

little. But there is usually a vast difference in the industrial training for boys, since at boarding schools little is done beyond the daily routine of necessary work, such as providing wood, water, etc. To make the boarding schools as efficient as the industrial schools there must be a farm and garden. If these be added, the staff and school equipment must be increased. With such a plant and staff the cost per capita will be greater than that of the industrial school, unless the number in attendance is made equal.

#### **Some of the Difficulties of Boarding Schools.**

The difficulty in carrying on the work in a boarding school is often greater. We have cases where the boarding school tends to pauperize the people; the parents and friends come and feed at the school, some go so far as to beg for food for those at home, and sometimes threaten to keep their children at home if such favors are not bestowed upon them. Such constant visitation on the part of the parents provides an opportunity for the pupils to make complaints. This fault finding is usually found to be more in harmony with the fertile imaginations of the child than the facts in the case. The keeping of good order and discipline in these boarding schools is a much greater problem than in a non-reservation school, for often the parent, as well as the child, must be dealt with, and when a parent must be disciplined the task is more difficult. Experience teaches that visits of boarding school pupils to their homes should be as brief and as infrequent as possible. On one occasion I visited a boarding school on a reserve. The building itself was fine and well equipped with all modern conveniences. The principal could speak but a little broken English, and five lady members of the staff, having just come from France, were unable to instruct pupils in any other tongue. Such a staff would be a long time in training Indian children to speak the English language.

#### **The Boarding Schools Are Doing Good Work.**

With all the disadvantages of conducting these boarding schools they are doing excellent work toward educating and lifting our Indian people to a higher plane, and too much praise cannot be