

What Would Make the Boarding School an Industrial School.

If we add farms and extensive gardens to our boarding schools, and have a plant that will accommodate more pupils, then we make it an ordinary industrial school and the same problem of recruits having to come from distant reserves must be dealt with. Then it becomes simply a question as to whether such a school should be placed on one of the reserves; or whether it should be built contiguous to some town where the advantages of town life could be had and yet afford all the advantages of farm and garden life and at the same time be situated as central as possible to all the reserves from which the children are brought. Such a school is exactly our present industrial school.

Industrial Schools.

There are no schools anywhere of any description better designed than our Government Industrial Schools for Indians. There is no system of schools more kindly of intent, more truly educational, more thoroughly adapted for the great work of unfolding and disentangling the warp and woof of the mysteries of life, more developing, or more expanding and comprehensive than the present system of Government Industrial Schools. The chief aim of any education should be the fitting for self-dependence. Especially is this true of a dependent race. By self-support is meant acquiring by honest labor enough to eat and wear and a decent abode. It is not the duty of any Government or class of humanity, however favored, to do more than give this kind of education, but it is a duty and a permanent one to give this much.

The Indian must be educated along industrial lines. His education should be along the line of the physical rather than the mental. At least half the time in these schools is given to such instruction. The industrial work should be adapted to the locality where the pupil may be expected to reside after leaving the school. In all cases the education should be adjusted to the paths of life he is likely to follow.

The following will give an idea of what is usually taught, or at least ought to be taught, in an industrial school: