

"QUESTION.—What can be done in order to revive the work of God where it is decayed?"

"ANSWER.—Let every preacher read carefully over the 'Life of David Brainerd,' etc."

To follow and record, with any degree of completeness, the work carried on by the Churches among these "wards of the nations," would be interesting and a labour of love, but it would occupy volumes. Suffice it to say, ere we begin to make fuller mention of the Canada work, of which we have some personal knowledge, that the Churches of the United States are carrying on a grand enterprise with increasing vigour and encouraging success. Excellent schools, like those at Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, and Hampton Institute, in Virginia, are developing noble Christian men and women, who are giving fresh impetus to the blessed work of lifting up these remnants of once mighty tribes to the enjoyment of true religion and to a higher plane of civilisation. It is also an encouraging sign of the times, that the Government of the mightiest republic the world ever saw is waking up to its responsibility, and, as if to atone for the misdeeds of its agents and the sad blunders of the past, is entering on a new career, resolved that justice, although long delayed, shall yet be meted out to its Indian subjects.

The "blood-and-iron" policy was a disgrace to American civilisation and to our common Christianity. The effort to make the Indian "decent by force" has been a complete failure. The force of honest, straightforward example will do vastly more. By right-thinking people General Grant deserves ever to be held in kindly remembrance for his "peace policy." When so-called friends urged him to make a change in it, his reply was characteristic of the man, and worthy to be remembered: "If the present policy towards Indians can be improved in any way, I will always be ready to receive suggestions on the subject. I do not believe our Creator ever placed different races of men on this earth with a view to having the stronger exert all his energies in the extermination of the weaker. If any change takes place in the Indian policy of the Government while I hold my present office, it will be on the humanitarian side of the question."