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INDIAN EDUCATION.

All Indian children between seven and sixteen years must attend some school for the full term each year. Any guardian of an Indian child will be subject to the same regulations as the parents. Any unavoidable cause, such as sickness, relieved parents from penalty in this matter. If there is no school within two miles, the parents of those under ten years, are relieved from penalty, and those over ten if no school is within three miles. If an agent or teacher certifies that the services of a child are required at home, or are necessary for family maintenance, that child is relieved from school attendance. Indian agents may appoint truant officers for the enforcement of these regulations. If any parent or guardian neglects to comply with the provisions of these regulations, they shall, on conviction before a magistrate, be subjected to a fine of not more than two dollars or imprisonment for ten days, or both. If the agent thinks any child of school age is being neglected in his or her education he may issue a warrant to have such an one placed in some Industrial or Boarding School where he or she may be kept till they are 18 years of age. In such cases any money belonging to the child may be retained by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs or expended for maintenance or education. Any pupil leaving an Industrial or Boarding school without permission or any one obtaining leave of absence who does not return at the stipulated time, may be arrested and brought back by the authorities. Any officer having a warrant for such pupil's arrest may enter a house or any specified place and take the child back to school. The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs has the right to return any pupil to its parents at any time deemed fit.

FROM THE FAR NORTH

"Three thousand miles through the frozen North, through the land of the Esquimaux, far away from the haunts of the civilized world exploring hitherto unknown regions,"—this is what the trip of Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, of the Dominion Geological Survey and Mr. Ferguson, extra A. D. C. to His Excellency, the Governor General, amounts to. Back again to more congenial sur-

roundings, they both look hale and hearty, not a bit the worse of their extraordinary journey. While seated in the parlors of the Government House, they narrated to a Nor'-Wester reporter some few of the many interesting incidents of the expedition. Listening to them was akin to traversing through the snowclad regions where the reindeer abounds, and picking up here and there the lichen of the trackless wastes, souvenirs, or rather mementos of that great lone land. Only recently did they reach Winnipeg after an absence of nearly seven months, during which time they paddled on the waters of the famed Hudson's Bay, snowshoed day after day guided only by the compass and urged on by the desire to discover the hidden mysteries of the frozen North. The Nor'-Wester scribe was more than prepared for the narrative which he listened to, for in the outer porch of the building were stowed away the traveling paraphernalia, together with the trophies which tell of the strange people who inhabit the vast domain.

"We have tramped 700 miles in the last month," Mr. Tyrrell said.

"What do you figure the total number of miles covered in the entire trip?"

"I cannot tell now, but it surely must be over 2,000, perhaps 3,000. As you know we started out on our journey from Selkirk on the 15th day of last June, and went from there to Cumberland House. Going up the Saskatchewan one of our canoes upset resulting in the loss of some trifling articles, among which was a pair of carrier pigeons."

From Cumberland House they went northward over the Hudson Bay company old canoe route by way of Big Frog portage to Churchill river. Following this down stream they reached Deer River, which took them into Deer Lake. Across this they paddled until they reached a trading post at its northern extremity. From this to Churchill on the Hudson's Bay was a barren expanse, with not a white man to be seen. It was an entirely new country, one in which they were particular to make careful geological surveys. Having reached White Partridge river, Mr. Tyrrell knew that of necessity its outlet should be in Hudson's Bay, for the year before he had navigated a river still further North and had found that to empty itself in the bay. Accordingly they followed the course of the stream until it brought them to Neville inlet, which is about 300 miles north of Fort Churchill. For three weeks prior to reaching Neville inlet.

THEY DIDN'T SEE THE SUN.

The weather was quite wintry like, with northeast and southwest winds blowing the drifting snow. This was on Sept. 18. The shores of the bay were then skimmed over with ice in some places, for winter had set in. Navigation was not a thing to be desired, in a light canoe. Paddling down along the western shore of Hudson's Bay for a distance of 300 miles they arrived at the mouth of Churchill bay and entered the Fort on Oct. 1. Here they remained for two months. They were too late to undertake the return trip by canoe, and too early to go afoot, as the rivers had not yet frozen solid enough to allow of crossing upon the ice. (To be Continued.)

Religion without its mysteries, is a temple without a God.

OUR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISHES, MISSIONS AND CHURCHES IN MANI- TOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

In the autumn of 1825 the Rev. Mr. Jones was joined by Rev. W. Cochrane, afterwards Archdeacon of Assiniboia. In January of that year the Middle Church, now St. Paul's, where this magazine is published by Indian boys, trained in the Dominion Government Indian Industrial School, was opened. In 1829 Mr. Cochrane went to live at the Grand Rapids, as it was then called, now St. Andrew's, where he had opened a Mission, leaving Mr. Jones in sole charge of the Upper Church, as it was then called, while Mr. Cochrane commenced another Mission further down the river, now St. Peter's. The Rev. Mr. Jones was obliged to leave the country on account of ill-health, in the year 1833, leaving Mr. Cochrane single-handed to minister to the four churches. He was joined by the Rev. J. Smithurst in the fall of 1839, who was located at St. Peter's, and relieved Mr. Cochrane of St. Andrew's duties, whilst Mr. Cochrane attended to the two Upper churches, now St. John's and St. Paul's. The roads then must have been in a dreadful state, and yet these rev. gentlemen were never known to miss a service, unless through ill-health.

Mr. Cochrane removed the Indian scholars from St. John's down to St. Andrew's. The following are the names of the Indian boys who had been collected by these rev. gentlemen from different parts of the country, viz:—

- 1821 Henry Budd, Cree, from York Factory.
 " James Hope, " " "
 " John Hope, " " "
 1822 Charles Pratt, Cree, from the Plains.
 1823 Joseph Harbridge, Cree, from York Factory.
 " James Settee, " " "
 " John Spence, " " "
 1824 Henry Sinclair, " " "
 1825 Henry Cochrane, sr, " " "
 " William Cochrane, " " "
 " David Jones, Cree, from Norway House.
 " Wm. Garrioch, " " "
 1828 John Wahpunn, " " Cumberland House.

The following names I do not know in what year they were admitted to the school:

Kootaney Pelly, from Rocky Mountains, Spokane Garry, from Wallwalla, Spokane Berens, from Wallwalla, Wattus Pitt, from the Snake tribe, Nezperces Ellice, from Flat Head, Samboil Harrison, Chinook, Colcolsoe Columbia, Chinook, Cayus Halkett, Flat Head, Thomas Herschel, Chepooahyan, William Sharpe, Chepooahyan, Colin Leslie, Esquimaux, from Churchill. Among the half-breed boys I will only mention three, viz., Wm. Bruce, Peter Taylor and John Norquay. The above Indian boys were brought from their respective tribes through the kind help of the H. B. Co. In my next I will give a short history of each boy as far as I know.

(To be Continued.)

TRUST.

All is of God that is and is to be,
 And God is good. Let this suffice us still,
 Resting in child-like trust upon His will
 Who moves to His great ends, unthwarted by the
 ill.
 J. O. Whittier.

AN INDIAN RINK.

When Scotchmen first began to curl few, if any, of them had the slightest idea that their own game would appeal to the sporting sympathies of the Indian of the greatest North-west. Yet such has come to pass, and those who have witnessed the play of the Elkhorn rink admit that Messrs. Masquoi, Kak-wa-ke and Pukski can put up a good game and that they take a lot of beating. Pukski is assistant foreman in the carpenter's shop at the Elkhorn home. He is a grandson of Chief Old-son, one of the head chiefs of the Black-foot tribe. He plays third man in the rink. Masquoi, the lead, and Kak-wa-ke, the second man, are also working at trades in the home, and both occupy leading positions among their associates. This season marked the opening of an Indian rink in connection with the Elkhorn club, and these lads played their first game on Dec. 5. Continuing to improve in their play, the climax was reached when Kak-wa-ke won the vice-president's \$10 trophy, beating five of his "pale faced" opponents in succession. In the rink competitions they have had very fair success, having at one time or another defeated almost every rink in the club. They have strength and skill, and what is perhaps more important still, that stoicism of temperament which is so characteristic of the Indian, and which never allows them to be become flurried or excited. Mr. Cushing, their able skip, has great confidence in the ability of the lads and, notwithstanding that this is the first time they have ever curled off their own ice, he is certain that they will make a good showing.

ENJOYABLE TRAMP TO ST. PAUL'S.

On Saturday afternoon Jan. 19th, a large number of the members of the St. George's Snowshoe club took part in a tramp to St. Paul's, where they were entertained by Mr. Ashby, of the Industrial school, in his well known hospitable manner. A merry time was spent by all in dancing, singing and other amusements. The feature of the evening, however, was a Red River jig participated in by the boys of the school and several members of the club; Mr. Armstrong especially distinguishing himself. Among those who took a prominent part in the entertainment were Mr. Henry Kayll and Mr. Williams of St. Paul's, and Messrs. Armstrong and Tremayne, of the St. George's club. Owing to the fact that the merry knights of the tuque had a long tramp before them, the evening was brought to a rather early close by a speech from President Henderson, who thanked Mr. Ashby for the kind hospitality which he had extended to the club and promising him a warm reception should he feel disposed to pay the St. George's snowshoers a visit. After the club chorus and "An! Lang Syne" had been sung the trappers with three hearty cheers for Mr. Ashby, which were well responded to by three cheers by the boys of the school for the club, hastened to don their blanket coats and to line up for the march home. The tramp was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and it is probable that another trip to St. Paul's will be taken during the present season.—
Free Press.

Order one of our home made Dogr Scrapers and be prepared for the muddy weather. A boon to housewives.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We are weary of winter, and it's Oh! for the flowers of spring.

Arthur Cochrane has strung his fiddle afresh, and is practicing vigorously for the hay bee dance.

Two football matches with the parish school boys played last month, resulted in a victory in each case for our boys.

The thermometer fell to 40 below zero at the beginning of the month, and remained there or thereabouts for several days.

Mr. T. P. Wadsworth, the Government Inspector, has left us after a month's exhaustive examination of the affairs of this Institution.

We are drawing home the remainder of our hay on the prairie. With the assistance of neighbours the work is making rapid progress.

The Rev. A. Silva White came down to meet his future parishioners on Feb. 14th. He hopes to enter upon the charge of this parish before the middle of March.

Reservoirs of water have been fitted into our Smead Dowd furnaces to diffuse moisture with the currents of air circulated by the system through the building.

Our infant's sewing class has been making rare progress in knitting and darning. Nearly all of them can make a mitt and darn a stocking in business-like fashion now.

An organette, furnished with fifteen tunes, has been added to our musical instruments here. Still we are not quite happy; we want a piano, and we mean to have one.

Mr. Inspector Wadsworth gave our children a dance during his late visit. A very happy evening was spent, and a hearty vote of thanks is due to him for his thoughtful kindness.

A wave of sickness is passing over the Red River Valley. At St. Peter's there are numerous cases of influenza and measles partly occasioned, doubtless, by the vagaries of temperature.

At last the weather shows signs of breaking. A thaw set in during the second week in February, and although we have had sharp frosts since, we may reasonably hope for spring weather in the near future.

Fire pails and additional extinguishers have been placed in position during the past month in the main and new buildings. The boys have regular fire stations allotted to them. A gang being detailed for duty on each floor, under an instructor.

An Entertainment to be given entirely by the children is being arranged. Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works, enacted by sundry juvenile performers will be the principal feature. We hope to see a goodly company of friends and relations from St. Peter's on this occasion.

The Carpenter's shop has manufactured a cleverly planned piece of furniture for office use. A large cupboard containing pigeonholes for letters and compartments for official books. A flexible pull down shutter made of oak slats renders the interior dust and air proof.

Victory at last! Nothing daunted by four successive defeats, our boys journeyed up to St. John's College on Feb. 15th to meet the junior students on the football field. After a most exciting game, somewhat spoilt by a cross wind, we vanquished our opponents by one goal to none.

A sudden spell of exceptionally cold weather has resulted in numerous cases of sickness here. Happily, with careful nursing, our patients have now recovered, with the exception of two little girls who contracted influenza in a severe form. They too are on the high road to health, tho' still confined to bed.

We are making practical use of the Kindergarten material lately sent to us by the Department. The drawing apparatus is especially valuable and we hope to show some good results. A talent for drawing and modelling is very general among our children and they thoroughly appreciate the hour set apart for drawing twice each week.

A party of boys from the Elkhorn Industrial School accompanied by Mr. Wilson, the Principal, came to Winnipeg for the Bonspiel week and took part in the curling contests. They made a very creditable show and will prove formidable opponents in a year or two. We hoped to have had the pleasure of a visit from them but the projected arrangements fell through. Arthur Cochrane and Isaiah Badger went up to meet them one day and paid a visit to Parliament Buildings and Government House in their company. His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, received the party most kindly and entertained them in bounteous fashion.

COMPOSITION.

Composition is the art of expressing thought on any given subject by means of written symbols.

1. Matter. 2. Method. 3. Style. The art may be considered under these three heads.

Matter for thought is obtained by observation, i. e. by seeing, hearing, and above all, by reading, constant and intelligent.

Method. Everything must have a beginning, a middle and an end. A Truism so true that it may be overlooked. Tell your story well and observe the natural sequence of thought.

Style. A good style may be acquired only by hearing, speaking, and reading good English—"the fount of English undefiled." Constant practice is the secret of all success, in composition as in all other arts. Thus may be developed precision and due order of thought, a thorough understanding of sentence building, punctuation and the true meaning and value of English words. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter," it lies in two words—"observation" and "practice."
F. H. W.

The greatest papers in Great Britain and the United States freely acknowledge the wonderful merit of the FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR, Montreal. The FAMILY HERALD is a great newspaper and a great family paper, but it is more than that, it is one of the greatest authorities in the world on cheese, butter, general dairying, and general farming. How a progressive, up-to-date farmer can do without the FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR, of Montreal, is hard, indeed, to understand.

OUR CHILDREN'S PAGE. COMPOSITION.

A VISIT FROM THE SNOW-SHOE CLUB.

On Saturday evening the St. George's Snow-shoe Club tramped down to our school. At about 5 o'clock the boys were suddenly surprised by seeing a large band of men coming along the river, from the direction of Winnipeg. The men marched round to the front of the house, and to our surprise we saw Mr. Ashby in the company, dressed in a new blanket coat, stout moccasins, etc. They were all warmly received by Mrs. Ashby and the staff; they were then conducted into the old schoolroom where tea had been provided. After tea an adjournment into the new hall was made where they gave us a capital entertainment; there was some lively dancing, followed by songs and recitations. Then a pleasant speech was made by Mr. Henderson, and a proposal to "bounce" the Principal was carried out unanimously. It was a most enjoyable evening, and we hope they will pay us another visit soon. Our visitors tramped off at about 10 o'clock, leaving pleasant memories behind them.

ARTHUR COCHRANE, Stan. V.

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DESCRIPTION OF A FOOTBALL MATCH.

On Feb. 8th, a football match was played here between the Rupert's Land Industrial School second eleven, and the Public School of this parish, for a second time this season. The former won by eight goals to none. Both teams got to the field about 3.30. The parish boys won the toss, and they kicked with the wind. At the beginning our boys rushed the ball close to the parish goal, and after about ten minutes play Bertie Sinclair scored a first goal for the Industrial School. When "half time" was called the game stood 4 to 0 in favour of our boys. During the second half our boys scored four more, at the end the game stood 8 goals to 0 in favour of our second eleven. Bertie Sinclair, Frank Spence, Arthur Cochrane and Henry Shorting played well for the winners, Mr. Attridge, Walter Ozard and Albert Murray for the losers.

ROBERT LONDON, Stan. V.

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DR. BARNARDO'S WORK.

Our teacher told us yesterday about Dr. Barnardo's Homes. In the first picture we saw a little girl with a starving infant in her arms, sitting in a dirty corner of a street. One night when this doctor and his companions were going home from the hospital, where they had been attending invalids all the day, they saw a black thing lying on the top of a shed; they went up to see what it was. One of them touched it, the little thing looked up and rubbed his eyes, it was a child that had fallen asleep, homeless. After that they left a room open all night so that the poor children could come in and sleep at nights. And next this good man built a Home for these children. In 23½ years nearly 26,000 have been rescued and trained.

ALBERT PRINCE, Stan. V.

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A FOOTBALL MATCH.

The second eleven played a match last month, and our boys had one and the parish boys had no goals; they played about one hour, and after they had done playing the big bell rang for supper and everybody came up.

HENRY THOMPSON, Stan. III.

SCHOOL NOTES FROM OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Miss Slater is our cook now and she is very kind to us.—Bella Thomas, Stan. 5.

It is very hard to keep the house warm these cold days.—Henry Shorting, Stan. 3.

The doctor comes here every week to attend the sick children.—Albert Prince, Stan. 5.

One of our milking cows was sick last week but she is getting better.—Albert Prince, Stan. 5.

Samuel Stevenson is a carpenter now, and he is getting on very well.—Andrew Sinclair, Stan. 5.

We are glad to have a new mangle now in the laundry which will be useful.—Agnes Cameron, Stan. 5.

The Inspector, Mr. Wadsworth, examined the children, and he said they did well.—Eva Hope, Stan. 4.

Lewis le Clair is working in the office now, he has left the carpenters shop.—Alfred Hunt, Stan. 5.

Some of the boys and girls are making compositions about Dr. Barnardo's Homes.—Bella Thomas, Stan. 5.

Last month Joseph Kent got an order from Mr. Ashby to make twelve dozen foot-scrappers.—Robert Landon, Stan. 5.

Standard II. children make compositions on pictures and they write their thoughts on slates.—Alex. Favel, Stan. 3.

Rev. Canon Matheson, of St. John's College, preached here last month, the 20th of January.—Robert Landon, Stan. 5.

Mary Cochrane got a letter from Jessie Scott a few days ago; we were all glad to hear of her.—Mary Ann Hall, Stan. 5.

There are some girls sick but they are getting better. Mrs. Ashby is doing all she can for them.—Tannis Stevenson, Stan. 4.

Mr. Williams received a box of books from England last month, he lends them to us when we ask him.—Joseph Ozamah, Stan. 5.

We had a dance on 31st of January in the new hall and we had a good time. The fun ended at about 10 o'clock.—Agnes Cameron, Stan. 5.

Our second eleven had a football match against the parish boys last month, and they beat them by one goal to none.—Robert Stevenson, Stan. 3.

We changed work this morning; Mrs. Ashby read out the list. I am working at the officers' table. I like my work very much.—Edith Asham, Stan. 4.

We are all very sorry that Mr. Wadsworth went off to-day with Mr. Kayll and Mr. Ashby, and I hope he will arrive home safely.—Edith Asham, Stan. 4.

Mr. Williams lends some of us evening school girls very nice books; we return them to him and he gives us some other ones to read.—Maria Jane Stevenson, Stan. 4.