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## Truth.

To Speak the truth is always right And therefore always best. The sinful in our Maker's sight. To tell a lie in jest.

Nor should we seek a fault to hide By any fatse pretence. The truth must never by dynied Whate, or the consequence.

Falsehood can never prosper long, Its triumph soon is past. But truth, howe'er opposed, is strong. And will for ever last.

There's One above doth all things know, And a strict reckoning keep: God is not mocked: and as we sow, So shall we surely reap.

White lying lins, and all deceit, Are bateful in His sight, Uprightness will His favour meet, And truth is His delight.

## Bulld for Eternity.

The Angels from their thrones on high Look down on us with pliying eye: That where we are but passing guests We build such strong and solid nests. And where we hope to dwell for aye, We scarce take heed a stone to lay." LOWDER

## THE SCHOOL.

The Battleford Industrial School has been formally taken over by the Church of England, on what is called the per capita system, the transfer dating from July 1st.

This is the oldest school of its kind in the Territories, having been established in 1883-twelve years ago.

During that period 186 papils have been admitted-122 boys and 64 girls, and these have been taken from more than a dozen reserves scattered over a stretch of country about 250 miles long, from East to West.

At the present time there are over a hundred children connected with the school-many of those who have been discharged at different times, are doing well in the different parts of the country where they reside.

Besides the class work in the school rooms, where regular instruction is given by the two teachers, in all the ordinary branches, the boys are taught blacksmithing, carpentering, kalsomining, painting, printing, shoemaking,

farming and gardening, while the girls are instructed in baking, cooking, washing, mending and all kinds of general household work.

But while all these are being carried on, they are not all that is being done. Care is also taken to impress upon the young minds the bigher moral and spiritual truths which are so necessary for the pupils' truest welfare. Sunday services, Sunday school, singing morning and practices. evening prayers are conducted regularly, and all the good reading matter we can procure is given to them. They are very fond of reading-and, in fact are very teachable all round.

A number of the older girls are out at service as what is called "Out Pupils," and according to the written reports received from their employers, they are giving good satisfaction.

The following persons are at present on the staff in connection with the school.

Principal, Rov. E. Matheson. Asst. Principal, Mr. J. M. R. Neely General Asst., Mr. W. H. Wheatland. Carpenter, Mr. S. Lougheed. Shoemaker, Mr. D. J. McKenzie. Farmer & Blacksmith, H. McKenzie. Matron, Miss. C. A. Gibson. Governess, Miss M. M. Smith. Soamstress, Miss N. Hayes. Instructress, Mrs. S. Lougheed. Hospital Nurse, Miss R. Weightman. Cook, Miss V. Taylor. Laundress, Miss L. McDonald.

Three of the girls are also employed regularly on wages, one as general servant, and the other two as bakers While of the boys one is in charge of nothing but praise to the pupils for the the printing shop, a second in charge excellence of their exhibits, both for of the paint shop, and a third fills the quality and quantity, and all must reposition of Nightwatchman.

The training given to all the pupils is one calculated to fit them for a useful position in years to come, to make them wholesome examples should they go back to live and work on any of the reserves, to fit them for the high and noble work of raising their fellow natives to a higher and better plane of side by side with the other settlers of the country as useful, law-abiding citizens.

We venture to ask of those who have the welfare of the Indian at heart, an interest in their prayers for the guidance and blessing of God on the work of this school, which we firmly believe is destined to become, with the Divine blessing, a power for good in "the land we live in."

T' is into been a very busy summer wir as, a large acreage has been put under cultivation, and the prospects of a bountiful yield of wheat, Joats and barley are good.

The gardens are also coming on splendidly, we have been using some of the vegetables since nearly two months. We have had lots of rain, and overything looks well.

A new dining-room and kitchen have been bailt on to the hospital, and a now well dug there and fitted up properly, with pump, pipes, &c, there is a plentiful supply of good water. A new carpenters' shop has been erected but is not finished yet. An addition has been put on to the warehouse which is a great convenience and improvement, while the old store-room upstairs in the main building is being fitted up as a dormitory for the girls The new cottage is just about complet ed, and the material for a new implement shed is on the ground. Quite a number of other improvements have been made in and around the premises.

The Battleford Industrial School has sent a collection of exhibits to the Territorial Exhibition at Regina, of which the pupils may well be proud

The articles give the strongest proof of the fact, that Industrial Schools are of the greatest use in drawing out the talent, taste, and neatness, that we know is latent in the children for whom these schools are intended.

The officials of the school can give fleet the highest credit on the efforts of the various instructors.

Each girl has worked her hardest and has given up much of her spare time, in order that her particular work might be, at least, up to the general standard of excellence

Special mention must be made of the quilt, which is decidedly unique, the manhood and womanhood, and to en- centre contains a large square with the able them to take their proper place froat view of the school embroidered on it, this is surrounded by squares and diamonds, each bearing the name of one of the girls, in most cases worked by the girl herself. This article will certainly attract much attention at Regina.

The boys have not sent as many articles as the girls have; but those who have seen the work that has been done in and around the school by the curpentors, farmers, and others during