his health and is happy in that he has a "good job" he says. He is full of gratitude to the doctor to whom he believes he owes his life. He was ill in Chicago, last year, when the boys played the University of Illinois, and "How I wanted to see that game! But I could not turn my head at that time."

Any one who knows the address of Miss Julia V. A. Henry, formerly a student of Wilson College, Chambersburg, and daughter of a foreign missionary, will confer a favor on the HELPER by sending us the same.

The Indian Advance, published at the Carson Indian School, Nevada, is a six page monthly, neatly printed and full of interesting news.

Pick out your favorite contestant for the twenty-five dollar prize and give him or her a lift of at least ONE new name. You do not know any of them? Do as the first lot of Indians did who came to us twenty years ago in blankets and feathers. They had no English names, and their Indian appellations were such ponderous "tongue-twisters" that it was found necessary to give them common first names; so, Peter, Robert, Lewis, and a long list of such names were written upon the board, and the blanketed student was requested to select. He could not read, so took what seemed to him the most picturesque in long tailed letters. Our readers might do the same. Select the name which has the most attraction. Never mind whether Indian or not. It is impossible to tell from the list whether they are Indian or not, and that is what Carlisle is trying to do in the general civilization of the tribes; we wish to mix up individuals in the general population and business interests of the country so that they will no longer be identified as INDIANS and a peculiar people. Now VOTE! See list of those who have sent in over fifty, last page.

A fine "spell of weather."
Dress parade on Wednesday evening
Election is over, and the next day it didn't
rain.

Mr. Snyder, master tailor, spent a day in
Lewistown.

Mr. Elmer Simon has gone to Michigan on
school business.

Mr. Beitzel, Major Pratt's chief financial
clerk, is taking a short vacation.

"Gingin" Eastman looks like Little Red
Ridinghood in her pretty new cloak.

Miss Campbell is having a good time in Buf-
falo, N. Y. visiting friends and relatives.

Who is it that says "eter-NUTTY", for eterni-
ty, in his singing? And "evul" for evil?

We play Princeton in New York, to-morrow,
and everybody is anxious, but full of hopes.

Mrs. Forster, of Harrisburg, has been a guest
of her daughter, our teacher of art, for a few
days.

Miss Ely is receiving letters from a number
of her friends wanting her photograph, "right
quick."

Major Pratt gave a stirring and interesting
talk Saturday evening, pointing out the way to
success.

Coach Warner is getting his football boys
down to some pretty snappy practice these
evenings.

Mr. Standing is in attendance upon the Bal-
timore Yearly Meeting of Friends, and is tak-
ing a part of his annual leave.

Two of the hounds that were raised at the
new farm have come up to the school, and
will be Major's special friends.

The Shoemakers and Blacksmiths had a
game of football on the athletic field last Sat-
urday, the former winning by 10-0.

Rev. Mr. Mosser, pastor of the William E.
Allison Methodist Episcopal Church of Car-
lisle, preached to us Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. and Miss Chester, of Washington, D.C.,
are here for a week, the latter to rest from
clerical work in the Bureau of Education.

S. Kendall Paul is the happy recipient of
his diploma, earned during the summer at the
University of Philadelphia for a course in
stenography.

Dr. Eastman went to Washington during
the week on business, and taking a heavy cold
was bedfast there. He soon got better and
returned Thursday.

To-night Mrs. Dorsett and some one in Miss
Campbell's place will attend the Invincible
society; Miss Cochran and Miss Weekley the
Standards and Mrs. Cook and Miss Wood the
Susans.

In the Haskell Leader we see that Miss
Stanton, our old teacher from whom we
have not heard for a long time, attended an
afternoon service there recently, showing that
she still is.

The school gave a good exhibition on Thurs-
day night, but where is all the spectacular?
From elaborately trimmed stage to perfectly
plain rostrum is quite a come down. There
were several excellent numbers on the pro-
gram. Celinda King played her first piano
solo in public, and it was well received.

The pupils of Number 12 schoolroom, Mrs.
Cook, teacher, have organized their debating
society with, Grace Warren as president,
Ulysses Ferris, vice-president and Harold
Parker, Secretary.

We learn that Miss Miles' father, whom she
crossed the continent to see, died recently, and
she has the sympathy of many friends at the
school. Miss Miles is expected to arrive from
Oregon in a few hours.

Mr. Thompson's house is getting a much
needed coat of paint. Mr. Standing's was
painted, also, during the week. There are
other places needing freshening up, but will
come in, in their turn.

Miss Flora Campbell, '94, now at Sitka,
gives evidence of renewed interest in her
Alma Mater by subscribing for Red Man and
HELPER.

The Carlisle Fortnightly Literary Club of
Women met in Mrs. Pratt's parlor on Friday
night. Mrs. Pratt is in Pittsburg, this week,
in attendance upon the State Federation of
Women's Clubs, as a delegate from the Fort-
nightly.

Mr. George Connor, of London, England
and a prominent long-distance runner, who
for three years was with the Chicago Athlet-
ic Club and for three years with Cornell, is
now with us as specialist in physical training
for the football boys.

Mrs. Dorsett and the King's Daughters
whose names were given last week, who at-
tended the State Convention of the Young
Women's Christian Association at William-
sport, report having had a very pleasant time,
although the weather was anything but agree-
able. The statement last week that it was a
King's Daughters' Convention was in error.

The Band Concert which was postponed on
account of the death of Dr. Wile, will be
given in the Opera House, Carlisle, Novem-
ber 22nd. William Paris Chambers, one of
the finest cornetists known will play several
solos. Any one who has heard this artist
once would pay almost any price to hear
him again, and those who have not heard
him will miss a great treat if they do not
take advantage of the present opportunity.
Admission, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

The same old story: The girls as a battal-
ion march out of Assembly Hall in better
step than do the boys, especially when the
band plays them out. When 200 boys keep
very good step, showing splendid character
and interest, it is too bad to have their march-
ing spoiled by another hundred scattered in
the various companies, who are too tired (?)
to bring their feet down in time. There is
more character in a man's walk than people
think.

Miss Mary P. Jayne, who is living at the
little mission home among the Cheyenne and
Arapahoes, speaks in a recent letter of the ap-
preciation by the missionaries of the work of
Carlisle. She says "Quite a number of your
old students are among us, and some are do-
ing admirably. William Little Elk is an
earnest, faithful Christian, a leader of his peo-
ple, and a deacon in the Baptist church here."
She says many of the callers at the mission
are returned students and all enjoy the HELP-
ER, which is filed for future use.

Perfect setup

Warner

Pueblo Indians dance for sunshine, good crops and health. They dance for rain and dance for clear skies. If there is a flood after they have danced for a rain the Great Spirit is angry, and the medicine men cast about the tribe for some one responsible for the condition of the weather. Then comes another outrage.

Many an Indian dance has been started by the money of a lot of cowboys and curious sightseers in a pueblo, who wishes to see the excited Indians, the shameless nudity of the dancers of both sexes and to have something exciting to break the monotony of life on the alkali plains.

OUR PERRY COUNTY FRIENDS LIKE THE BAND.

The Perry County Democrat says of the Indian Band's recent visit to New Bloomfield.

The Indian Band arrived overland from Carlisle about 9 o'clock and gave an open-air concert at noon from the spacious grand stand which had been erected on the square. The music of this famous band, one of the foremost in the United States, was simply exquisite. Many of the numbers rendered, though difficult of execution, were given with an artistic grace and beauty of melody which excited the admiration of every lover of music

CONGRATULATIONS FROM STANFORD.

Donald Campbell who when he lived at Carlisle was a small boy, and who is now a student in the great Leland Stanford University, California, sends congratulations to the football boys. "The score with Pennsylvania was fine and shows what perseverance will do."

He says he is enjoying his university life. "Stanford is a great institution and is growing greater every day."

EVERY BODY VOTE.


Those in the twenty-five dollar contest who have sent in fifty or more names are Miss Mary Shields, Carlisle, Pa., Master Irving F. Merrill, Jr., Moore Station, Pa., Jacob Rhule, Pittsburg, Pa., George Muscoe, at the school, Howard Gansworth, Princeton University, N. J., and Palageia Tutikoff, Emigsville, Pa. We give the names thinking that they may have friends among the subscribers who would like to help them by sending subscriptions to be placed to their credit.

There are several other contestants having less than fifty, whose names will be placed in

the fifty list as soon as they send in that number. There is plenty of time yet to begin at the very start and get ahead of the one having the largest list. We do not give numbers, feeling that it is more fair all around not to. Let each subscriber pick out his or her contestant and send us a list of names at once to be credited to ONE contestant, whether known to subscriber or not. Some of the contestants are Indians and some are not. The Man-on-the-band-stand is just as anxious for one to get the prize as for another, having no favorites. Reader, whom do YOU wish to win? Show it by giving him a vote! Two-cent stamps are acceptable in small amounts. Five two-cent stamps with name and address will constitute a VOTE for the contestant designated. Each subscriber is entitled to any number of votes, if subscription price, 10 cents, accompanies every name.

Schedule for Football.

Sept. 23, Gettysburg at Carlisle; won, 21-0
Sept. 30, Susquehanna at Carlisle; won, 56-0
Oct. 14, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; WON, 16-5.
Oct. 21, Dickinson at Carlisle; won 16-5.
Oct. 28, Harvard at Cambridge: lost, 22-10.
Nov. 4, Hamilton at Utica; won, 32-0.
Nov. 11, Princeton at New York.
Nov. 18, University of Maryland at Carlisle.
Nov. 25, Oberlin University at Carlisle.
Nov. 30, Columbia at New York.

 **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS!!!** The person sending us the most subscriptions before Thanksgiving Day, 1899, will receive in cash the sum of twenty five dollars. There are certain easy rules and restrictions which must be followed. Send for them at once if you are going to enter the contest.

Enigma.

I am made of 10 letters.
My 7, 8, 3, 4 is a gentle animal.
My 6, 2, 7, 5 is something good for students to follow.
My 1, 6, 5, 8, 3 is a valuable product of the farm.
My 4, 5, 8, 6 is a wild quadruped hunted by Indians and after whom some Indians are named.
My 9, 8, 3, 5 is what every boy and girl owns.
My 10, 6, 5, 8, 3 is what sleepy persons have sometimes.
My 6, 2, 3 is a high spirited mischiefmaker.
My whole is the name of a valley that several thousand Indians know. It is also the name of a county in Pennsylvania and an American river.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Storm Doors.