

they show clear traces of the missionary labors put forth by the veterans, Asher Wright, William Hall, and others. Christian men and women are numbered by hundreds. That these tribes have not been more completely moulded is partly due to peculiar obstacles. The Cattaraugus Reservation has always been the asylum for straggling fragments of all the other tribes, and it has all along been hampered by the tribal supremacy of the persistently heathen council of the Onondagas.

The Allegheny Reservation, being 40 miles in length and one mile wide, has suffered greatly from the white settlements. Our civilization has smitten it on both cheeks, so to speak, and at short range. Even on the reservation six flourishing villages have been established, and three or four railroads have been built. On every hand whiskey is convenient, if not of first quality, and the vices of low-lived whites have been aggressive and baneful. Yet notwithstanding all this, the Commissioner's report speaks in praise of the success of the missionary effort now put forth. During the last year two churches have been dedicated on the Allegheny Reservation, for which the Indians themselves have paid nearly one-half the cost.

As compared with the Tonawandas and the Onondagas, among whom much less missionary work has been done, the Senecas on both reservations show a fair record.

But I should fail to present the full case in behalf of religious education among the Six Nations were I to omit the noble work of the Society of Friends. They especially have illustrated the value of Christian industrial boarding-schools as compared with the day-school system adopted by the State. It is a remarkable fact that New York has never established a boarding-school among the Indians, and I believe that the chief reason why heathenism still exists is to be found in this strange neglect to supplement the missionary work with liberal measures of this kind.

The brightest spot discovered by the Legislative Commission was the Thomas Orphan Asylum, founded by the Friends, but more recently adopted and supported by the State. There, children and youth who are so fortunate as to be orphans are blessed with a prolonged and exclusive religious training.

The Commissioner's Report speaks of this institution as a model, and from the visits I can endorse the report.

Another boarding-school established and still supported by the Friends is situated in South Valley, near the Allegheny Reservation. This has been in existence over ninety years. Amid all the dark shadows of what Helen Hunt Jackson has called a "Century of Dishonor," this school has stood as a protest, and as a real exemplification of the Christlike spirit. Among the many things which it has demonstrated is this, that the Indians may be trained to prize Christian edu-