

We have reason to believe that in another half century they will have contributed their share to the up-building of our country—enjoying the full rights of citizenship in all walks of life.

The response to the call from the Government for greater production on the land has been very satisfactory, and it has proved a strong impetus to the Indian to carry on in the future, as he realizes what a help it has been to him in earning a livelihood.

Our children in the boarding schools materially assisted in gathering in the harvest; working in the gardens, and are becoming each year a substantial asset to the revenue of the school. The older boys, who could be spared from the school farms, hired with farmers, and many of them have bought their own clothes. At the Birtle School the aggregate of their combined earnings was \$500.00. With the approval of the Government a portion of this was placed in the bank to the credit of each boy, thus inculcating the habit of saving, which has not been a trait of the Indian in the past. If clothing is asked for any boy of seventeen or eighteen years, it is because he has been retained on the school farm and more than earns all he receives.

The Indians on the Rolling River Reserves paid a debt of \$300.00 to the Government for seed grain and own their own threshing outfit. The missionary says the best gift Canada ever gave the Indian was Prohibition. The drink habit kept him in poverty and ignorance.

The Jr. Red Cross Society of our File Hills school earned during the year \$205.95 and sent it to headquarters at Regina. They raised by sale of their own work, \$180.60; earned by stocking grain \$97.20; by donations from members \$8.15; besides knitting 15 pair of socks; making four trench caps; two dozen face cloths; 17 personal property bags, and two Christmas stockings for soldiers in the hospital.

From our Cote Indian reserves 20 young men responded to the call for overseas service, four were wounded and one gave his life for the cause. The epidemic of influenza carried off twelve persons, mostly young children, and those living in primitive Indian ways. The missionary says, "The spirit of liberty is growing amongst our Indians as fast or faster than among the white people. The giving this year to local expenses, the budget and charitable objects was much in advance of any former year."

The report from the Birdtail reserve says, "The work of education and training among these people often does not meet with a great deal of encouragement, but my own conclusions are that nowhere does education and religious teaching show its uplifting results more than here."

From Swan Lake we learn that the children have attended school regularly, owing to the mild winter. They are clever and learn quickly and are as lovable as white children. The missionary regrets that the generous friends of the little ones could not make an occasional visit to the school. Only a visit from two Government officials during the year—not one representative from the church—is this year's record. A great upward change has taken place in the conduct of the Indian as well as a great advance in cleanliness and manners in the home and in the person. During the year much additional land was cultivated for crops, and although the crop to a degree disappointed them, the high prices gave them a fair remuneration. The work of winning these people for Christ and His Kingdom goes on slowly but surely and we have many evidences of the power of His Spirit in their lives.

The work at Hurricane Hills has been carried on faithfully during the year. Several needed repairs were made to the Mission house. The givings for the year totalled \$119.81. The W.M.S. contributed \$12.90 to the general society and still labor on doing their "bit" to extend the Kingdom of our Master. The social life among the people was well maintained.

The report from Moose Mountain says prosperity and misfortune have run closely together: nearly all engaged in farming have harvested good crops of barley, oats and wheat, for which they have received the usual high prices. Those raising cattle also met their obligation for horses, machinery and home comforts. A good deal of new land has been broken up by the more successful of our farmers and they are looking forward in hope to increased produc-