

### **The Nomadic Life of the People Hinders the Work of the Day School.**

In its work, the day school is seriously hindered by the unsettled and nomadic life of the people, and the great difficulty of securing suitable teachers. Day school instruction ought to prove an important factor in the education of the Indian child. Its aim now is to be initial. These schools should stand in the same relation to the Indian children as the rural common schools do to white children. They are within easy distance of the home, and should meet the objection of the Indian that he does not want to send his children from home. The fact is the children do not attend the day schools. Wherever practicable the schools should be made more efficient, giving them an industrial turn. Wherever possible a garden should be kept, and sufficient produce raised to give variety to the daily bill of fare. Instead of giving them a dry biscuit, encourage the boys to bring rabbit, game and fish, and these, with the products of the garden, would serve for a hot meal at noonday. Such a plan would not only help the boys, but afford a lesson in cooking for the girls. Bathing and cleanliness should be a part of the programme, and the school made an object lesson for the home.

### **Boarding Schools.**

Many statements are made from time to time about the advantages of the boarding school over the industrial school, such as:— It is near the home. When children are sick they can be seen or taken home by the parents. They stand as object lessons to all the people. They will conserve the home life of the people. They will prevent the many heartbreaks and sad separations. These statements are all true provided there is a boarding school on every reserve; if not, since these reserves are usually so far apart, the statements do not apply to any children brought from distant reserves.

### **The Training for Boys in the Boarding Schools is Not Sufficient.**

Some say the boarding school training is equal to that of the industrial school. Where the clothing is made for the pupils and the plant and staff up to date, the training for the girls differs but