

### Judge Hanford's Decision.

According to the recent decision of Judge Hanford of the federal court, Indians to whom land has been allotted are free to purchase liquor on the same terms as any other citizen of the country. The probabilities are that little more liquor will be drunk by the Indians than before, as they were always able to obtain any amount they could pay for, but it is another step in the direction of removing the governmental safeguards that have in the past protected the Indian from the danger of his own ignorance. He is being more and more thrown on his own resources and left to the free operation of the law of "the survival of the fittest" to work out his destiny. It stands the rising generation in hand to improve the opportunity of government assistance in the way of education while there is yet time, for the struggle will be a hard one and the fittest that will survive will be few. —[Puget Sound Indian Guide.

There is considerable virtue in the above statement. The Indian who wants to indulge his appetite in strong drink will do so in spite of law and efforts of restraint. Heretofore the Indian has had to buy his firewater by the quantity and as a general rule some unscrupulous person did the buying. He got the poorest article and enough to go on a protracted spree. Under this new ruling the Indian who has accepted an allotment and is self-supporting can enter a saloon and buy his drink the same as his white brother. The question is will this privilege do the Indian more harm than the old system? We hardly think it will. If an Indian wants a drink he can go and get it. It is understood that there are a class of alcoholic soaked Indians the same as white men who are destined to ruination by liquor and the sooner they do away with themselves, the better. At the same time there is

that better class who are temperate and law abiding and it is this class that will perpetuate and elevate the race.

### A New Indian School.

An event of especial interest to all workers in the Indian service was that which took place July 19, at Riverside, California. The laying of the cornerstone of Sherman Institute, the new Indian training school, that is to be established at that place marks the fulfillment of another good act of the United States government in looking after the welfare of the Indian boys and girls. A well rendered program was given by the pupils of the Perris School. Addresses were made by Assistant Commissioner of Indian affairs, Captain A. C. Tonner; Senator G. C. Perkins, and other notable men of California. Supt. Harwood Hall is an experienced and successful worker in the Indian school service, and we sincerely wish him further success in his new school. The new school plant will be one of the handsomest and best equipped in the service. Built after the old mission style of architecture, which so harmonizes with the sunny skies and gray brown landscape of southern California, its location on the famous Magnolia avenue will make it one of the interesting points of which Riverside may be proud.

—[Beacon.

### Wisdom.

Every accession man makes to knowledge enlarges his power.

Methods is like packing things in a box; a good packer will get in half as much gain as a bad one.

The important thing in life is to have a great aim, and to possess aptitude and the perseverance to attain it.

We learn wisdom from failure more than from success; often discover what will do by finding out what will not do.

A good education is that which gives the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable.