

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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In time of slavery the poor colored people had to work like animals and were sold like animals. They had very little chance to learn about anything for themselves, only to do what their masters told them to do. It is pitiful to think about their old hard times. But they did what they were told. They may thank God that they are once more free to serve Him in the right way. And we too may praise and feel thankful that we have the privilege as we have now at this school. Though we are not like the colored people. We have many opportunities to learn and to be as men and women. Now there is no more talking about not having any chance to be educated, for there is a chance for us all Indian boys and girls, and the only chance that we will ever have. The time is fleeting and once passed we can never have it back again. God has given us certain times to do what we want and we should not neglect his orders. While we have this opportunity let us be at our work. We are moving step by step onward to a civilized life. The first thing we have to learn is the English language. Though it is a hard language to learn, there is nothing like trying at a thing. For I know how it is to try. I tried one time last summer to walk up a ladder without holding at any part at all.

Though I had never tried such a thing before only seeing other boys walk up and come down on the side. So I tried. It was hard for me at first but I determined to succeed sometime or other. So I tried until I did succeed, and now I can almost go all around the ladder. Determination and perseverance bring success all through life. We must ask help from our white brothers. Many have kind feelings toward us, and many more will turn their hearts upon us if we do our duty.

But the earthly things we ask for will only help us while we are in this world below. In all we must never forget that God has promised to help those who help themselves, and we must ask him for help, for he is almighty and full of wisdom.

MICHAEL BURNS, Apache.

Libbie Standing writes:—I heard that they were fighting out there, but I think of you often, but I was afraid because I never saw Indians fight for long, long ago. Now dear father and mother don't think about fight for that's not right way to do, or don't think about the old Indian ways, think about some other things that make you happy.

Joe Big Wolf writes to his father:—I want you Saucy Chief to try very hard to speak only English, see if you can beat me to talk English. This time if you don't look out you get way last.

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CHARLES KIHEGA, (Iowa Indian boy,) Editor and Proprietor.

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Ralph Eagle Feather, Sioux boy from Rosebud agency came here to learn the white men's way. On Sunday evening at Prayer meeting he said, "When I first came here I did not know any thing about white men's clothes but this time I had white men's clothes on and I will keep it on when I go back home. It is not right for us to think about our old ways." If we Indian boys think that way we will expect to help our people and ourselves too. But the first thing is to learn how to speak the English language well because that is the language of our country. Second is to learn how to take care of ourselves and save our money and our clothes. If we learn the English language well and learn how to take care of ourselves and be saving we can strike out to any part of this great country and earn our living same as some white people strike out to earn their living, and good many of them become rich men because they know how to save their money. The Government will not support us all the time so we must try to learn how to work. We can support ourselves if we learn how to work. If we learn to work well we will not have to stay on a reservation. We will not be afraid to go out among white people any where. As long as Indian are not educated they will be afraid to go out among the white people. But as soon as the Indian children become educated they will stand for themselves and will have peace with white people.

—Standing Bear, visited his son, who is one of our Sioux boys. Before he came here the Sioux children all spoke only English, but since he stopped here, they could not speak only English, for one week because he talked to them in his language. Not long ago a new thought came to the Sioux boys. They thought it would be good to have his son, to interpret for him when they want to talk to him. This is not the only time Luther will interpret for his father. He will interpret for his father as long as he lives, and so the other boys will interpret for their tribes when they return to their homes. Their tribes will have not only one interpreter as some tribes have now, but the boys will all be able to interpret for their people.

—On Friday the 19 inst Rev. Dr. Wicks and wife, of Indian Territory came to visit us. They remained with us several days. Dr. Wicks is working for the Kiowa and Comanche Indians as a missionary. About four years ago he received at his home, in New York three young men, Kiowa and Comanche, who had been prisoners under the care of Capt. Pratt, in Florida. He taught them about three years and returned them to their homes and they are now to-day teaching their people.

—Capt. Pratt said in the chapel the other day. When we go back home we will be like a boat in swift running water. If we are not strong the current will take us down with it, but if we get strong first, we may be able to pull up against the stream. Think about that, boys.

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FROM DIARIES.

All the boys were glad to hear the thunder howling loud. They all jumped around and also myself. I said, "Good evening Thunder." and one boy said, "Thunder make the grass grow rapidly and make it nice and green. Jock, Arapahoe.

On Friday Twiss and I were playing with marbles. He almost beat me, and got most all my marbles. My heart was pricking constantly. After while when my heart get done pricking I beat all his marbles.

CLEAVER, Arapahoe.

I went to town, then one man, he said to me "Boy, this dog, what do you call it in your language?" But I said, "I will not tell you." He said, "Why?" I said "Because at this Indian School we Speak only English. GEOFFREY, Sioux.

Dear Father:—I want you to make one house before I go home, so I will be glad to live in. I don't like to live in tent, because I live in house for three years now, so that's why. REBECCA.

I say this way, if my father comes I will talk Sioux, and if he do not come I will not talk Sioux to nobody. I just go ahead and speak only English. I said that way.

I am very glad that you told me you have garden now, so I think you will build house after while.

I like the white way better than Indian way. If we all try very hard and get good education then we will be better than we were before. MABEL.

Yesterday I made a good jump, but some boys beat me though. I could jump far any time when my legs were wild.

ABOUT A PICTURE.

ABOUT THE LAPPS:—I will write something about the Lapps. This man with his wife and his wife got one child. They live in tents and they have dingy, smokey, yellow faces. And then Lapps have very useful clothes on. I suppose the Lapps makes their clothes, boots and hats of the skins of reindeer. I see the child has warm dress on too, and did you see this child shut his eyes? I think they are sleep, his mother she hold around his body. And that man he stands by his wife. I suppose he is old man because he crooked his back, and also he is not stand straight because I say he is old man and they have shoes on but I don't know. What kind shoes they have and the Lapps lives in a country I think they called Lapland and I suppose it is a very cold country. MAGGIE.

CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA.,
April 25th, 1882.

DEAR MISS HYDE:—I gone to beg you something: I want to go in dinning hall this month in May. I guess I will not ill my head. That all I have to say. From MATTIE R.

—A boy looks for the word commerce, in his school dictionary. He sees it means trade. Next day he writes in his sentences. "It is very hard to learn the tailor's commerce."

ROSEBUD AGENCY, DAKOTA TY,
April 24th, 1882.

RES'D PORCUPINE WOMAN (High Wolf's daughter):—Your grandmother is sick and she wants to see you, so you must come home. I am getting old too and I want to see you. I want them to send word to the President, if there is one now, and have him bring you back. If you are near Congress tell them about it. It has been four winters since you went, and I never wrote to you before. But now I want the President to send my girl home, for her grandmother is sick and I am getting feeble. I am an Indian but they have made me a white man and it was because I listened to the President that I sent her there, and now I think the President will send her back. I am. Mr. President the chief peace man of the whole country, and to-day I say so to you. I never wrote to her but I thought the President and Congress would decide what was best for her but to-day I write to you. Mr. President. And Mr President and Congress I want you to listen to me. It would be all right to wait until the President said so, but now her grandmother is sick and therefore I speak in this way. If she comes home and don't like it here, she can go back again. She was mine and I gave her to them for four years, and I could not write, to her, but now I write, and Mr. President and gentlemen of Congress I want you to hear me. Although I am a great chief I have never been to see the President, but I am happy to think my grandchild is near the President, and if he is pleased to have her there I am the more happy.

Mr. President and gentlemen of

Congress: I have not worried about her, but now I hope you will hear what I say. Old partizan,
BLOTENHUNKA TANKA.

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MY DEAR GRANDFATHER GREAT CHIEF:—I am very glad to get your letter, and I hope I will see my grandmother who has been sick for sometimes, and dear grandfather I want to see you too, and dear me I don't know what to do. I love my Grandmother because she is so old and Dear Grandfather I thought all my family well so I always happy to go school here and learn the English language, and you must answer this letter when you get it, and tell me about my families. Dear Grandfather do you know about one God? You must ask God to help you and Grandmother all the time. If you pray to God He will make you happy and strong. That's all for this time from your Grandchild,
HATTIE RED PORCUPINE.

The boy from the county writes: "I think I go home Carlisle. I like seen all boys and girls to now, and I come here work the country here. I like very well, and he never gave to me five cents all summer. I don't like that. Just I work nothing for him the man.

The people which I am living with them are Quakers. When they say "you," they will say "thee" instead of saying "you." I work for Chandler Eves and he pay me six dollars per month. I am going to stay up here until next fall.

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