

and hold the two craft from being drawn into the main current again. Willing members of the tribe rushed to the maiden's assistance, and Violette was soon restored to her father's arms, while White Feather lay prone on the shore, almost overcome by his terrible struggle.

How his bravery, contrasted so vividly, as it was, with the cowardice of Flying Hawk, won him the admiration of the whole tribe, and how his name was changed from White Feather to Strong Heart would make another story, too long to be told here. Suffice it to say that it was not the acclaim of the tribesmen that the heroic Indian desired as the reward for his bravery.

Breaking away as soon as he could from the elaborate ceremonies prepared at once in his honour, Strong Heart went in search of Wauchita. Crouched by the water's edge, in tears of thankfulness, he found her, and, taking her in his arms, he told her unrebuked the old, old, ever-new story. The sun sank in splendour behind the distant hills; the rushing waters gave no sign of the struggle they had participated in, and only the two seated by the noisy cataract realized the deep significance and far-reaching results of the incident that had taken place.

### LETTER WRITING.

In the famous letters to his son, Lord Chesterfield gives the following valuable hints:—"When you write to me, suppose yourself conversing freely with me by the fireside. In that case you would naturally mention the incidents of the day, as where you had been, whom you had seen, what you thought of them, etc. Do this in your letters; acquaint me sometimes with your studies, sometimes with your diversions; tell me of any new persons and characters that you meet with in company, and add your own observations upon them; in short, let me see more of you in your letters. Tell me what books you are now reading, either by way of study or amusements, how you pass your evenings when at home, and where you pass them when abroad."

### NEWS OF THE OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

The Executive have held many meetings in an endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the various and difficult problems which confront them this year. The knowledge that civil service legislation is pending during the present session, and the necessity of urging upon the Government much needed civil service reforms, have been largely responsible for the present activities of the Association and the very satisfactory progress made.

The Women's Branch Association is now fully organized, its constitution accepted, and in accordance with section 28, has been given representation on the Executive. The two members are Miss Tremblay of the Department of the Interior and Miss Darcey of the Post Office Department.

The interest of the service at large is absorbed in the hope that some effective measure of relief will be introduced to offset the high cost of living, the effects of which are so much felt by the civil servant. This matter has been before the Executive for some time and it has been decided to make representation to the Government for some such measure of relief. Whatever form this relief may assume, the Executive recognizes that provision must be made so as to permit of all classes of civil servants deriving the benefit which it is intended shall be given. An equitable revision of the salary scales would appear to be the only way by which this may be effected.

Of even greater importance to the service as a whole is the question of promotions. The Executive have had this matter under discussion for a considerable time, and as a result has adopted the definite policy of promotions under the direct supervision of a Promotion Board, constituted with all necessary power. This policy, in somewhat greater detail, on being submitted to a special convention of the Departmental Advisory Boards on February 20th, received the hearty approval of this body, which is representative of all classes in the service.

In view of the rumored reforms to be made with regard to the old Third Division problem, the clerks of this division recently held a mass meeting in the Y.M.C.A. hall, when a memorial, setting forth their just demands, was adopted for presentation to the Executive. This memorial was subsequently considered by the Executive, approved and ordered to be presented to the Government at the most favourable opportunity. This action of the Third Division clerks is highly appreciated and the Executive are always glad to avail themselves of suggestions emanating from those who have