

if, before the influx of Emigrants which is expected in connection with the Pacific Railroad, the Indian tribes shall have been trained in Christian principles and the Arts of peace.

I would respectfully suggest that a grant be made for Indian improvement and dispensed through Missionary Societies under a Superintendent of Indian Affairs to be appointed by the Government. I quote a precedent for this from the last annual Message of President Grant delivered to Congress in December last: -

He says

"Reform in the management of Indian affairs has received the special attention of the Administration from its inauguration to the present day. The experiment of making it a Missionary work was tried with a few agencies given to the denomination of Friends, and has been found to work most advantageously. All agencies and superintendences not so disposed of were given to officers of the army. The Act of Congress reducing the army renders army officers ineligible for civil positions. Indian agencies being civil offices, I determined to give all the agencies to such religious denominations as had heretofore established Missionaries among the Indians, and, perhaps, to some other denominations who would undertake the work

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