

on the same terms - i.e., as a Missionary work. The Societies selected are allowed to name their own agents, subject to the approval of the Executive, and are expected to watch over them and aid them as Missionaries, to Christianize and civilize the Indian, and to train him in the arts of peace. The Government watches over the official acts of these agents, and requires of them as strict an accountability as if they were appointed in any other manner. I entertain the confident hope that the policy now pursued will, in a few years, bring all the Indians upon reservations, where they will live in houses, have school-houses and churches, and will be pursuing peaceful and self-sustaining avocations, and where they may be visited by the law-abiding white man with the same impunity that he now visits the civilized white settlements. I call your special attention to the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for full information on this subject."

I am sorry to say that without government assistance we shall be compelled to break up some of our Mission work. Having been in England some months incessantly labouring to obtain support, I have only partially succeeded, and am about to return under the painful necessity of contracting instead of enlarging, as I had hoped, the