

foundations of its greatness were laid, that "the English people was the people of one book, and that was the Bible." And we may add that when the love of and knowledge of that Book is gone, with it goes the secret of a people's strength. . . .

(3) *Indian Work.*—This is a part of our work to which I wish to draw your special attention. I could wish indeed that the parishes and Church people of the Diocese took deeper interest in it. We all allow, at least in theory, the claims of Missions to the heathen—the fulfilment of a direct command of our God and Master, and here we have this in our midst. More than half of the Indians in this Diocese are still, I believe, absolute heathens. Many have never had the Gospel preached to them. Surely, whatever may be the claims of the heathen world on us, this claim is paramount. Here we have the spiritual Lazarus laid at our very door. It is we who have come to make our homes where once they lived alone, and only in many places to degrade a naturally noble race, and yet men point to the Indian, the Indian round town. They say they have "no use" for the Indian; that there is no hope of the regeneration of the race. We can leave these men to excuse the indifference which such crude judgment displays. We await the judgment of God—the God of the red man as of the white—and in view of it I say that we owe the Indian race a reparation, a reparation that can be paid only in ministry to their needs, in the charity that relieves their wants and heals their diseases, and, more than all, gives to them the light of the knowledge and love of God, of the comfort of His grace in this life, and brighter hopes of a life to come.

This work is being done, I believe, most efficiently within the walls of the Indian Schools, industrial and ordinary, of the Dominion. In our own Diocese we are not doing what we ought to do and what we can do. These are the facts. At Fort Pelly and the Day Star's Mission at Touchwood there is no change to report. The School at Medicine Hat still stands unfinished. In St. Luke's Mission at Touchwood there is distinct progress to report. A new school has been built, a boarding school second to none of the kind; the number of children has increased from nineteen to twenty-seven, and we hope to have thirty-five before the end of the summer. Then, to go to the extreme north of the Diocese, there is a band of Indians at Fishing Lake. They have never had a Priest or Teacher among them. The Rev. A. C. Kettle has volunteered to go there this summer with two others and build themselves a log house or hut, and see what can be done to make friends with them. The Rev. F. Palgrave, an Oxford graduate, has just come out to give himself to missionary work among