

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OF INDIANS.

The question is repeatedly asked. "What is going to be done with the graduates when they have finished their education at the Industrial schools?" Another one: "What are those doing who have already been educated, upon whom so much money has been spent, what benefit has been derived?"

To reply to these questions, we must first convince the questioners of the magnitude of the task. In these go-ahead times people get the impression that what has occupied centuries, viz: the civilization of a nation can be accomplished in a few years; that the whole habits, modes of life, of thought, the hereditary inborn nature, can be changed in two or three years of school life. Except in a few cases we must not expect more in this generation than to make them think, to get them to accept the theory of work, to be accustomed to restraint, and to work out this problem for themselves; therefore the process must be necessarily slow, but it is none the less sure. As the human body, tissues, and tastes change every seven years, the environment, discipline, and board of the schools, will in this time have an effect which can never be eradicated, but the longer they stay at them the better. It is then to be assumed that if they return to their homes, and marry girls also trained, these habits and influences will be manifested.

It is to be feared that if they are sent as servants or laborers among white citizens—among those who are ignorant of their habits and thoughts, they are very likely to deteriorate, and their worst qualities develop; therefore it is to be hoped that on their own reserves, among their own people the greatest benefit will be derived. One successful specimen by his example will do more good in his own band, with this object in view, than half-a-dozen isolated cases, who have left their reserves and been successful in the cities.

Seven years at school, seven years an apprenticeship to a trade, were thought necessary by our forefathers, even when the English were so far advanced as the last century, and even the beginning of this, and until our graduates have passed through this stage for two generations, at least, we cannot be prepared to give results. As far as can be seen under the influence of the school, they are most promising. Even where pupils have returned home after three or four years training the difference is most marked, at least, habits of cleanliness, smartness and willingness to work. The expense cannot be deplored in

view of the results which have gained, and the responsibility which is laid upon us by our treaties, and the object of making the original owners of the soil our fellow citizens able to exercise equal rights in all spheres of life. —The Aurora.

NOTES FROM THE GIRLS.

We are very sorry Miss Smith has gone away to leave us. I hope we will see her again.—Nellie Whitehead.

The boys were not in school for two or three days because they were working in the gardens.—Eliza Smith.

I hope we will go out camping this year; we would like to go very much.—Agnes.

I hope the gardens will grow nicely. The boys did not come to school for three days because they were busy in the gardens.

Our governess has gone away to Pasqua, and we are very sorry.—Susan Knife.

I hope the gardens will grow well this year because there has been plenty of rain this summer.—Mary Ann Black.

I should like to help the seamstress all the time.—Jennie Lane.

We all like our Principal because he is very kind to us.

I am sorry that Miss McDonald is going away soon.—Pollie Head.

I should like to mend all the boys' clothes every afternoon.—Susan Jane.

I should like to make girls' stockings and boys' socks all the time.

I hope the people will like the pretty things we sent to Regina.—Minnie Dakotah.

We are all sending some little things to Regina Exhibition. I hope some of us will get prizes.—Matilda Black.

Nearly every evening we go down to the river to swim; it is great fun, and we like it very much.—Lisette Parker.

The flowers are growing well in the garden. We are very fond of flowers. Fannie Hall.

I am very sorry that Miss McDonald is going away next Monday.—Nancy Pruden.

We are all sorry that Miss McDonald is leaving next month.—Frances Bear.

We are all very sorry that our Laundress is leaving next week.—Nancy Hall.

I got a letter from my mother last mail. I was pleased to hear from her. We are always glad to have our letters answered by our friends.—Matilda Black.

We are very sorry that Miss Smith is going away next Tuesday. I hope she will write to us presently.—Lucy Gray.

The girls are very sorry that Miss Smith is going away to leave us, because she is very clever, she taught us how to do lots of things for the Regina Fair.—Mary Waychan.

We all like our Principal because he is very kind to us, and our teachers too; they are both very kind.

Mrs. Neely and her children and some people from the town went to camp at Jack-fish Lake last week. We hope they enjoyed themselves.—Sophie Bright.

I am very sorry that Miss Smith is going away next week. We hope she will get better if she goes away.—Sophie Bright.

I should like to be a sewing-room girl all the time because I like it very much indeed.—Sarah Bank.

I am a kitchen girl. I get up before the big bell rings in the morning. Sometimes I feel lazy.

I like our teacher because he is very kind to us, when we don't know anything he explains to us and then we know it afterwards.—Louisa Badger.

It is very nice to go for a walk in the evenings. We all like to walk over town to Church on Sunday evenings.—Sarah Smith.

Louisa and Catherine had their photographs taken on Monday, and I hope they will be nice.

I am very glad to say that Mr. and Mrs. Hogbin went out camping at Jack-fish Lake with Mrs. Neely and her two children and Phoebe. They were out for a few days, but one thing we missed and that was little baby Esther.—Eva Dobbs.

NOTES FROM THE BOYS

We are glad to see our friends from Snake Plain.—William Drower.

The boys were working hard in the gardens for three or four days and did not go to school. The girls came to school every day.—John Scarlet.

We were working hard in the gardens for about four days this week. We are glad to see everything growing nicely this year.

The boys have been working hard for the last few weeks at work for the Exhibition. I hope they will get some prizes.—Adolphus Briton.

I wish the weeds would not grow so fast.—Alexander Child.

I am glad to say that the grain is growing well.—Solomon Briton.

It rains plenty now, but it is good for the gardens.—Patrick Puchetoo.

I was glad to see the people from Snake Plain the other day.—Robert Boots.

I like to play foot ball and cricket; some boys would like to go out from this school and work. I work in the morning and I go to school in the afternoon.—Patrick Briton.

I would like all the boys and girls to grow up good men and women.—Benjamin Dacotah.

Some of the boys are fond of growing nice flowers.—Albert.

We like to play cricket sometimes. I work in the morning.—Samuel Benson.

We like to play cricket very much. We were glad to see the cricket match the other day, we are all fond of cricket.—William Bear.

I like to work and play very much. I go to school in the morning and work with the farmer in the afternoon.—Robert Knife.