

reserve with twenty-five rough frontiersmen to one missionary—frontiersmen who, having for the most part no Christian services of their own, come to regard the Indians as “pizen,” and not the kind of “pizen” that one touches not, more’s the pity.

The fact is, although we are able to point to some noble examples of simple Christian faith among our Indian converts, we have not held our own in the maintenance of morality among the average red men of the West. Our only hope is by using our influence as citizens in promoting legislation and forming public opinion to save the Indian in keeping our home missions advancing *pari passu* with Indian missions so that we may not let slip from one hand what we grasp with the other, and by pushing forward rapidly the entire front so that we may conquer our whole land for Christ.

One remembers with some encouragement that the Indian is in his way a religious being. Even in his heathen condition the objects, which command his reverence, are not such as appeal to many another heathen. When he worships the Great Spirit, he realizes that he cannot make a material image of what he worships. Nothing more tangible or near at hand than the sun or the north wind will he adore. And while, like every other son of Adam, he needs a renewed heart, there ; n his serious and, in a measure, refined nature, a soil to work in such as does not lie ready to the hand of every worker in the Master’s vineyard. Surely “God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.”