

Jim John, is there anything of particular interest about the Indian that you'd like to mention?

John Well, the Indian is commonly thought of as a vanishing race. That's not true. At present there are about 345,000 Indians. In fact, the annual net population increase is 190 a year. At that rate in 2039 there should be 940,000 Indians, whereas the white man's population will have fallen to 129 million in 1980.

Jim I always considered the Indian as the vanishing American. Has Science helped this population increase?

John Yes, definitely. The white man's hospitals, doctors, sanitation and dietary knowledge have made the Indian healthier. But it might be pointed out that the white man's effect was not always beneficial. Among the seven major causes of Indian mortality today only two - tuberculosis and war - were known before the advent of the white man.

Jim John, when was the Haskell Indian Institute founded?

John In 1884. At one time its enrollment was up to 1100 students. Its graduates are placed in practically every state in the union.

Jim What are some of the occupations Haskell graduates get.

John At Haskell there is a commercial department which graduates about 65 students each year. Last year its placement was nearly 100%. These students are out in large industry and government service; as stenographers, clerks, and bookkeepers. In fact about 30 Haskell graduates are working in the Washington office. There are the vocational training departments for both boys and girls, besides the regular academic courses.

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