

notice a stable, with a large coral for their horses, which are their chief pleasures in life, and a supply of hay (a sign of civilization); and I have noticed lately low baby carriages, and buggies and wagons are getting quite common. You travel about eight miles, when you come to Stand Off N.W.M.P. Barracks, where is seen now a splendid stack of hay, put up by the Indians by contract. There is a trading store with post office a mile further up, and here a bridge is being built across the river, which will be greatly appreciated, especially by Mr. Deane Freeman, who comes up from the Agency twice a week, Monday and Thursday, to issue beef and flour to the Indians up the river, and on Tuesday and Friday the Indians down the River get their rations at Mr. Wilsons. About two miles from Stand Off you come to another farm instructor's house and large stable, ration house, store and several other out-buildings; and about a mile from here is the Roman Catholic Mission, which is most beautifully kept by two priests, brothers and sisters, and other workers. They have a Government Hospital, a large Boarding School, completed recently, about fifteen children, a nice Church, Mission House, and other necessary buildings, and all nicely furnished and painted, and good fencing; altogether it has often made me sad to see such a well ordered Mission, and apparently no lack of funds, and to compare ours, which is always struggling against debt. There is a good trading store just opposite the Mission, across the river. Then about a mile from here is Red Crow's Mission, where the Rev. E. Hockley used to live. Here is a day-school, but closed, and the building was used for services. No one has been appointed in Mr. Hockley's place, and I fancy if a new man comes he is to locate at Bull Horns. On we go another seven miles, with little Indian houses dropped, as it were, at intervals, in extraordinary places, none but an Indian could choose such spots; sometimes on the edge of a cliff, where no wagon could approach, or perhaps beautifully situated near some stream, handy for watering their dear ponies, of which there are thousand on this Reserve. I must not forget to mention that all the younger Indians now own cattle, and a splendid lot they are, and the Government provide thorough-bred ponies. It is only now the Indians are beginning to see the advantage of raising cattle, and they are eager to take all they can get. The Government gives them a two year old heifer for a pony, the former values about \$8 or \$10, the latter about \$22."