



INDIANS AND CANOE.

INDIAN CHILDREN.

INDIAN children are entirely under the control of their mothers, and it is a remarkable fact that they are never whipped for misconduct. The punishment usually resorted to for any little misbehaviour is covering the face of the guilty one with a coat of black paint, and, until the paint is removed by the mother, such an one is not allowed to enter the wigwam or have anything to eat. When a boy learns the use of a bow, he is allowed to exercise his skill in shooting birds around the village, and when he reaches the age of fifteen, he is furnished with a gun and required to practise shooting geese, ducks, and other water fowl.

At night his father tells him stories about elk and bear hunting, how to approach the deer and buffalo; and, when he has proved himself a good shot, he is permitted to accompany hunting-parties, and if successful, his education is considered complete, and he is released from parental control to enter upon a life, the chief end of which is to excel in the chase, and to gratify worldly appetites and desires.

Think of these poor little Indian boys, thinly-clad and exposed to the intense cold, away off in their Western homes, and then think how happy you are, well-clad, with good warm houses to sleep in, and with Christian parents to watch over, care for, and teach you that the chief end of man is not to excel in the chase or in war, but to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.—*Sel.*

THE Heavenly Master has still His eyes upon His weary followers, voiling in rowing, and each wave of circumstance bears Him on its crest. We are not required to live above circumstances; they are assigned to us that we may obtain therein a deeper experience of the love and wisdom of Him to whom all power is given in heaven and on earth.

BOYS WANTED.

MEN are wanted. So they are. But boys are wanted—honest, manly, noble boys. Such boys will make the desired men. Some one has declared, and truly, that those boys should possess ten points, which are thus given: 1. Honesty. 2. Intelligence. 3. Activity. 4. Industry. 5. Obedience. 6. Steadiness. 7. Willingness. 8. Politeness. 9. Neatness. 10. Truthfulness. One thousand first-rate places are open for one thousand boys who come up to the standard. Each boy can suit his taste as to the kind of business he would prefer. The places are ready in every kind of occupation. Many of them are filled by boys who lack some

important qualification; but they will soon be vacant because the boys have been poisoned by reading bad books, such as they would never dare show their fathers, and would be ashamed to have their mothers see. The impure thoughts suggested by these books will lead to vicious acts, the boys will be ruined, and their places must be filled. Who will be ready for one of these vacancies? Distinguished clergymen, skilful physicians, successful merchants must all soon leave their places for somebody else to fill. One by one they are removed by death. Mind your ten points, boys; they will prepare you to step into vacancies in the front rank. Every man who is worthy to employ a boy is looking for you if you have the points. Do not fear that you will be overlooked. A young person having these qualities will shine as brightly as a star at night.—*Selected.*

"THE BEST SIDE OF IT."

ON one of my deputation journeys for the Church Missionary Society an incident occurred of which I have a very vivid recollection.

It was Saturday night—the weather was bitterly cold, and I had had not only a long, but a very tiresome journey. I had a long wait at a certain junction which was in the midst of a mining population. A large number of working-men were gathered round the waiting-room fire. They were rough, but not unkindly specimens of the British workman. I found that they were busy "chaffing" one of their number who was an earnest Christian. But he was not one of the tongue-tied order. He was well able to defend himself and carry the war into the enemy's country.

"Your religion costs you a lot of money, doesn't it, Jack? There's a penny a week, and a shilling a month, and money here and money there."