

The Indian Citizen.

"whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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In the Interests of the Forest Grove School and of the Indians of the
Pacific Coast.

The Future of the Indians.

When God created the world he created all mankind alike. He gave them hands to work with feet to walk with, and brains to think with. Some chose to walk in God's way, and obey his laws. Other chose to go in their own ways, and do those things which God forbids. So the earth has become peopled with all classes, and different races of people. Among these different races we find great differences in civilization and education; and we notice that the most enlightened races are those which have chosen the right way worship the true God, and have the Christian Bible as their guide. And those races which are uncultivated and in ignorance no sooner accept the religion of Jesus Christ than they begin to improve in every way, when Columbus discovered America he called the people whom he found there "Indians" Up to this time we have no history of the Indian tribes. Since that time they have been gradually growing less in numbers and until now they are but a few, and no longer own the entire Western Continent which they once owned, but little corners which the white men have not yet taken from them. Why is this so? Because our people don't know any better then to let the white men take their land. They have never been taught how to stand for their own rights, except by fighting for them and in this, they are always the losers, because of their small numbers. They not only lose their property but their lives. Bad white men are always anxious for Indian wars, so they can kill Indians and steal their property. If we want our people to learn and be civilized we must do something for them, teach them the right way of living and when they learn the right way. They can become citizens and be protected by laws of the U. S. some may become Lawyers, Doctors Ministers and Teachers, if they only have the desire for doing so and the opportunity and it greatly depends on how we teach them. Indians may as well live and be citizens as white people, for all were created alike. There is no reason why they can't be, except that they do not know the advantages of it, and it must be, so that our people can improve their lands, build cities of their own, live in them and be civilized citizens. We have to have a great deal of courage and trust in the Lord to help us through it. If we ask Him we are sure that by his help, our people can be far more learned then they are at the present time. From generation to generation the Indian Race has been growing less in number, some dying for hunger because they don't know how to work and make a living for them selves. Most of the white people have an idea that Indians cannot learn or remember anything which they are taught. But a great many who think in that way have been greatly surprised when they see the intelligence of the boys and girls and see some articles which they can make and that they are as industrious as any white children can be. Some white people who have visited this school and see what We Indian children have done and do, say With great astonishment. Did the Indian children do this?

Why of course Indians can do and are able to do any-thing, if the white men only gives them a chance. They have brains minds to think with just as white men have. Some white people cheat Indians in every way that they can think of to get money, as by selling whisky, tobacco and such things that destroy life. They make them believe it is some-thing nice when it is not, and the Indians without knowing the difference takes it and dies. In many such ways the Indians are cheated by the whites, but there are a great many other ways in which they can do it. When the Indians have received a little education and are taught different branches of Industry, the white man cannot cheat and do other things that he would like to do to the Indians for they will know how to stand up for their rights in a lawful manner. They have long been neglected and have been left in ignorance, their eyes blinded by superstitious thoughts and fears. They have never known what goes on daily with the white people. So let us try and make the future brighter for them in lifting them out of their ignorance, lift them to love and worship the true God and our loving Savior Jesus, who died for Indians

as well as others and this should be the greatest object in teaching our people. If we cannot teach them about books and other things, let us teach them of God who created us all, who is always with us and ready to help us. A great many Indians believe that all the animals such as foxes and birds; were human beings at one time as we are now. They tell stories about them to their children. They say that all the animals lived just as we now do, played, worked and did a great many wonderful things. I believed all they used to tell me but now I see it is not so. By these things we can see how ignorant and superstitious our poor people are in a great many ways. We are pleased here to see if Indians can be civilized and educated; and if we can be, then to carry home what we have learned and teach it to our people. Then my school mates, a great responsibility rests upon us. Will we fail? or will we succeed? Will we prove ourselves and our people worthy to live and to grow and to prosper, or will we confess our-

selves fit only to be savage and to be buried and forgotten with our weapons of warfare. If we succeed, countless blessing await us. If we fail curses and death will be our lot. And in the great judgement day when all men shall come into the light of God's wisdom, even our poor people will testify against us. That they were in darkness and we gave them no light.

written by Miss Lizzie L Olney.

Bits of news

Rev. Mr. Hill of Salem visited the school on Monday the 5th. He is interested in trying to get the school located at Salem, and thinks that a large tract of land would be given. Although the Employes and Ind. children have subcribed their money to buy land at Newburg, yet if they will give a better place at Salem we would be glad to take it, we only want to find a place where we can have land of our we like Forest Grove but we do not own, like to build up our school on other people's land. We want this school land, buildings, and every thing to belong to the Indians.

James Ruben has had an invitation from some person in Philadelphia to go East on a lecturing tour.

Our new walks and fence add much to the appearance of our grounds. This paper will be issued every month. News from Agencies and from former pupils solicited. Articles from Indians relative to the general welfare of the Indian race and upon any subject connected with the education and civilization of Indians will receive prompt attention. Exchanges with other papers having interests in common with us solicited, correspondence from friends of the school generally desired.

Reports from Grand Ronde Agency say that some boys want to come from there to the school, come on boys and girls too we will make room for you although we have more than our number now

Letter from Lapwai Agency

Lapwai Agency, Idaho, Ter.

March 10, 1884.

To the Editors of the "Indian Citizen."

Gentlemen;

The copy of your first paper, came to me by last mail. I am exceedingly glad to get your nice little paper.

Go a head and improve all you can, pay no attention to what others may say. You are on the right track of civilization, you are not behind the whites in the intellect, you will soon be as smart as they are.

I enclose fifty cts. (50 cts.) for which, send me every copy of your paper for one year. My heart is with you, and may you prosper, is the wish of, your Red Brother.

James Reubens.

New Tacoma, W.T.

March 10, 1884.

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Enclosed please find three dollars (\$ 3.00) for which please send six copies of the Indian Citizen, one each to the following persons.

Joseph Tabasket Joseph Dick
William Sahm Augustus Kautz
Richards Bradly Edwin Eells.

Yours Respectfully.

Edwin Eells, U. S. Ind. Agent.

NEWS

We are informed that there are in the Agency school at Yakama Agency, 150 children.

A school has been in operation on Warm Springs Reservation twenty miles from the Agency for the past eight months and is reported to be going well.

The Puyallup school is reported to be full and is sustaining its usual good reputation

Mr. Brewer and wife and Miss Brewer returned from Puyallup Reservation last week. Miss Brewer has never been at Forest Grove before she don't know whether she is at Puyallup yet, or Forest Grove. She was born on Feb. 19 th. 1884. at Puyallup Agency.

A letter from Dr. McCai of Pendleton Or. states that one of the Umatilla chiefs will visit our school next week.

Dr. McCai although an Indian is a graduate of a New York medical school and does a large practice at Pendleton Or.

PUBLISHED

The Morning Star at Carlisle Training School.

The Cheyenne Transporter Published at Cheyenne Agency and the Pawnee New Era Published at Pawnee Training School in the Ind. Ter. have all been read. this week they are all full of news and information interesting to Indians. They are all larger than the Indian Citizen but unlike the Indian Citizen. They are not entirely edited and published by Indian

James Stewart from Nez Perce, Louis Charles from Puyallup, Francis Eneas from Yakama and Moses Minthorn from Umatilla are going to Umatilla Res. to build a church for the Indians up there.

Teacher's report.

The examinations for the present quarter have just ended. The second and third grades were examined in Arithmetic and Geography, and the fourth grade in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar.

The examinations were all written; each class having from ten to fifteen question; and being allowing three hours in which to answer them.

With two or three exceptions all passed satisfactory examination.

All show great improvement since the end of last quarter. Many of the papers handed in were almost perfect in every respect; being neatly arranged, nicely written, and the questions answered correctly. The answers to the questions in Physical Geography, Grammar, and Arithmetic, by the advanced division of the fourth grade, are in no sense lacking in ability to comprehend and acquire everything necessary to become worthy and useful men and women.

Chas. Ashue is going home to Puyallup Reservation, on account of his father being sick.

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The Assistant Cook; who is one of the larger girls, aided by nine girls, does all the cooking and dish washing for the school.

There are eight girls who do all the girls laundry work, and mending.

The remaining girls do the dining-room, yard, and general housework, also the mending for the boys; this work all being done before 8:30 A. M., that hour being Chapel Exercises.

The girls of the tailors department, under the efficient management of Mrs. Edwards; have almost completed a suit for each boy, the past winter. There are 6 girls working in the forenoon and 3 in the afternoon.

Kate Garrison, and Lizzie Varner; the girls cooking for the employees, are doing nicely

Mr. J. Webb, a temperance lecturer, of Cal., made the school a visit, the 14 th., and entertained the children 1 hour. We hope he will give us another call soon.

During the past 4 months 493 garments, and 82 articles of household use, have been made, by an average of 10 girls, in No. 1 sewing room.

Nugen Kautz formerly a pupil then an employe in this school and recently assistant teacher at Yakama Agency school is on a visit to this school.

The University club wanted four of the Indian boys from the Ind. School to be members of the base ball club. So the Yamhillers would not complain about the Forest Grove club.

The members will be G. Ashue Geo. Piute. Geo. Brown. P. Kalama.

The Indian Base Ball Club.

P stands for pitcher, with twist and curve.

C. stands for catcher, with courage and nerve.

1B. is first base, sure catch and quite tall.

2B. is second base, a live for the ball

3B. is thid base, for hot ones hit low

S S. is for short stop, must be a sure throw.

L F. is left field, a good batter and sure catch.

C. F. is centre field, must help to win the match.

F. R. is for right field for high one's alert

NAMES OF THE B. B. Players.

C. Ashue	Pitcher.
Geo. Piute,	Catcher.
P. Kalama.	Short stop.
J. Elexis.	1ts. Base.
A. Richards.	2nd. Base.
W. Louis.	3rd. Base.
J. Walker.	L. Field.
T. Itawis.	C. Field.
Geo. Brown.	R. Field.
S. R. McCaw	Scorer.

Letters from Indians in different parts of the country express their pleasure in receiving the first number of The Indian Citizen.