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THE BELL OF THE ANGELS.

There has come to my mind a legend,
A thing I had half forgot,
And, where I read it or dreamed it—
Ah, well! it matters not.

It is said in heaven, at twilight,
A great bell so softly swings,
And man may listen and hearken
To the wondrous music that rings.

If he puts from his heart's inner chamber
All the passion, pain and strife;
Heart-ache and weary longing
That throb in the pulses of life.

If he thrust from his soul all hatred,
All thoughts of wicked things,
He can hear in the holy twilight
How the bell of the angels ring.

And I think there lies in the legend,
If we open our eyes to see,
Somewhat of an inner meaning,
My friend, to you and me.

Let us look in our hearts and question;
Can purer thoughts enter in
To a soul, if it be already
The dwelling of thoughts of sin?

So, then, let us ponder a little
Let us look in our hearts and see
If the twilight bell of the angels
Could ring for us—and me.

—THE YOUNG IDEA.

FROM AN INDIAN SOLDIER.

Our readers will be interested in a portion of a letter written by Arthur Bonnicastle one of our old pupils, to Major Pratt and published in Red Man and Helper:

"No doubt you have read the accounts of our doings here, but I will tell you the three great events that took place after our arrival:

First was when the international forces marched through the Sacred or the Forbidden City. The Chinese said that we would drop dead as soon as we set foot on the walk of the Sacred City, but when we did set foot on the marble walks we got so interested, that we forgot to drop dead. We paraded all over the city. The night before this event the

Chuen-mun gate was burned down.

The second event was on Sept. 15, when the American troops marched in review before Minister Conger and General Chaffee. Chief Commandero and staff of the international forces were also present to witness the event.

The troops that marched in review were the 14th United States Infantry, 9th U.S. Infantry, a squadron of the 6th Cavalry, one battalion of U.S. Marines, F Battery of the 5th artillery.

We recieved congratulations from nearly all the foreign diplomats. The one we enjoyed most was the one from Sir Claude McDonald, the British Minister.

The third event was reception given to Count Von Waldersee by the allies. Troop turned out in their best. We took our place at the entrance of the Imperial Palace. British troops took up the space from the Chuen-mun gate to the American Legation. Russians, Japanese, French, Italians and Germans lined up one after the other to the east gate.

The Count is a very fine looking man. He looks like Col. Freeman of the 24th. Infantry. The uniforms of the shieks from India are gorgeous. The parade that took place after the reception was a success. From what I can see the Japanese are the best drilled troop in China.

Every thing has been on the quiet since October 28th. We have been to the mountains already. We drove the boxers out of their best hiding places.

The Chinese when fighting make lots of noise but do very little damage. The morning we charged on their trenches in the mountains they made enough noise to scare the people of Tiensien. They had fire-crackers, drums and everything that makes a noise. We captured everything they had, and that night we had a powwow.—Sel.

TO MOVE APACHE INDIANS.

A Washington telegram gives the following information, which will prove of interest to everybody in the southwest:

The War Department proposers to move the relatives of the Apache Indians, who are now prisoners of war of the United States, from the San Carlos

reservation in Arizona to Fort Sill, Okla. The Apaches at San Carlos have long been dissatisfied, and have asked the government repeatedly to let them move to some other portion of the government lands. Many plans been devised to make them more satisfied with their lot, and it is through if sent to Fort Sill, where their relatives are imprisoned, they will become contented. Lieut. Hyrer has sent a lengthy report to the department explaining his investigation into the condition of the Indians, and appoving the proposed move to Fort Sill. He says it will take an appropriation of about \$10,000 to pay for the transportation and to build little houses for the newcomers like those which are now occupied by the prisoners. He is not sure just how many of the relatives there are, but believes the number will not exceed seventy-five. The War Department has forwarded the recommendations in the matter to Congress, and recommended that action be taken in line with the suggestions of the lieutenant.

WHAT GOOD SOCIETY IS.

The very best society is not composed of gilt and glitter. It is that circle of pleasant people who meet and visit because they are interested in each other. It asks of each member that she brings a pleasant personality if she wishes to be in and of it. The society recognized by the newspapers consists merely of a few people, who, having more money than the rest of the world, are able to make themselves more conspicuous, and so are kept constantly before the public. But all over this great country, in every city, town or village, there is to be found good society, and it rests with the working girl herself whether she is in or out of it. If she has the bad taste to prefer noisy people, whose idea of enjoyment is roughness, whose conception of conversation is to talk scandal, and who really have no reason for existing, then this girl will not only injure herself by her contact with such society, but she will injure every other girl who works. People are prone to judge a great regiment by one member of it. Therefore, it behooveth the girl who works to go into the best society or to find her pleasure in her own home.—Ruth Ashmore.

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INDIAN SCHOOL.

The young Indians are being taught to regard work as their only salvation. Not only the boys but so are the girls trained to labor with their hands in a skillful way as well as being instructed along literary lines. Carson Indian School will in the near future rank with many other schools in the service in her industrial training. In connection with the trades, farming is taught, and as this work will form the occupation of many of our students it is essential that they be taught up-to-date farming. The trades taught at present are carpentry, baking, shoe making, tailoring, harness making, blacksmithing, wagon making, painting and printing. Each trade being taught by an efficient instructor with the hopes that in a short while the work will compare with white tradesman. The girls are to be home makers. They are taught everything pertaining to household economy. They are taught dress making, laundrying, cooking, and how to care for a home properly. When an Indian girl learns these arts she is capable of entering any home or in making and taking care of a home for herself. There is a demand for Indian girls who have received a systematic course of training.

The aim of the school is to give her pupils a practical education. The little ones when they first enter the school know only their own language but it is not long before they are able to converse quite fluently in the English language. The course of study covers the first eight grades and includes a Kindergarten course. Carson has also a mixed grade, which consists of pupils advanced in years. By having this grade the pupils are saved from the embarrassment and discomfort of standing side by side with the pupils of the primary grade.

The management of the Carson School has many reasons for encouragement and it is believed that the future of the Indian in this section is brighter than ever before.

INDIAN HEREDITY.

We are constantly reminded of the law of heredity; nor can we fully realize the influence of our ancestors upon us. Neither can we truthfully say, "I am entirely what I make myself." Very seldom do we find a genius, who does not inherit the gift from ancestors. In the study of different nationalities, we are interested in tracing the characteristics of the races through the ages; how an incident affects an individual, and how that individual in turn may influence others, until a radical change takes place in a community, or even a nation.

As we study the Indian pupils, we can readily see how in the past four hundred years, different peoples have had to do with the development of the present day Indian. The influence of the white people with whom they have mingled, is shown in the different tribes. The principles of cause and effect are illustrated by the aptitude of those pupils for some particular branches or subjects. The casual observer may wonder why this is the case, but on giving the subject thought, we find that the talent is inherent those branches that require a well trained eye, as the eye of the hunter has been trained for centuries, the ear that detects the least sound; the arm and hand, the muscles of which have been developed, and the concentration of will necessary for the direction of them, in the use of the bow and arrows, and of the spears, etc, all tend to give the Indian great command of his arm and hand. With these inherent qualities, keen eyesight and hearing, and the readiness of the hand to act under control of the will, with proper training and influence may we not, in the near future expect to see the fruit of these talents in Indian musicians and artists?

A people with these necessary qualities, and the love of nature that has always characterized the race, has much encouragement to enter the field of art. The "power of music to charm" will be a most potent agent in the refinement and elevation of the Indian.

Robert Summerville made a pair of black-smith's tongs a few days ago which will do credit to any beginner. They are well shaped and finished. See them in the Superintendent's office.

The tailoring department at this school, is turning out good work for beginners. Recently the first boys who entered the shop have been put at coat making.

The heaviest snow this vicinity has experienced for years, fell about the first of last month. It laid on the ground two weeks.

Indian children are more tractable than white; they are more easily controlled than white children. They have fewer quarrels among themselves than white children and in many ways are more obedient than the more favored race. This virtue, no doubt, is a heritage from their ancestors. Their race has been noted for the observance and loyalty to parental authority and obedience.

The carpenter detail is not behind other boys in their progressive work. Mr. Carroll has had them making, turned basters, railing etc, in the shop during the snowy weather. They also have been making window sash and door frames.

The larger girls have provided from their own funds lace curtains for their building at a cost of nearly twenty dollars. They take pride in keeping their home in a tidy and attractive condition.

The boys detailed to the shoe shop are doing excellent work under the supervision of the shoe maker. All the shoes for the school are repaired and a large amount of new work is being turned out.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Indian appropriation bill is larger this year than ever before.

Mr. Ansley made a business trip to Lovelock a few days ago.

Peter Johnson has been promoted from Fifth to Sixth Grade.

Mr. Jones, assistant clerk, has built up a reputation as photographer.

The attendance at school has reached 220, and others asking admission.

Indian education in the begining was an experiment; it is now a realization.

John Casselli has joined the Eight Grade. We are glad to have him with us again.

Mrs. Farley, the little boys' matron, is able to attend to her duties after a two days illness.

William Peter, a Washoe boy made the first coat turned out of the tailor shop.

Some of our shop men express surprise at the readiness Indian boys take hold of the work in their lines.

Miss Emma L. Dickenson of Los Angeles, California has been appointed assistant matron at this school.

There are evidences that Spring is approaching, the bird's voices and sweet little wild flowers are here.

There is no company of individuals in the world that can quite equal the "pick up gang" at an Indian school.

Mr. Allen brought William Cypher's little sister Katie to the school, from Hawthorne, which delighted William.

Mrs. Wind has won one of the prizes given by Mr. Cohen the dry goods man in Carson. It is a beautiful rocking chair.

One hundred and seventeen rabbits were killed by the school boys during one day while the snow was on the ground.

John Minkey, was substituted for Miss West last Thursday afternoon. The children all think, John would make an excellent teacher.

A number of Indian mothers visited the Sunday School last Sunday with their papooses and were delighted with the childrens songs and stories.

Ruby Winston visited the school last week. We always welcome Ruby and think she is a good example for Indian girls and boys to follow.

The Literary Society has engaged a house at Gardnerville for their entertainment which will be given in three or four weeks.

It is said that a certain preacher not a thousand miles from Gardnerville was driving along the road a few days ago. He overtook a boy walking and asked him if he wanted a ride. The boy replied "he believed he did." After riding a while in silence, the preacher thinking of his mission of soul saving, turned to the boy and said "young man are you ready to die." The boy gazed at him a moment with an expression of intense surprise on his face and as quick as a flash turned a summersault out of the buggy, remarking, "not much old feller."

A party was given to eight couple on the night of Washington's birth day, by Miss West. The young men and women seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The first prize was won by Jno. P. Jones, the booby prize by Mannie Bender. The party was educational as well as one of merriment. After refreshments more games were indulged in then the young ladies were escorted to their building. The souvenirs were miniature American flags.

The second visit to the Legislature by the higher grades was appreciated by the pupils. New ideas in parliamentary rules were gained and were put into use at the last literary meeting in which a chairman presided. Even the inflection was given and he remarked, "There seems to be a division. Those in favor of the motion please rise and remain standing until counted."

Mr. W. L. Taylor who was once an employee at this school and who robbed the school of its excellent seamstress is now in the government printing office at Washington D. C. He writes a friend at the school that he and Mrs. Taylor are comfortably located and are keeping house to themselves.

Thomas Mitchell, a Paiute living at Wellington, Nevada drove in a few days ago with an other batch of little Pauites. Thomas is an uneducated Indian but having visited the school a number of times sees the advantage of educating the young of his people.

Little Harry Sampson, who has been in bed for the last month with a very bad foot, is improving slowly. The little fellow has had his mother and brothers with him most of the time.

We now have in attendance in the three highest grades: seventeen in the eight grade, all boys, eighteen in the seventh and sixteen in the sixth.

Mr. Smith and his detail of boys in the black-smith shop are busy all the time making repairs and doing some new work.

Miss West has 80 pupils in her department this quarter.

The girls are to have a party next week.

Willie Wilson returned to school after an absence of more than six months.

The school girls, at odd times, are doing considerable bead work for Mr. Cohn.

Jack Mahone is fast becoming a good musician. He is faithful and practices every spare minute.

The Advance will soon be supplied with additional type which has been needed.

Supervisor Holland paid the school a pleasant and lengthy visit during the past month.

Mrs. Farley has been filling the position of assistant matron since Miss Raffensperger left the school.

Hector Tom is at work in the printing office. Hector takes to the work and will if he remains at school long become an efficient printer.

The girls have accomplished a great deal of works within the past two months in the sewing room, they worked hard and faithfull and their deportment perfect. Miss Vonholtz regrets to have to give them up but hopes to get equally as good and nice girls in their next detail.

The entertainment to be given at Gardnerville in a few days is the production of the pupils, entirely, what ever merits it may possess is entirely their own. The rehearsals have not been supervised by any member of the school.

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ROBBING A BURIED CITY.

That Arizona and New Mexico have long been known by scientists to be the new, Old World of North America, is no secret. The thousands of ancient canal beds long years since abandoned and far above the present water line, the numerous buried cities of the plains uncovered, some of them of remarkable architecture; all of these ancient structures have caused widespread attention to be directed to these territories.

S. J. Holsinger, land inspector of the United States, informed the Gazette that one of the most remarkable discoveries of the age has been made in New Mexico, 75 miles from Gallup, and the Government has authorized him to proceed there at once and see that the country now being denuded by New York parties, be protected.

It seems that a party of Arizona prospectors hunting in northern Arizona and New Mexico for coal and minerals, accidentally discovered a buried city of enormous dimensions in a place called Cache canyon, some 75 miles from Gallup. Among the party was a New York man. This gentleman succeeded in interesting New York capitalists in the scheme of opening up the buried city for commercial purposes. The company is now at work with 40 men and several carloads of machinery and is shipping the pottery taken from the ruins to New York and it is having a marvelous sale. The Government has become cognizant of the transaction and Agent Holsinger of Phoenix will take a party of men and proceed to the canyon and oust the New York company and confiscate its machinery and property.

Mr. Holsinger says one of the buildings of the city uncovered contains 1,000 rooms, it being the largest building ever discovered in the world's history. The pottery found in the buildings is of a very superior quality and shows that the builders and occupants of that old city were men of intelligence and capacity.

The orders of the government to Agent Holsinger are to take immediate possession of the property and preserve it as a national park. The country surrounding the buried city is picturesque. Tall mountains, heavily timbered, the city being in an almost inaccessible canyon, it looks as though the natives had selected it with a view of defending themselves from the enemies, as it seems was the case with the Arizona cave and cliff dwellers.

The company working in this newly discovered city has up to date shipped about 30 carloads of relics to eastern markets and the untimely intrusion of Uncle Sam will put a stop to a traffic that ought never to have been permitted. These ruins are the property of the

territories: they are in a measure a source of their wealth and we are glad that the government has concluded to take a hand in the protection of these ancient ruins.—Gazette.

AN INDIAN CHILD'S PRAYER.

A teacher among the Sioux Indians, tells this beautiful story.

An Indian baby was dying. It lay in its father's arms, while near by stood another little daughter, a few years older, who was a Christian.

"Papa," said this little daughter, "little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray."

As she said this she kneeled at her father's knee, and this was the sweet little prayer which fell from her lips:

"Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Please open the door softly and let her in. Amen."

In a paper read before a meeting of our Bryn Mawr, Pa., Association, the following facts of interest appear:

In Indian Territory the Baptist denomination has sixty-seven missionaries and teachers, and a church membership of over four thousand. At the Indian University, Tahlequah, the average attendance is fifty-eight; Atoka Academy, Atoka, average attendance one hundred and thirty-six, Cherokee Academy, Tahlequah, average attendance sixty-six. In Oklahoma there are sixteen missionaries and teachers, and a church membership of three hundred and fifty. Wichita Mission School, Anadarko, has an average attendance of twenty-four. A good native ministry for the Indians is all important. The rising generation being educated better than their fathers, demand a better educated ministry.

—THE INDIAN'S FRIEND.

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Several days ago, Jack Wilson drove to town in the surry, after unloading the passengers and while turning his wagon around, a runaway team collided with the rear end of his wagon, causing his team to run away. Jack manfully held on the lines and although thrown out held on to them until his horses were stopped. Jack escaped without injury but the surry is a wreck.

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The Indian Appropriation Bill contains the following items for this school; twelve thousand two hundred dollars, for a complete water system; three thousand five hundred dollars, for a steam heating plant; two thousand five hundred dollars, general repairs and improvements, and the annual appropriation of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars per capita for two hundred pupils.

The white people of Carson and vicinity who are friends to Indian education encourage us by visiting the school and giving us cheering words. A large number of visitors have been to the school recently.

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The eight grade and a part of the seventh visited the Legislature a few days ago. They were so well pleased with what they saw and heard that they request to return in a few days afterwards.

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