

# A MESSAGE TO OUR PEOPLE

## Nothing Need Keep Us Back

Dear Girls and Boys,

Once again the holiday season is over and, by the time you read this letter, you will have gathered up your books and returned to school.

Has it ever occurred to you that you are really travellers setting out on the road to knowledge?

What a thrilling adventure it will prove to those of you who are determined to make the distance, whether the path be rough or smooth!



Mrs. English.

There is a foolish notion amongst some people that, as an aboriginal, you can only stand on the sidelines of life and look on. Each boy or girl who achieves an ambition they have studied and worked for strikes a blow at such wrong thinking. Success in life is possible to each one of you, providing you have courage and perseverance.

Nothing can keep you back but your own apathy, and this is something you must be conscious of and strive to overcome.

In recent years I have watched with pride and satisfaction the progress of young aboriginal folk who have made good. There was no easy way to their success. They just set themselves a goal and pressed forward, determined to win for themselves a place in society. There are others, too, who are following the same road with every indication of succeeding.

Of course, we understand the fact that not all of us absorb academic knowledge easily. But how much is the person to be admired who can accept such limitations and make up for it by concentrating on becoming good at some practical manual work which, all in all, is a valuable and necessary contribution to the community!

Only recently I witnessed an example of courage and determination in a young aboriginal youth who had just failed to pass the Leaving Certificate Examination. He was not resentful or downcast, but said, "Never mind, I will continue to study and will pass this examination eventually".

Keep your minds wide open and make the best use of the opportunities that come your way. Remember that I have faith in your ability to succeed, and that education will make you a well-equipped traveller for the longer and harder journey through life.

Make up your minds to work hard at school and be a credit to your teachers and families.

Keep your bodies and minds clean, for by doing so you will help to form a wholesome personality. Assume the dignity and carriage which are your heritage and your right.

Best wishes to you all.

IRENE ENGLISH.

### A READER'S APPRECIATION

Dear Editor,

I'm very pleased with the splendid work you are doing for our magazine which I enjoy reading every month.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Saxby and also all the staff in Sydney

Well, Mr. Editor, my white companions on this station say that our magazine is the ideal book for us, and I think it will be even better and brighter this year.

E. R. CARNEY,

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