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## IF.

If any little word of mine  
May make a life the brighter,  
If any little song of mine  
May make a heart the lighter,  
God help me speak the little word,  
And take my bit of singing,  
And drop it in some lonely vale,  
To set the echoes ringing!

If any little love of mine  
May make a life the sweeter,  
If any little care of mine  
May make a friend's life fleetier,  
If any lift of mine may ease  
The burden of another,  
God give me love, and care, and strength  
To help my teiling brother!

## MEXICAN GODS.

The Aztecs were a race of Indians who inhabited Mexico before the conquest by Cortez. They believed in the immortality of the soul, both of man and of beasts. Heroes who died in battle and those who sacrificed themselves to the gods had the highest place their heaven could offer. After death the women spent four years in heaven, and then were permitted to become birds, with the privilege of coming back to the scenes of earth if they wished to live on honey and flowers.

Yet never in any nation was human sacrifice carried to so frightful an extent as among these refined and cultured Indian tribes. This practice gave to the whole race of Aztecs a fierce and gloomy character which made them hated by all their neighbors. Three times a year the God of Storms demanded human sacrifice, and in March, when the people prayed that he would pour rain on the ever-thirsty earth, little children were offered. Three times each year women were sacrificed. In times of great calamity an Aztec chief and a number of his followers would offer their lives as a voluntary sacrifice.

Many people believe that all sorts of ill luck will follow them if they by chance happen to break a looking-glass. These superstitious folks may perhaps be glad to hear that unbreakable mirrors are now being made by putting a coat of quick-silver at the back of a very thin sheet of celluloid.

Some married couples are so quarrelsome that they dare not sit near the open window for fear of falling out.

Some men have as little sense about money matters as widows.

## THE INDIAN GIRL.

She is tall and well-developed; she has long black hair, bright black eyes, and strong white teeth set in a dark-skinned face. In her ears are ear-rings half a yard long. Her bare arms are generally ornamented with wide bracelets. Around her neck are numerous strings of beads and a necklace of elk teeth. Her loose dress of turkey red reaches from her neck to a little below the knees. Prettily embroidered moccasins finish this costume. She gathers flowers and wild fruit, digs the wild turnips, and chews the gum gathered from the prairie plants.

This girl has never had a bath in her life, she has never slept in a bed or eaten from a table; was never in childhood taught to say a prayer or tenderly kissed and snugly tucked into bed. But with or without supper she took her doll or favorite puppy in her arms, and in the same clothes she had worn for months, curled herself up under a blanket and slept. She does not know a single letter of the alphabet, or a hymn. She has never been to a birthday party, nor a Thanksgiving dinner, nor a Fourth of July celebration; she has never heard the sweet story of Christmas.

Years succeed each other, adding the cares of wife and mother. She leaves off bright colors, her face, too, loses its bright look. Whether she goes for a visit, or for fuel or water, or is hoeing the little patch of corn, a cute baby face is usually peeping over her shoulder. One little baby has gone. She saw her becoming weaker and weaker. She could eat nothing; her breathing could be heard outside the hut. The old medicine men have shaken their rattles in vain. The little life goes out. No one tells her of the angel arms waiting to receive her baby. She has never heard of the great Heart full of love waiting to comfort her, but thinks she has displeased some god, who takes her child in punishment for her offense.

Who will carry the light to these dark sisters? Who will go to them and teach them of the love that can turn their night to day, their sorrow to rejoicing? The Indian women old and young, need to be taught that their highest, holiest duty is the intelligent management of the home and the children that God has given to them. Not until the Indian women become good nurses, good housekeepers, intelligent Christian women, will the Indian problem be solved. When they do succeeding generations of Indians will take care of themselves.

Real honesty is to do when we are alone what we would do if the whole world were looking on.

Few people in India eat more than twice a day and thousands only once.

## THE BRIGHT SIDE.

Many persons make themselves unnecessarily unhappy by anticipating misfortunes. It is an old proverb, but a wise one that bids us "never cross a bridge till we come to it." In the round of existence troubles find us soon enough. But let us see to it that they do the searching; let us shut our eyes to the shadows and lose ourselves in happiness as long as we may. It is enough to endure sorrows when they are actually upon us; but there is no use in suffering from them till they do arrive. No misfortune is borne any more easily, nor is the pain it entails lessened by anxiety beforehand.

Let us learn to seal our lips forever on the wretched, miserable habit of telling the word about the notes in our neighbor's eye. Who made us a judge over him? Tell him his faults between thee and him alone. You can find chapter and verse for that. Tell him his faults, if you will, with love and sympathy in your heart, confessing your own to him meanwhile. Tell him his faults because you want to help him to become nobler, lovelier, and better, because you cannot bear to see a stain upon him, not because you want to humble him or glory over him. Tell him his faults in secret if you are ready for such holy work, but do not, do not tell the world of his faults. — J. R. Miller.

The Moqui Indians believe that long ago there lived in the blue heavens a brave and handsome prince whose body was of the same color as the sky. He loved a princess whose body was as white as snow. On one occasion, while fleeing from enemies together, they stopped on a mountain in Arizona to rest. Where he sat the perspiration from his blue person ran to the ground and formed the valuable turquoise mines found there. Wherever his bride rested her perspiration crystallized into pure white salt.

A Shawnee Indian boy beheld a locomotive and train for the first time, while it was taking water. To a companion he thus speaks of the incident: "He drink, he halloo, he run."

If we can say no good of persons, we must say nothing of them. We must never speak of any one's faults to others until we have first spoken of them to the offender himself.

A people who love flowers certainly have an element in their nature of a higher order. What race of children exhibit a greater fondness for them than the Indian?

The human race is divided into two classes — those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire why wasn't it done the other way.

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### SALUTATORY.

With this issue the INDIAN ADVANCE is introduced to the public. It will be devoted: first, to the interest of the Carson Indian School; second, to the Paiute, Washoe and Shoshone Indians; third, to the education of all Indians. Its pretensions will be modest, but its efforts directed constantly for good to a people who are in want of encouragement and advice. While it recognizes the weakness and vices of the Indian, it will attempt to mention some of his good qualities and prove that he is capable of reaching a higher state of civilization.

The mechanical work will be done by the pupils of the school, and at the earliest period possible the entire management of the paper will be left to them. We request the patronage and support of the citizens of Carson and vicinity. We invite communications and items of news from persons interested in the cause the paper espouses.

To like papers published in other Indian schools we extend the hand of fellowship and good will.

There are in the United States sixty-five Indian Agents. There are three hundred and seventeen distinct tribes that are to some extent under the control of the Government. There are eighty-one reservation boarding schools, twenty-six non-reservation boarding schools and one hundred and forty-two day schools. It requires two thousand nine hundred and ninety-four employees to teach the eighteen thousand Indian children now in these schools. Of these teachers one thousand one hundred and eighteen are Indians.

Nevada has one non-reservation school, located at Carson, one boarding school at Pyramid Lake, one boarding school at Western Shoshone reservation, and one day school at Walker river.

How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.

### LEND A HELPING HAND.

The present management of the Carson Indian School will appreciate the moral support and encouragement of the white citizens of this vicinity. This may be given to the school in many ways without trouble or cost. A word of advice to the Indian mother from a white woman, pointing out the advantages of educating her child, often induces her to place it in school, when if the same arguments were used by an employee of the school the mother would turn a deaf ear, believing the employee had a personal or selfish motive. A word of commendation spoken to a well dressed and behaved boy or girl stimulates in the breast of the child a love for a higher life; a visit to the school attracts the attention of the pupil, and although he may appear stoical, he takes mental note that his deportment and attainments are observed and commented upon by the white people, and tries to conduct himself so as to make a favorable impression. This school is maintained especially for the education of the Indian race, but incidentally it is an advantage to all. It is almost impossible to bring up a family of any race in a community and not have them come in contact, more or less, with all the children of that community; this contact, according to the "eternal nature of things" has a tendency to bring all upon the same moral and intellectual level. Help to elevate and educate the Indian child, and you will assist in raising the standard of civilization of the community in which you reside.

The Navajo Indian lives in a very arid country where little is raised. He is sometimes compelled to subsist on the prairie dog, which is found plentifully in that region. This little animal is very timid and scampers to his underground home at the faintest indication of danger, but his inquisitive nature gets him into trouble with the Indian, who has learned his habits. The Navajo is always provided with a small mirror, a piece of glass or a piece of bright tin. When he gets hungry and has nothing else to eat, he seeks a dog town and, placing the mirror, glass or tin in the end of a short stick split at one end, he inserts the other end of the stick into the ground so as to reflect the sun's rays into the hole leading to the little fellow's home. The dog, seeing the unusual light, comes out to see what is going on, but as cautious as he is the light blinds him so that he can not see the Navajo, who is ready above to shoot him with an arrow, which is nearly always successful.

The school is under obligations to numerous papers published in Nevada for kindly placing their papers in reach of its pupils.

Plans have been received from the Indian Office at Washington for the new dormitory soon to be erected here. The building will be a handsome brick structure and will be a welcome addition to our school plant. It will be located east of the present main building, and will be occupied by the girls.

Some people say it will do no good to educate Indians; they go back to camp life and the blanket as soon as they learn the school. While this may be true in some instances, the ratio of worthless educated Indians is no greater than that of educated white people.

The Indian boarding school that burned at Pyramid Lake a few weeks ago is to be replaced immediately. The new building will cost about twenty-four thousand dollars.

Why not encourage the Indian who is striving to lift himself up to the level of civilization?

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There are about six hundred Indians on the Walker river reservation.

The girls have been having a fine time playing croquet during vacation.

Miss Mackey and Miss Hobbs spent their vacation in San Francisco and vicinity.

Annie Tom and Ruby Winston went to San Francisco with Mrs. Allen the first of August.

Our school attendance for the month of August will reach one hundred and twenty-five.

Mr. Furlong, the school farmer, says he will have one thousand bushels of potatoes this year.

Many tons of hay have been harvested in Western Nevada this year, almost entirely with Indian labor.

Harrison Diaz besides doing duty in the printing office, will continue to act as office boy for the Superintendent.

We were pleased to have Miss Estella Reel, Superintendent of Indian Schools, visit us just before the close of the school year.

Jack Campbell and Peter Powell, Pahute boys, arrived from Hawthorne some days ago, and are enrolled for the coming year.

There are enrolled in the Carson Indian School for the present quarter seventy-one Washoes, seventy-one Pahutes and fifteen Shoshones.

George Collins, Harrison Diaz, John Cassell and Bode Graham, pupils of the school, are doing all the mechanical work in the ADVANCE office.

During vacation all the boys visited Lake Tahoe and spent a few days in camp. They were not very successful in catching fish, but all enjoyed the outing.

Miss Minnie C. Barrows, of the Bishop day school, and Mrs. Margaret Peters, of the Big Pine school, paid us a pleasant visit on their return from the Los Angeles Institute.

Citizens of Nevada, do you believe that your pure child can grow up in the vicinity of a Chinese opium den, where Indian boys and girls are enticed and ruined, and not be contaminated?

Charles Cashbaugh, Hank Richards, Hank Free and Bessie Wayland, from the Bishop, California, day school, and Mike Tibbitts and Frank Alston, of the Big Pine school, were transferred to this school during vacation.

Anna Tom and Ruby Winston took a trip to San Francisco the first of August with Mrs. Allen. They were delighted with their trip. They visited the Chutes, Cliff House, Golden Gate Park and many other points of interest while there.

In July four of our best pupils were transferred to Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. James Graham and Cleveland Diaz entered the school there, to take the Commercial Course; Daisy Washington and Mayte Wasson to take the Normal training provided for Indian pupils there. Pupils and employees all regretted to see them leave our school, but believing that it was a wise step, bid them goodby with many well wishes.

### CARSON INDIAN SCHOOL STAFF.

The following persons are employed at the Carson Indian School for the year 1900:

James K. Allen	Superintendent
Thomas S. Ansley	Clerk
Simeon L. Lee	Physician
Miss Florence Ansley	Matron
Miss Flora V. West	Kindergartener
Mrs. May Longenbaugh	Teacher
Miss Lula Ashcraft	Teacher
Miss Jennie E. Mackey	Teacher
W. L. Taylor	Industrial Teacher (Printing)
Abner S. Curtis	Carpenter
James Furlong	Farmer
Miss Media Gimmion	Assistant Matron
Miss Annie Hobbs	Seamstress
Mrs. Lou E. Curtis	Cook
Mrs. May Newkirk	Laundress
John Switch	Engineer
William C. Johnson	Night Watch
George Collins	Sergeant
John Cassell	Sergeant
Ruby Winston	Sergeant
Anna Tom	Sergeant
Daisy Bourland	Sergeant
Joe Johnson	Sergeant

### An Excellent Showing.

Mrs. Minnie C. Barrows, of Bishop, Cal., has been doing excellent work for Indians located in that locality. She has had an average attendance of more than fifty pupils during the past year. Although she has labored under great disadvantages, teaching in three small rooms, she kept up the interest of the school to the end of the year. Many of the pupils living five and six miles from the school were promptly at school when it opened. This should be encouraging to the friends of the Indians, since the pupils are not provided with noonday lunch or any other incentive, except that they may learn the white man's ways.

### Indian Patriotism.

Just before Christmas last Mrs. Peters, who has charge of an Indian day school at Big Pine, California, received a flag from the Indian Office at Washington, to be placed over her school building. No provision had been made for a staff. When the Indians, who had built their own schoolhouse, heard of the situation, they held a council and agreed to use the money, \$7 50, they had collected for use on a Christmas tree for the purpose of securing a staff. When the work was accomplished they looked upon the National emblem with pride, promising their children that their loss would be made up in the future.

The Washoe and Pahute Indians live around the cities and towns of Nevada and California where they can obtain employment, and thus prove they are self-supporting. Washoes are found at Carson City, Genoa, Gardnerville, Reno and Woodford; the Pahutes at Virginia City, Empire, Dayton, Walker river, Hawthorne, Nevada, and in Inyo county, California.

Miss Ansley writes that she has spent a most enjoyable vacation in Chicago, Elgin and Power's Lake. She will leave Chicago on the evening of the 28th instant. The children will gladly welcome her return to the school.

### Death of Henry Sharp.

The pupils and employees of Carson school greatly lament the death of Henry Sharp, which occurred at the school at eight o'clock Tuesday morning, August 8th. Little Henry was a pupil of the Kindergarten, and one of the most promising members of the class. We mourn especially that one who gave such assurance of helpfulness to his race should be so early taken. The day before his death his mother requested his baptism, and Rev. Wilson of Carson was immediately called and performed the sacred rite. The funeral services were held at the school, conducted by Rev. Wilson. His favorite songs, "Precious Jewels" and "Jesus Loves Me," were sung by his little classmates. His body was interred in the cemetery belonging to the school.

### Seeking an Education.

The Indians at Independence, Inyo county, California, are alive to the benefits of educating their children. Last year they erected from their scant earnings a schoolhouse and provided it with a few articles of furniture. Miss Bertha S. Wilkins, the teacher sent there by the Government, has faithfully worked to encourage them in the good work begun. These people, as well as those at Bishop and Big Pine, California, recognize that the old Indian customs are a thing of the past, and are striving to help their children to begin the battle of life with the same advantages the white boy and girl have.

Miss Ashcraft and Mrs. Longenbaugh spent their month's vacation in San Francisco. They visited the many places of amusement in the city, but were most interested in the Sutro baths. These baths are the finest in the world. Mrs. Longenbaugh attended Latimer's School of Art and brought home some interesting sketches of Alameda and San Francisco Bay. Miss Ashcraft continued her trip to Davenport, Washington, where she has mining interests.

When Mrs. Allen, Annie Tom and Ruby Winston returned from their trip to San Francisco their reports so delighted Mr. Allen that he proposed taking the same trip. He visited all the points of interest, and was especially pleased with the Chutes, for he succeeded in "shooting" them three times.

Mr. Allen forgot to put on his veil when calling on the bees, and in revenge for such a breach of etiquette they left their marks of gratitude on several parts of his face. He used a can of Miss Smith's baking soda to remove their kindly feeling toward him.

Ruby Winston, Annie Tom, Nellie Jones and Elizabeth Frank were the first girls of the school to visit the printing office. Bode Graham, "the champion typesetter," initiated the girls into the mysteries of the art.

The Rev. Wilson, pastor of the M. E. Church of Carson City, kindly gave the School several interesting talks during the past year, which were appreciated by employees and pupils alike.

Daniel Webster and William C. Johnson are the night watchmen during vacation.

## THANKFUL AND THANKLESS.

THERE were two birdies, so the folks say, who sat on a tree one bright autumn day; and one was as thankless as thankless could be. The world might be fair, but what cared he? And one looked up to the sky above, and sang such a song of grateful love that it thrilled the hearts of the passers-by.

And made them, too, look up to the sky, and thank the Giver of all good things—For he who is grateful always sings.

An enjoyable social was held on the lawn on Saturday evening.

John Moore has been taking his vacation at Gardnerville and Genoa.

Miss Smith, mess cook, has remained at her post of duty through vacation.

The "Sagebrush Literary Society" will be reorganized when school opens.

Lloyd Curtis and Walter Allen spent much of their time fishing during vacation.

Ruby Winston spent a few days at home after her return from San Francisco.

The ADVANCE office will be enlarged and fitted up in good shape before our next issue.

The day schools at Walker River and in Inyo county, California, will open September 4th.

Mr. Ansley made a trip to Wadsworth and Pyramid Lake last week and had a very pleasant time.

Mr. William Baine, who was Disciplinarian at this school last year, has entered Haskell Institute.

The pupils transferred to Haskell Institute from this school in July are well satisfied with the school now.

Pupils and employees regretted to have William Murphy go home. Every one will welcome his early return.

Little Bennis Jack, who went home last Spring on account of sickness, has returned to school well and happy.

The band had an invitation to visit Truckee last Sunday and furnish music for a picnic party, but were unable to go.

Mr. Pugh, day teacher at Walker river, stopped off to pay us a visit on his return from a trip to Colorado one day last week.

Nap Henry, who was not very well before vacation, has returned to school feeling much better, and is again driving the hook.

Little Noids Hongkong had the misfortune to run a nail into his foot. In consequence he has been confined to the hospital several days.

Miss Thomas says she can hardly tell which of the three girls, Lena Jack, Maggie Wilson or Edith Johnson, can make the best cookies.

## HUMAN KINDNESS.

Alphonsus, the king of Naples and Sicily, justly celebrated in history for his leniency and mercy, was once asked why he was so lenient to all, even the most wicked man.

"Because," said he, "good men are won by justice, the bad by mercy."

On another occasion some complained that he was too kind, even for a prince. "What then," cried the king, "would you have lions and tigers to reign over you? Do you not know that cruelty is the property of wild beasts, mercy that of man?"

Some of the girls are anxiously waiting for the corn to get ripe.

Mrs. Newkirk spent a few weeks in San Francisco during her vacation.

The potatoes grown at the school are not only delicious but abundant.

The Indian is to be civilized; he has not yet engaged in prize fighting.

The school rooms are being put in order for the opening of the school.

Miss Grimmon is spending her vacation with her brother in Carson City.

John Frank, who left school at the close of the year, was married at Reno a few days ago.

Pupils are returning nearly every day from vacation. Soon all will have returned.

Mr. Furlong has the thanks of all the children for the nice treat of honey provided a few days ago.

While Mrs. Curtis is taking her vacation Miss Agnes Thomas of Carson has been filling her place.

The "peach wagon" from California, which stops at the school frequently, pleases the small boys.

Port Devore came back from his vacation with a grin indicating that he had had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Furlong thinks, if the frost stays away a little longer, he can treat the children to watermelons.

The citizens of Carson have the thanks of the school for their many remembrances during the year.

The ADVANCE will be addressed to each paper in Nevada as a remembrance for favors extended to the school.

Miss West has proven to be an excellent Matron as well as Kindergartener, having filled that position during Miss Ansley's absence.

Supervisor Conser, who has had charge of the schools of this district for the past two years, has been transferred to the district immediately north.

Mr. L. A. Ellis, Farmer-in-Charge of the Walker River Reservation, visited the school about a week ago on business. While here he drove up to Lake Tahoe.

The band boys had considerable amusement electing one of their number for a band leader a few evenings ago. After several ballots John Switch was elected. George Minkey gave John a close call for the honors.

Is it true that all good Philipinos are dead ones?

George Minkey accompanied the teachers to Los Angeles and beheld the beauties of the gem of Southern California.

Mr. Curtis, Miss Ansley and Miss West attended the Indian Teachers' Association held at Los Angeles during vacation.

There are five Supervisors of Indian Schools. The schools of California and Nevada constitute one Supervisor's district.

Mr. Davis, who was teacher in this school last year, has been transferred to Hope boarding school, South Dakota, as Superintendent.

The farm boys are clearing up a new field on the western side of the farm for potatoes next Spring, and although the days are warm they do the work cheerfully.

Never mark down the value you have set upon yourself, but go to work and add so much to your real worth that every one will see, who knows, that yours is a fair price for a first-class article.

A hunting case silver watch was found on Carson street, between Raycraft's stable and Gillson's store, last Wednesday evening, by Mr. Furlong of the Indian School. The owner can recover the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

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