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year course there and taught for one year before entering Hampton Institute in 1873. After graduation she married William B. Weaver of the same Hampton class and taught in North Carolina and Virginia before returning to Bridgewater in 1877.

³ Daniel Y. Turner, born in King William County, Va., taught for four years at Big Island and Charlemont, Va.

⁴ George M. Harrison taught at Enfield, N.C., after graduation and in 1878 entered Fisk University.

⁵ Ellipsis in original.

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INCIDENTS OF INDIAN LIFE AT HAMPTON¹

WORK, MUSIC, NEW ARRIVALS, CARE OF SICK

Ask the average American what he knows of the characteristics of the ancient Angles and Saxons, or the Romans, and he would not hesitate for an answer. Ask him what he knows of the real character of the American Indian, and he is confounded. To show the public that the Indian is a man, that he thinks, does wrong, does right, has a mind and body capable of improvement, is the object of these "incidents."

VACATION

Vacation to the Indians here does not mean a pleasant trip home, the meeting of parents and friends, or three or four months spent in idleness. To them it means work. No drones are allowed in this hive. The thirty boys who remain here are divided into three squads, who spend three weeks alternately in the country, in camp life, under the supervision of a teacher. This plan was tried last year and it works well. Two squads have already returned in an improved condition. The boys work eight hours a day, some working at their trades and the others on the farm. The wheelwrights, blacksmiths and carpenters are reported as doing exceedingly well. There is a general improvement in their work. It is seldom now that they have to be spoken to for any slackness. It is common to see five or six in a hoeing race, with the end of a beet or corn row for the goal.