

**Ramona School.**

THE Ramona School is at Santa Fe, in New Mexico. It was built in memory of the well-known Helen Jackson, who wrote "Ramona," "The Century of Dishonor," and other books, exposing the injustice and cruelty with which Indians had been treated by the Americans. Lately a Miss Green, who had been school teacher among the Sioux Indians in Nebraska, came to take up her residence at the Ramona school. The *Word Carrier* gives the following amusing account of her first introduction to her new pupils:

"It is only nine weeks since I came to them, but they seem very different to me now from what they did then. I was the synosure of nearly thirty pairs of black eyes when Mr. Chase introduced me to my new family, and told them of the Indian girls I had had the care of at Santee in Nebraska. They hung around me very bashfully for some time, not daring to speak. At last one little girl summoned courage sufficient to address such an imposing person as I, and, with gravity befitting the nature of the question, asked, "Miss Grin, did your children at Santee wear bangs?" That broke the ice. all the girls began at once: "Please let me wear bangs?" "Can't we wear bangs?" I told them that I would think about it. When I came home from dinner that afternoon nearly every girl had cut her hair, and when I said that they should have waited for permission, their excuse was "They wanted their hair fixed just like mine." They work over their hair; curl it with hot slate pencils; put it up in papers over night; indeed, try every method they can think of, but in vain. Their hair won't curl; and the straight shining hair is a constant punishment for disobedience.

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"I wish that I could tell you that some of the boys and girls here are Christians, but, although they have heard a great many times about the love of God, shown by sending Christ to die for us, they have seemed quite indifferent to His claims upon them, and not one has become a Christian. I hope and pray that they soon will, and that they may help their people when the time comes for them to return to their homes." \* \*

Mr. Wilson had a very pleasant little visit to the Ramona School, and made great friends with the wild little Apache pupils. Mr. Chase, the Superintendent, writing to him after his return home, said, "The Ramona School sends greeting, and congratulates you and Mrs. Wilson on your safe return home in health and happiness. If all your visits left as pleasant memories as did your visit here, you must have left a shining path all through the United States; our little children can never forget your visit."

Boys at the Reformatory at Penetanguishene cost \$3.82 each per week; at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania, about \$3.50 a week; at the Shingwauk Home, about 2.50 a week.

**Success.**

DAVID OSAHGEE, our late pupil at the Shingwauk Home, who spent also two years at Trinity College School, Port Hope, has passed the civil service examinations successfully, received a certificate with honors, and has now gone to Ottawa to be a clerk in the Indian Department. We gave all the boys and girls a holiday when the news arrived of his success.

**Extract from Mrs. Wilson's Letter to a Lady Helper.**

"I have undertaken to see about the clothing for these two Homes, so that all boxes pass through my hands and are acknowledged by me. I will let you know how I manage. When a box comes, I see who it is from, and then unpack it. All good or new boys' clothing goes into Mr. Wilson's store. Girls' clothing is put in a box to be sent to the Wawanosh Home. Any garments too small for our pupils I put into a box to be sent to our Garden River Indians, who are very glad to get them; or to Mr. Renison's Neepigon Mission. Sometimes a box is sent to me to distribute, but it is nearly always given to our Indian people. If there is any thing in a box not quite suitable for the girls, it is just put aside in what we call our "O.U. Club dressing up box," and is made use of by our own children when we give a little entertainment. They then generally act a few simple little pieces, and are glad of any thing that will help. I tell you all this so that you may know exactly what is done \* \* \* We are in need of uniform dresses, stockings, print dresses and aprons for big girls, and also boys' coats and trousers are a constant anxiety. Our work is increasing, and I hope is more widely known than it was, but the help given is far less than our needs."

**O.I.H. Jottings.**

THE Rev. Mr. Renison has two little orphan children at the Neepigon Mission, waiting to come to the Shingwauk Home in the spring.

The Indian Department report shows 124,589 Indians at present resident in Canada, and an attendance of 6,117 pupils at the various boarding and day schools.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The Annual Report of Our Indian Homes for 1888 is in the Printer's hands, and will shortly be published.

The white people are trying to drive the Indians out of the Oklahoma district in Indian Territory, but the Indians are not disposed to move.