

lem would be simple indeed. Much has been said and written about the potlatch. The so-called recrudescence has occurred in very few villages, sometimes under exceptional circumstances, as in the case of the death of a great chief, but always shorn of its most objectionable features. The young people are against it, but the old sway them. The influence is waning, and will soon fall away like many other pagan practices.

Spiritual Conditions

The membership of our church is increasing, not only in numbers, but in higher spiritual living. There is a deepening and widening in the spiritual life of the people. The work of the church, the Sunday-school, and the Epworth League goes on apace, it may be quietly, but all the more persistently and effectually. All these and other educative influences are gradually enabling the Indian to look upon things in their true perspective. The drum and the tambourine are still a power with some, but many to whom such things seemed to be all in all are now looking deeper to the great spiritual principles which alone make spiritual life and living possible. Externals, whilst still used, are more and more being appreciated at their proper value. I am persuaded that a saner view of things is gradually obtaining among this people and this because they are becoming more capable of truly appreciating the spiritual values for them of their surroundings. Much remains to be accomplished, but the outlook, spiritually, is better than ever before. I know of no other way to deepen the spiritual life of our Indian Christians, and to lead others into like precious faith with ourselves, than by being *living* epistles, whilst preaching and teaching in meekness the doctrines we exemplify.