

way the words are long—ahzhahwushkwah, blue; miskwah, red; wabhishkah, white; osuhwah, yellow; mukudawah, black.

A distinction is made in Ojibway between animate and inanimate objects, so that a yellow box and a yellow bird are expressed by a different form of the adjective, thus: wasuhwaug muhkuh, wasuhwezid penashe. In Sioux, si answers for both, thus: canwohnaka si, yellow box, zitkadan si, yellow bird. A Sioux boy who attended the Shingwauk Home was named Wasi, yellow pine. The adjective precedes the noun in Ojibway, but follows the noun in Sioux.

#### What General Armstrong Says.

INDIANS are quick to learn any kind of handicraft, but are slow in execution, having little idea of the value of time. Their remarkable deftness is akin to that of the Orientals, with whose art and religion they have also much in common. There is also some physical resemblance between them, the Alaskans and Japanese being in appearance closely allied. It is fair to say that all but the sickly and lazy make good workmen, doing well in all our trade shops, though the confinement is sometimes too much for them.

Some of those who have broken down here have, however, on returning home, regained health and exerted a wholesome influence among their people. The lazy are always hopeless, and while there is no unusual proportion of them, a very common fault is fickleness, or a desire to change from one occupation to another.

Their intellectual development is good. The "agony" of the Indian student is the English language. In three years he can usually acquire a fair vocabulary, but is slow to use it, though, like others, the more he knows the more he wants to know. There is a steadily increasing studiousness in our pupils as they advance, and a more settled determination to do their best in every way. There is no question as to their ability to learn all that is necessary to make them good citizens, if they are given a chance.

The moral fibre of the Indians is, I believe, finer than that of most dark or barbaric races. They have, at least, an embryonic idea of honor, truth, and honesty, and have some well-defined religious convictions. They deal with each other (within the tribal relation) according to a strict religious code. With those not of their own tribe they are governed by different laws, but are not cruel, except in retaliation.

It is not difficult to lead them from the "Great Spirit" up to the true God, and working among them, I find traces of nearly all the Ten Commandments in

the teaching which they have received from their own people.

The Indian is spiritual, as the negro is religious, and there is no better field for Christian work than among the red men of our country.

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