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eral thing, you do far more for him than you would by paying his way in school for three or four years. A man who is not willing to work for his education will do nothing with it after he gets it.

It is safe to predict for the members of the Night class as bright a future, and as good work after their graduation, as that of any graduates who have left this school, and if they continue in the future to show the same spirit and earnestness that they have here in their work and studies, they will continue to bear the title — “Members of the Plucky Class.”

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*Southern Workman*, 9 (Nov. 1880), 112.

<sup>1</sup> James Fowle Baldwin Marshall.

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INCIDENTS OF INDIAN LIFE AT HAMPTON

All at home and at their studies. The fifteenth of October brought the Indian boys and girls back, who spent their vacation in Massachusetts,<sup>1</sup> and a happy set they were. Just the capers each one cut, or the many ways that they found to show their joy at being at home again would be hard to describe. They expressed it in Indian, in English and by signs. One little fellow spoke for all, when he said; “I glad to go and glad to come.” It took them several days to get cooled down. The warmth with which they remember and greet their friends is one cheerful sign for the future.

Compare this arrival with their arrival here two years ago. How different their dress, their walk, their language, their thoughts, their actions, their intentions — how different their ideas of the white man; and how different also are the ideas of the white man, with whom they have come in contact, toward them. Will another two years produce as great a change in as many more Indians? We hope so. Will another two years cause as many whites to change their minds in regard to the Indian? (We believe the Indian will make still more change.) Surely if the *Indian* can be converted from his wrong ideas, the white man