

The 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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GEORGE W. WALKER'S VISIT OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

I have been out in the country. I went last week and I know you would all like to hear from the country boys and so I will try to tell you something about them. I only saw Joe Vetter, Joe Wisacoby, Red Hat, Theodore and Samuel Townsend and they are all getting along first-rate. But the rest of them I did not get to see and have nothing to say about them. All people are kind to the boys and I think it is so nice for them to stay there, they have good homes to stay in and plenty to eat and each of them have their own books which their Master give to them and Joe Wisacoby and Joe Vetter have very kind teacher and they both like to go to school with the country boys, and the first day Joe Vetter went to meet us at Bloomsburg on the 27th of Dec. we were glad to see him and we were also to find him in good health and there was another gentleman who was with him. His name is Samuel Kester. He is a pretty good young man I should think or say he took me to where Joe Vetter is, stayed there all night and all day till evening then Joe Wisacoby ask me if I would go home with him and stay with him all night. I said I would like to go with you and stay with you until Saturday. One thing is this Joe Vetter is so very fat that he can hardly run now and so is Joe Wisacoby he is getting fat too and they got very nice scholars.

I like them pretty good especially Joe Wisacoby and Joe Vetter scholars and I think they were glad to see us the way they talk. I expect perhaps they will come sometime and see us and see what we are doing at Carlisle Barracks. We should be very glad to see them I hope they will try to come and visit our school and our work shops and see how we are getting along with our works and studies. I heard them read and I think I should like to go to school with them for about several months I hope both Joes will try to do their best to learn their lesson and wish to hear from them very often. I returned 2nd of Jan. That is all I have to say.

DESSIE PRESCOTT WRITES TO HER TEACHER.

I thank you very much for giving me a Christmas present I like them very much, and I can write on the paper if I can get pencil. I got some other present from a lady and I am going to write to her and thank her too. I like Christmas very much and I wish it would stay here. I think Myrtie has a very nice present and I think you gave the paper to her. Last night I hung up my stocking and Alice Neopet put one popcorn in it and one candy, so I left it hanging up all night but nothing was put in it. I think my dolly is very good she behaves very nicely and likes to stay at school with me, and I am going to make

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ITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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A LETTER BY A SIOUX BOY WHO KNEW NO ENGLISH WHEN HE CAME.

INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL,
Carlisle Pa., Dec. 7, 1881.

MY DEAR FRIEND MR. H. K.:—I received your nice letter a few days ago, well I will try to answer your letter and I will tell you something about here. I try hard the English language all the time. Some boys talk English very well but they speak our own language that is not good. Everybody came here to learn in English but all boys like the Sioux language I guess girls too. If they talk in English they get ashamed that is the reason I am ashamed too, we are all try and help to each other English language for we learn fast. But some boys do not try any where that is not polite we should all try and help each other that is best way. Now my friend let us try hard how to speak English after while we will get a good education that will be useful indeed. When I came here to learn first time I don't know any thing. But because I never went to school at my home. I rode on a horse back and look for horses and cows too. Therefore I did not know anything white men did but now I know some of the white people ways I like what the white people do very much because I never think about my home all forget when I go back home I will always remember this Carlisle school and I will try to work if I can. Now that is all I will say to you for this time. I shake hands with you with a good heart. Your affectionately friend,

EDGAR G. SQUIRREL.

—Sometime our students ask themselves how can we learn the English language and read fast. But the answer comes back to them: Go ahead. Do not stop trying so to every one of us the answer comes to our minds. Drive ahead; keep going whatever you do. We must not expect to learn if we don't drive ourselves ahead, and nobody can help us to learn, either, if we don't try; but if we try and help ourselves our teachers will be glad to help us, and we will learn fast, too. Those who do not try to learn must change their minds and push themselves whatever they do. But we think our boys and girls try hard to learn and do their duty well; a very few pull back. But we hope they will soon take a start and push ahead with the others.

—One boy said: "I do not read my Dakota book." Of course, he can not read his Dakota book if he want to learn how to read English book he must drop his Dakota book. Books in Indian language are of no account at this school. Out west where the Indians can read the Indian language may be of some good. English is what every Indian child should learn. Our boys and girls are going at it with brave hearts.

—John Manual is now Sergeant of the little boys. They like their new sergeant and do what he tells them to do. When they march they keep steps very nice. John is a very good boy too. He tries to do right.

—Julia Prior, Osage was talking to her teacher. She said, "At home we were afraid to talk English, but here we are not afraid, here so many tribes all trying. We like to try too, and there are no wild Indians to laugh at us."

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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.

TUESDAY, Jan. 10th, 1882.

We are here at this school to learn a better way. When we used to be at the Indian camp we all wicked, every boys and every girl wicked because the Indians don't know how to be good. Some boys they think they are not wicked and now we are here to learn about how white people as he do. Some white people they wicked also just same the Indians. I think after while, no more Indian people.
JAAH SEGER, Arapahoe.

THURSDAY, Jan. 12th, 1882.

It is better for us to try over again what we learned during last year. We are fighting the English language and maneuvering to take in the white people's ways. It is hard for us to learn everything at once. But if we try really so hard then after while we will succeed. I have tried over and over again so I think I will conquer this very language.
LANE.

—Joe Harris was detailed to look after the lamps in the little boys' quarters. He broke one of them, and came to the lady who has charge of them to ask for a lamp chimney. She said to him. "There are too many chimneys broken accidentally you must be more careful." Joe said "I didn't break it accidental, I met Bennie Thomas, and his arm hit it and it rolled off the balcony down stairs on the bricks."

—Michael Burns wrote in his diary. "I was at a store; an old man came in in haste, and the first thing he said was, 'I'd rather see that man hung than to see him go to an asylum.' I know whom he meant. I presume he meant Guiteau. He bought what he wanted and just went out."

JANUARY 11th, 1882.

I like to write English words, and I want to try every day. I have not read in the Dakota books for about two months now, because I want to try English words. Sometimes S— speaks to me in Sioux words, but I speak English.

LEWIS BROWN.

FRIDAY, Jan. 13th, 1882.

We were glad to see the snow. But to-day it is gone. It went to his own home, and this morning I said to the snow: "Good-bye snow, come back again sometime next year." I like to snow-ball.

ED. MYRES, Pawnee.

JAN. 11:— This morning I worked on the farm. I like to work that way. I don't want to be lazy, because I want to be a strong man when I go home.
RAYMOND, SIOUX.

JAN. 11:—Yesterday evening I was so sad for Kate Ross. She was a very good girl I think, but now she is dead. We will never see her any more.

RALPH I. E. FEATHER.

EDGAR, the same day says: "Every body felt very sorry, because she was a good girl. One time she waited on my table. She was so kind to us. I am very sorry indeed that she died."

—Which one of the boys is it who recently said "Number C," instead of "Company C?" We think he is learning printing; but won't tell on him this time.

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her a new dress. I take my big dolly out walking but the little dolly has to stay in the drawer which is her home, she is not naughty but she might catch cold because she has not got on a thick dress. Some girls carry both dollies I should think they would get tired of them. Now I will close wishing you a Merry Christmas from your scholar.

LEARNING IN COOKING SCHOOL.

I am very glad to come here. I am going to try to get knowledge, so that I can teach my people about the true God. I will teach my people how to make omelet, that is what I know better. I am not very sure to learn how to cook chicken.

SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH.

I hear every body talk Indian. So I suppose that is the reason I have been talking my own language but great many of the boys say only the Sioux boys talk Indian continually but I don't believe them because I hear the other tribes talk Indian too but every boy and every girl would like to know how to talk Sioux very much. They do not learn the English language they seem to want to know how to talk Sioux and I know some of them have been to school about eight years or six years but they do not learn so very fast and they do not want to speak English they just want to know how to talk Sioux. And now I take this opportunity to talk about our Sioux boys. All the Sioux boys are trying very hard to do just as some white men can do and I think some of the boys and girls know how to talk English very well not many a few boys and a few girls too. So if we try very hard we could not speak only

English so we must talk English and when we come to hard words we can not say the words. We will talk Indian again. If we talk English continually we do not pronounce very well yet. So many boys who are trying to speak only English they do not speak out in the English. They just use signs to each other and they looks like a sick man they don't hold their heads up they hold their heads down continually. So I think the English language is hard for us but if we will try very hard we will get it after while it is to a hard for us but we must keep on continually. Of course Capt. R. H. Pratt has talked to us a good many times about English. I do not say I like to talk Indian. I like to speak English very much and I am very anxious that the other boys and girls should try very hard to speak only English just as very hard as they could do. I want to remember what our minister talked to us he said now boys and girls I want you to remember what I said but some boys and girls they don't listen to him they have just been sleeping in the chapel. I think I will stay here three more years but I am not sure whether I can or not but I think I will try to stay here three more years at this Carlisle Indian school any how, because I want to try to get a good education and the knowledge too for myself so I told my home people but they did not respond to my letter yet.

Now, we have learned something so we must keep it what we have learned at this Carlisle school. Now that is all I have to say to you to day.

Respectfully,

STEPHEN K. WHITE BEAR, SIOUX.

Stephen could not speak any English when he came to Carlisle school.
—Editor.