

again, and all his fears were charmed away by the magic of that sweet name.

Much more could be said about your hymn, but need not. When Bunyan's Pilgrim came to the hardest part of the journey, he heard some one singing on the road in front of him. There's always some one singing on the Pilgrim Road. They call it the pathway of sorrow and suffering, but it is the pathway of song also. "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

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The Indian as a Citizen

By Rev. W. W. McLaren, M.A.

There are four ways in which we may try a man's citizenship, namely: the kind of home he has, the interest he takes in education, his attitude to law, and the religion he professes and exhibits. Let us test the Indian by these attributes.

The Indian home varies very much. The worst are heaps of mud, with no floors, no windows, a piece of cloth for a door and a hole in the roof for a chimney. No furniture is to be seen beyond some dirty quilts, brush or straw laid upon the ground, a chair or two, and an old sheet-iron stove constantly smoking. Dirt abounds everywhere.

This kind of home, we are glad to say, is being replaced by log or frame houses built like our own, with clean floors, simple furniture, good light and ventilation. The more Christian, and the better educated the Indian becomes, the better becomes his home. Many of our progressive Indians have residences furnished as well as their white neighbors, where one can have a meal or stay the night with the same pleasure as in our own homes.

More and more Indians go to school. Last year one-tenth of all the Indians in Canada were in attendance, and six out of every ten children were in school every day. On some reserves every healthy child between 6 and 18 attends. Not many white settlements have so good a record. The more civilized and industrious the Indians become, the more do they seek to have their children get a good English education. The result is seen in the homes of such parents and children. There you find the organ, the sewing-machine, the newspaper, the gramophone, good books,

healthy games, in fact all the things we love to have in our own homes.

The Indian obeys the law better than the white man. Christian Indians rarely figure in the courts. Unless tempted to drink the white man's fire water, few serious crimes are ever chargeable to the Indian. The majority are strictly honest. Respect for age and experience is inculcated from youth. Indians rarely give way to temper. They agree among themselves. There is less quarreling and fighting among Indian schoolboys in a month than among the same number of white boys in a week.

The Indian is a deeply religious man. Whatever his faith may be—he gives his heart to it. There are no agnostics or atheists among them. The nature of his religion is, as a result, manifest in his life. A casual walk about a reserve, a conversation with each Indian, a look at his home, will suffice to tell what religion he professes.

The glory of Christianity is revealed in the fact that the more Christian an Indian is the better is the Indian in character, in industry, in sobriety, in his home life, and in his relation with his fellows.

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Pen Pictures of Great Prophets

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III. ISAIAH

Isaiah was a citizen, perhaps a native, of Jerusalem. He spent his life within the walls of the capital. He knew the city street by street. The habits and fashions of the people were to him a familiar picture. The temple courts thronged with worshipers, the smoke of uncounted sacrifices floating above them, and, on the other hand, heathen rites and magic, with their idols and soothsayers, the luxury and vice on every side, the showiness and foppery of the women, the drunkenness in the streets and at banquets, the corruption of the judges, the oppression of the poor, the tyranny of those in authority and the insolence of the young and low in rank,—all this he portrays with the sureness and sweep of intimate knowledge. "Isaiah was Isaiah of Jerusalem", and in his pages he makes vivid and near to us the scenes