

more in the same direction and so give effect as speedily as circumstances will permit of to the Department's policy to confine assistance to helping Indians to help themselves.

The Inspector lays much stress upon the influence of the moral character of the employees in accomplishing the desired end, and speaks of some in the past and apparently the recent past, whose habits were such as must necessarily have exerted an influence for evil instead of good.

It is hoped that there are none of such character now left on the reserve, and the Department once more desires to remind you of what it recently pointed out in connection with the effort to be made to suppress the traffic in intoxicants, viz;—that only by the loyal and sympathetic co-operation of all officers and employees including their example can good be effected, and that in accordance with the terms of a circular letter addressed to you among others on 11th. March last, it will be your duty to promptly report any misconduct on the part of your subordinates.

While the stress has been laid on the necessity for curtailing rations as being in the best interests of the Indians themselves, there is another most important consideration involved, that is the necessity for conducting the Agency with the strictest economy possible consistent with efficiency. Whatever may be the case with regard to matters generally the Inspector's description of your library with its plate glass floor, and open grate with mirror mantel, also of the stable at the Agency, suggests that in some directions at any rate, it is necessary to impress upon you that severe economy is an essential of good management.

With regard to certain matters of detail the

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