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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 position 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 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 refleet 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 the last few months, are only surprised that so much could be sent away, and it is greatly to the credit of the boys that they have worked early and late, and have snatched every moment in order to have their exhibits really.

The best exhibit of all has to be kept at the school, we refer to the pupils themselves who would if placed on exhibition, by their neatness, industry and intelligence do credit to the institution where they are being trained and leave no doubt in the mind of any thinking person as to the usefulness of Indian Industrial Schools.

The following is the list of articles sent:-

NAME.

EPHIBITS.

Fannie Hall Crotehot Jacket.
Nancy Pruden. do do
Louisa Badger Baby's socks,
....stockings, Baby's mittens.
Flora Dobbs. ...Knitted lace.
Sarah Smith. ...Toilet cushion,
....Knitted cloud, Baby's socks.
Sarah Bank. ...Crochet muff,
Nellie Whitehead ...Bedroom slippers
......Knitted vest, Text.
Emma Suckuman ...Double mittens,
.......Tray cloth.
Minnie Dakotah Knitted gloves.
Nancy Hall Baby's boots,
.......Dress.
Mary Wachan ...Lamp mat, Text.
Susan Jano New ...Tam O'Shanter.

Susan Jane New. Tam o'Shanter.
Lisette Parker. Work bag,
Bracket drape, D'oyley.
Ida Graff. Muffetees.
Sophie Bright Knitted Tuque.
Lucy Grey. Mittens, Shawl,
Embroidered apron.
Eliza Smith. Carvar's cloth.

Eliza Smith... Carvar's cloth.
Marie Cardinal ... Work bag.
Jessic Scott... Crochet lace.
Susan Knife... D'oyley, Hood.
Mary Hardisty ... Braces, Knee-

Alice Stanloy Knee-caps.
Mutilda Black Pincushion.
Topsey Trenton Bl nd cord.
Jennic Lane Knitted lace.
Frances Bear Embroidered
dress, Dress, Lace.

Mary Ann Black ...D'oyley, Neckscarf.
Pollie Head ...Hair-pin-workTidy.

Jane Parker
Annie Graff
Eva Dobbs
Sideboard scarf.
Knitted Veil.
Dress, Bracket
drape, Sofa cushion.

James Brown Armchair, and specimens of turning and other work. Albert ... Centro table,

Bookshelf and window sashes.
George Bear Boots, Slippers.
Joseph McKay Longboots,

James Paul Specimens of Specime

Girls and Boys.....Specimens ofwriting, maps etc.

Josephine Moochokun....Shoulderbraces.

The pupils and staff also desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of some parcels of Sunday school papers sent to them lately by the children of Holy Trinity Sunday school Winnipeg. Also parcels from the Abedeen Association, through the kindness of Miss M. W. Ritchie of Halifax, and we have just heard of some more that is on the way from Hamilton, and is expected soon.

The children are very fond of good reading matter, and those friends of the work who wish to help us, could do so by providing a regular supply of good literature, and what we are very anxions to establish a good library for the use of the pupils.

On Saturday the 6th inst. William Chevasse, pupil No. 66, aged 18 years died at the Industrial School Hospital, he had been ailing for several months, and although efforts were made to cure him of the disease with which he was afflicted—Scrofulus Phthisis—it was beyond human skill; the poor lad gradually grew weaker until death put an end to his sufferings; he was buried on Sunday afternoon the 7th. in the Industrial School Cemetery.

Death is that honored messenger who brings The proof of God's remembrance. In his hand He bears an invitation from the King. They only weep who wait the summons hence Those glad souls basking in the light of God Forget that tears and sin o'er dimmed their sight.

Try, try, Again.

There is a little word
That never should be heard,
Those who are brave and good,
Never say "can't"
What if the task is long,
What if the sums go wrong
If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try, again.

One hasty word 'twixt friends
Oft in a quarrel ends,
Then fry to make amends,
Never say "can't"
If you have given pain
Try to make friends again,
Kind words are ne'er in vain,
Try, try, again.

Try to be good and true, Quick and obedient too. "What thy hand finds to do Do with thy might." Try then with patient care, Try, till the task seems clear, Try, and no failure fear, Try, try again.

The above little song appears in the Strand Musical Magazine for April, the words are by Jan. L. Lawson, whose photograph appears in the June number.

The children were very pleased to see the picture, as they are very fond of the bright little pieces written by this lady, and, by general consent, have adopted "Try, try again" as the school song.

TEMPERANCE.

The fourth monthly meeting of the Battleford Branch of the C. E. T. S. was held in the class room of the Industrial School on Thursday evening, April 4th.

In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Archdeacon Markay.

The meeting was opened with the singing of Hymn 274, A&M, and prayer by the Chairman.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the song "Never Forget the Dear Ones" was sung by all the children. Then followed recitations by Jessie Lane, Mary Hardisty, Alico Stanley, Louis Laronde, Lucy Grey, Polly Head, Phobe Kakasoo and Susette Suckaman. The girls sang without organ accompaniment the song "Little Sister's Gone to Sleep." Readings were given by Robert Bear and George Fiddler.

At the close of the proceedings the Chairman commended the pupils for their efforts and said a few words of encouragement for future occasions.

Miss Smith also gave a recitation, "Simon the Cyronian" a beautiful piece, and Miss McDonald gave a recitation "Have Courage My Boys to Say, No," very appropriate to the occasion. On the whole the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably, but some of them were naturally a little nervous, and it would be a great improvement in they spoke more distinctly. However they did very well and they will do better next time.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Gilbert Bear is our printer.

Jessie Scott is out on service at Major Cotton's.

Annie McKay is working for Mrs. Mercer.

Phoebe Kakasoo is with Mrs. Hogbin.

All our girls are doing well and are liked by their employers.

Poor Isabella Arstrong was allowed to leave with her father and mother on account of ill health. She has been ailing for a long time, but we hope the change may do her good and we shall be glad to see her back again.

We are all glad to see Louisa Badgor well again. She has been very ill.

Eliza Drever has gone to Regina to stay with Mrs. Mitchell. She carries with her the best and kindest wishes of her teachers and school mates. We all miss Eliza and we hope she will do well and be happy in her new place.

He that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.

If we would only try to be pleased with the present circumstance of our surroundings, how much more true happiness would flow from such an offort than from constantly striving after changing condition, with problematid results.—Our Boys.

The Cree Syllabics.

In these days, when so many Indian-In these days, when so many indianchildren are enjoying the advantages that are offered, not only by day schools, but especially by the Boarding and Industrial Schools, where they can learn English so as to have the gates of knowledge, as it were, thrown open to them, it is interesting to look back and think of the work that has been accomplished in the past lay been accomplished in the past, by Carnest and devoted men, who labored under great disadvantages for the good and advancement of the Indian race, long before railroads were even thought of, and while this country was not known as anything but the was not known as anything but the abode of wild beasts and savage Indians. Among those pioneers of the Cross, none has done more, or is more deserving of honor, than the man who invented the syllable system of the Crosslanguage. Cree language.

In the early days of missionary work in this country, the only white men were the missionaries and the fur traders. The Indians lived entirely by hunting, and only visited the trading company's posts occasionally for purposes of barter. None understood any English, and we can easily understand how helpless a missionary must have felt when he first came among them. He longed to deliver his message, and he has at first to do it in a lame and halting way through an interpreter, if he could get one. He wont to work and learnt the language; then he was able to speak to them directly, but he would soon find that his opportunities were few and far between and he would wish that his hoarors could carry with them, in their wanderings in the wilds, some-thing that would remind them of the truths that he had endeavored to make known to them, or from which they could go on learning and also teach others. He would, as soon as he know enough of the language, commence to translate portions of scripture, hymns, prayers, etc., and then the next thing would be to teach the Indians to read. But was it possible to teach an Indian to read? It certainly was no easy matter. We all know how long it takes to teach most children to read even English. The spelling is the great difficulty, especially with the long words. But what are long English words compared with Cree words? Take the simple sentence, "God is love"—in Cree "Muneto sakhiwawiniwew." What hope was there that an untureral Indian with there that an untutored Indian, with opportunities of receiving instruction few and far between, could ever learn to spell out words of eight, ten or twelve syllables? Some method other than the English must be devised to enable him to read in his own tongue, and it fell on the lot of the Rov. James Evans, missionary at Norway house, of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, to be privileged to confer the boon of a written language on the Cree nation, by his invention of the Syllabic characters. The Cree syllabics are so simple and so suited to the language, that any intelligent Indian can, in a week, acquire a sufficient knowledge of them to be able to perfect himself without any further instruction.

It was over fifty years ago that Mr. Evans invented the Cree Syllabics, and all other religious bodies, laboring among the Indians, soon availed them-selves of the use of the system. The

Gree Syllabics. He adapted tha them to the Esquimaux language also. Mr. Evans' own connection with the work was brought to a close by a somowhat tragic occurence. He was on his way up to Churchill river, they had reached a point about midway between where the Church of England Mission at Stanley, and the Roman Catholic Mission at Isle A-le-Crosse are now situated. The accidental dis-charge of a gun in his hand caused the death of one of his cance men, an attached and faithful follower, and the shock of this accident affected Mr. Evans so greatly, that he not only felt unequal to continuing that missionary voyage, but shortly afterwards retired from the mission field altogether.

The exact spot where the accident occured, was pointed out to the writer, more than thirty years afterwards, by an Indian who was one of the canoemen at the time.

J. A. MACKAY.

"I made my first long Indian missionary journey with Bishop Hare in Dakota; After that journey a lady said to me, 'What are the Indians like any-

I replied, 'They are browner then I am, though not much, but otherwise

they are just like us.'

'What do you mean?' she said.

'They eat the same as we do when they get anything to eat, they dress the same as we do when they get anything to wear, they like the same things, and they need the same things; and the great thing they need is work."

"When I was going to Washington a woman came to me and said:

When you go to Washington, you ask Government help me?"
"The Government help you?" I said.

vhy should the Government help you? What do you want?'

'Me want money. Ask Government give me some money.'
'What you want money for?' I asked.
'Buy things, help along.'
'Well,' I replied, 'I have lived fifty

years and the Government has never given me a penny. help you? Why should it

'Government not help you? Government not give you money?' she cried in

surprise.

She thought, and the most of them thought, that the Government supported us all only that we were greater favorites with it than they are.

No, they are not lazy. They will work if you give it to them; but it goes a great way with them if you can let them see that you work, too." -MISS SYBIL CARTER in The Red Man.

In speaking of Indian education, Thomas J. Morgan, United States ex-Commissioner of Indian Affairs says that one reason for retaining the pupils in Industrial Institutes for a considerable length of time is that the influences of the school which are necessarily cumulative, may have their full force in breaking up the bad habits acquired on their Reservation and in establishing correct habits of regularity, industry, thrift etc: in their stead. It is no try, thrift etc: in their stead. easy matter to change the habits of any class of people after they have be-come at all fixed, and it is particularly difficult in the case of those who, like the Indians, have been accustomed to ways so entirely foreign to those which late Bishop Horden of Moosonee it is desirable for them to adopt as they was an enthusiast in favor of pass from heathensim to civilization."

A Knowledge of Indian Character

We often hear the expression made uso of "knowledge of Indian character, So and so has a good knowledge of In-dian character." "He knows how to deal with Indians," and so on. Indian character is simply human nature, and the man who knows best how to ceal with Indians, is he who endeavors to follow the procept that is of as wide application as the salvation offered by application as the salvation offered by Him who uttered the words, "Whatso-"ever ye would that men should do "unto you even so do ye unto them."

Wo make a mistake when we fail to incuicate an element of Christianity into our civilization.

To ensure a safe dwelling place: Let Prayer be the key of the morning, and the bolt of the evening.

What is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Do overything well: make that the rule of your life, and live up

Idleness is a great curse, Industrial oducation is a remedy for idleness. Life does not consist in mere pleasure, but we must live to improve ourselves and try to make the world better.

AN UNTRUTH.

Two young masons were building a brick wall—the front wall of a high house. One of them, in placing a brick, discovered that it was a little thicker on one side than the other. His companion advised him to throw it out.
"It will make your wall untrue, Ben," he said.

"Pooh" answered Ben, "what differonce will such a trifle as that make?

"Ou are too particular."
"My mother," ropled he "taught me that the truth is truth, and ever so little an untruth is a lie, and a lie is no

trillo.
"O!" said Bon, "that's all very well; but I am not lying, and have no intention of lying."

"Very true; but you make your wall tell a lie, and I have read that a lie in one's work is like a lie in one's character-it will show itself soon or late, and

will bring harm, if not ruin."
"I'll risk it in this case," answered
Ben, and he worked away, laying more
bricks, and carrying the wall up higher till the close of the day, when they

quit work and went home.

The next morning they went to resume the work, when, behold! the lie had wrought out the result of all lies. The wall, getting a little slant from the untrue brick, and more and more untrue as the wall got higher, and at last, in the night, had toppled over again. Just so with ever so littlean untruth in your character; it grows more and more untrue, if you permit it to remain, until it bring sorrow and ruin. Tell, act, and live the exact truth always.

An amusing story of Gladstonolatry is told of a man, one of the tourists who visited Hawarden in the summer. and visited Hawarden in the summer, and picked up a splinter of a tree as it fell from Mr. Gladstone's axe, with the remark that it should be buried with him in his coffin. To which his wife retorted "If you'd worship God half as "much as you worship Gladstone, "you'd stand a better chance of not "getting your chip burnt."

China has lost her only sailor. May he rest in peace. Poor Ting.

TRAINING INDUSTRIAL INDIANS.

graduates when they have flaished equal whole to exercise that advantage 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 tho magnitude of the task. In these go-ahead times people got 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 cradicated, 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 develope; therefore it is to be hoped that on their own reserves, amost 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 viow, than half-a-dozen isolated cases, who have left their reserves and been successful in the cities

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

OF | view of the results which have gained, and the responsibility which is laid upon us by our treaties, and the object What is going to be done with the soil our fallow attended of the -The Aurora.

ROTES 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

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.

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

I am sorry that Miss McDonald is going away soon.—Pollic 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.-Lisetto 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 clover, she taught us how to do lots of things for the Regina Fair. - Mary Waychan.

We all like our Principal becauce he is very kind to us, and our teachers

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. -Sophio 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 any thing ho 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 Suaday 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 wont out camping at Jackfish Lake with Mrs. Neoly and her two children and Phoebe. They were out for a few days, but one thing we miss-ed and that was little baby Esther.— Eva Dobbs.

NOTES FROM THE BOYS

We are glad to see our friends from Snake Plain .- William Drever.

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. 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 woll .- Solomon Briton.

It rains plenty now, but it is good for the gardens.—Patrice 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 after noon.-Patrick Briton.

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

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

We like to play cricket sometimes. I work in the morning. -Samuel Ben son.

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