

duty to give to each one a liberal supply of wearing apparel along with a warm, heavy quilt. I do not see how, failing this clothing, these poor women could have got through the winter.

It was now known by all that the clothing was on the reserve, and that a further announcement would be made on the following Sabbath, and as a result, there were more than forty in attendance that day. We made these announcements on Sunday, distinctly for the purpose of getting the people out to the services, and it may be that some of our Christian friends will agree with the old Indian, who—a very bitter pagan, but too clothes-hungry to stay away, yet angry at having to attend—said he thought it was a very wrong thing to mention the clothing on Sunday. But we have to do with people who are not merely indifferent, but are so steeped in superstition that they are afraid to attend church, so that we are glad to resort even to little stratagems to get them out.

Regarding the quality of the clothing: Years of experience in this work, done "in His name," have familiarized the workers with the particular needs of the Indians, and the supplies of clothing are so uniformly good and appropriate that it would seem almost unnecessary to make any reference to it. Yet I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of saying how much pleasure we got out of the opening up and sorting of the clothing. In number and quality the quilts were all that could be desired, and when these were being given out it was very interesting to watch the struggle the Indian had with himself when asked to choose between a warm, heavy, woollen quilt, and a beautifully patterned, bright and many-colored cotton one. But usually common sense had the mastery over vanity, and if they could have but one, they chose woollen. I think that all who were entitled to two quilts chose one of each. We are saving up a number of the prettiest quilts, which we think it would be well to give later on, as rewards to those who make beds for themselves off the floor, and make some effort at keeping neat houses.

As I looked upon these piles of quilts I could not help thinking of the many, many hours of work that they represented, and one question it brought to my mind, was "How am I keeping up my end of the row?" I believe (I am speaking from personal experience) that, apart from the inestimable blessing to the Indians, this clothing acts as a spur to the missionary. It makes him feel, if that were necessary, that he is not alone in his work, that he is, in fact, but one of a great company of workers, and he is encouraged to patiently and earnestly do his part.

But I have digressed. The supply of clothing for babies was most welcome. The number this year is above the average, so that all the garments are given out and there are still one or two babies not provided for. The women's skirts were just the thing, and were most highly prized. The jackets (when large enough, or when they can be pieced, so as to be made larger) are eagerly sought after by the women. Many of the jackets were again too small, but I suppose that simply cannot be helped. If we could have for the women flannel waists made, lined with factory cotton, of a good length and very roomy, it is little matter about the fit, if only they are roomy and with sleeves buttoning at the wrist. I think they would be a most desirable garment. Right or wrong, the women have to cut the wood, and they really seem of a build for such work, and they need a garment,