

SCHOOL NEWS.

"A pebble cast into the sea is felt from shore to shore.
A thought from the mind set free will echo on forever more."

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I am a Kiowa Indian 19 years old. My father's name "Satank." I will tell you a little of my life. I was born in Colorado and when very young we went to the Indian Territory about Fort Sill. At that time we lived on Buffalo and in houses made of buffalo skins. The Kiowa men used to kill the buffalo and trade the robes to the white traders for sugar and coffee. I have killed a good many buffalo. All this time some of the Indians were bad and used to steal horses and cattle and kill people. It was not right to do so, but they were not taught what was right and some were such bad men that in 1874 a great many soldiers went to fight them and a great many Indians came into Ft. Sill and stayed close to the agency. I was then a long haired Indian boy with a blanket. My first white friend was the agency Doctor, Dr. Given he was a good man and took me to live with him, cut my hair and gave me some white man's clothes and then when a school was started I was one of the first scholars and have always been at school as much as I could since. The Indians

are not now like they used to be, the buffalo are all gone and they must look for their living from the ground and from cattle this they are doing and are sending a great many of their children to school. Some at the agency and some at Carlisle. We want to learn all we can and after a while we go back to our own people and teach them all we can. We are doing our best and I hope all the white people will be our friends and help us.

JOSHUA GIVEN.

Capt. Pratt instructs the different tribes of Indian boys here toiling in harmony at this Indian Training School at Carlisle Barracks. God will help them as they are very anxious to become better acquainted with their trades. They are not discouraged and will not be long behind other school as they have perseverance and will improve. Some of the boys are learning trades carpenter trade, harness maker, shoe maker, tailor, blacksmith and tinsmith trade. I think that it is very good for the boys to work in harmony and improve well. I am very anxious to have wisdom.

H. C. R. N.

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SAMUEL TOWNSEND, EDITOR.
(A Pawnee Indian boy.)

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EDITORIAL.

There are some Indians that are very anxious to have wisdom and there are some who don't care about wisdom, just like to be ignorant and lay around and do nothing, but the others who need wisdom are very anxious to learn the white man's way and know what is right and what is wrong. Indians do a great many wrong things which they ought not to do because they don't know any better. If the Indians want to become good and civilized they must do what is right and they must hear the good words of the white people. They must obey and do what they ask them to do. Many of the Indians are learning how to live like white men. Some of them have houses already made and some of them are beginning to make houses and some of them are living yet in tents made of buffalo skins. Those houses made of buffalo skins don't do any good in winter time and now they would rather live in houses than to live in tents made of skins.

—Indian boys and girls are glad because the snow is on the ground and because they make snow balls and hit each other with the snow.

—Every two weeks Doctor always gives kind, warm words to us. He tells the children how to take care of themselves and not to get sick. He said if all of you boys and girls go out on a rainy day you might get sick. He told us that there are two hundred and four bones in our body. Doctor is very anxious to teach the children how to take care of themselves and not get sick. He promised the children that the next time he talked he was going to show some pictures to us.

—We have steam heaters in every room at the boys quarters. The man who fixed the steam-heaters worked at them a good while. The steam heaters cost a great deal of money. The government did not give enough money to pay for them all, but some kind people have sent Capt. Pratt a few hundred dollars. The boys feel very thankful, because the rooms are warm all the time now, and there is not so much danger of getting sick, as when we had stoves. Sometimes the stove would get too hot and sometimes the fire would be very poor, but now it is the same heat all the time.

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—Every Indian boy in this school at Carlisle Barracks has received a pair of gloves and scarf and are very glad to get them.

—On 30th of November every boy in this Training School who have trade to learn have received some money from Capt. Pratt.

—We expect to make our paper larger, and print it in larger type. Then every body can read it better. Our January number will be the first. If any one who takes the SCHOOL NEWS has any friends who would like to have it too we would be glad to put their names on our book.

—Gen. Armstrong had a very pleasant visit at this school at Carlisle Barracks. He said Capt. Pratt has more Indian children than he has and he said he never saw so many Indian children before as there is in this school. He said he has some Indian children down at Hampton but not as many as this. Capt. Pratt took him around the shops and he saw what the Carlisle School can do.

—Several of the Indian boys are working in the shops every day and they have school at night.

—Christmas will soon be here and all boys and girls are thinking about the Christmas tree. We wonder if we are going to have a tree. Last year the trees were beautiful and all the children received some presents, but a great many of the presents were toys and were soon broken up. Now we hope Santa Claus will remember us again and we hope to get useful things, such as neck-ties handkerchief, pocket-knives &c., for the boys. Scissors, ribbons &c., for the girls. The girls like dolls too.

—On 1st of December Capt. Pratt went to Washington. He went there on business and we hope he will be back very soon.

LATER.—Capt. Pratt came back on the 2nd. In the evening after the children were done making speeches, at the chapel, he spoke to us about his trip to Washington. He said Secretary Schurtz was writing when he went in his office, and he was very busy, but he looked up with pleasant face and said, "How do you do, come in." We think Secretary Scurtz is a kind man, and he is helping the Indians very much. We remember how he looks. He came here to see this school once and he talked to us in the chapel

CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA.

NOVEMBER 18th 1880.

DEAR FRIEND MISS —

I thought I would write to you while I have no work for our teacher does not like to see us idle. I like all the teachers very much and I like the scholars. I like to write short letters and correct all the mistakes and when I write a long letter I would not make so many mistakes. I like you and Miss — very much. Most of the girls are very good girls. I always think I will try to be like the good girls now let me try. I was playing in school yesterday and when I went to bed I thought of it all the time. Next time I will try not to play in school again. That is all I can say for this time. So Good-bye, write soon to me. From your friend, JOSIE VETTER.

A LITTLE COMPOSITION.

This morning I see a white woman. She is large. I see a large lion and I see a white man it has two small feet. Which is the best to raise cattle apples and cows and horses sheep and pigs or to raise wheat and corn. Bread is very good to eat. I see a large stove today, and I see a book and cars and trees houses, grass, slate, window. Miss — I see is a large woman, and Miss — is a small woman and Miss — is a long woman Miss — is my friend, you teach me,

AMOS

It is a nice way to get education from the whites because we learn something about the white man's way so to make ourselves useful men and women. If the Indians did not send their children to school they could do nothing, but now their children are worth something. We all like to be at school and work. We love God and pray to him to make us better. A few days ago Mr. — gave us new scarfs and gloves too. The Indian boys are very glad to get some thing from Mr. —. I have been school about six years now trying to learn in the God's way, how to make myself strong and useful.

KIOWA.

This letter was written by a boy who came to this school about one year ago. He is about 19 years old, and could not speak any English when he came.

CARLISLE BAR'KS, PA., Nov. 23, '80.

MY DEAR FRIEND: I go to school. I am going to write to you. I want to try to-day, my friend, because I want to very hard try, and I tell you we like to try work. Every day I am glad dearly I tell you, and today I want please all boys to try every day. I like carpenter work very dearly. I very hard try to work. I am strong and I am thank to try. I want to please you. This morning is very cold, so good bye I shake hands with you with a good heart. From your friend,

RALPH.