

more docile had learned. The conservatives were still much the same as their grandfathers were.

In 1863, and during the two following years, in consequence of the Sioux outbreak of 1862, large military expeditions visited Fort Berthold, passing through the country of these Indians, and strong garrisons were established in their neighborhood, which are still retained. About this time too (1863), the emigration to the Montana gold-mines by way of the Missouri River began; and, instead of one steamer a year ascending the river as in the old days, they came up by dozens, some making two and three trips during the season of navigation. The Indians were thus brought into more intimate contact with the Americans, the seclusion of their country was ended, and a change more general and rapid in their affairs initiated. Since then, their game has been killed off, they have grown weaker, poorer, and more dependent, and, in many other respects, they have altered for the worse. As yet, no sustained effort has been made to Christianize them; and but little has been done to advance them in civilization. On the other hand, they have, according to some standards of excellence, bettered in many respects. They have of necessity given increased attention to the cultivation of the soil. The men, as before stated, have learned to perform labor, which, in earlier days, they deemed degrading. Many of their savage customs and ideas have been abandoned; and many of their ceremonies have been simplified or have fallen into disuse. They are generally less superstitious than they were ten years ago, and more skeptical with regard to their old myths.

Since 1866, a large number of their men have enlisted as scouts in the military service of the United States, and have been improved by the discipline of the camp. They have learned the responsibilities, and have done splendidly in the capacity of soldiers; many of them having heroically laid down their lives in our service.

During a short period of their history, the Arickarees were at war with the Americans; but for many years they have strictly maintained peace, and have fought with us and against our enemies. The Mandans and Minnetarees claim never to