The writer has often noticed the docility of Indian children and how quickly they learn English; but alas! they learn also the bad ways of civilization, and if not governed by Divine principles, some of them ultimately rank amongst the hardest class to deal with. "The Ethopian cannot change his skin, nor the leopard his spots". It is also written, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God".

In 1878 contact with civilization apart from true conversion to God was the cause of much anxiety among the few white people dotted here and there over this Province. A large number of Sioux Indians arrived from the States after the destruction of General Custer with his entire Force. How long they had been on this side the line, the writer does not remember, but they congregated in the vicinity of Battleford during the Summer of the year under consideration. The loyal Indians expected an outbreak , but God in merciful and overruling Provindence did not allow it. The suspense however, which many were in was a time of trial, and fears were entertained that a rebellion would ensue. During the summer about a dozen Sioux Indians suddenly appeared at the Mission. On seeing them approaching the house I accosted them, and was immediately followed by them to the interior. As they wanted to enter the front part of the house I prevented them by standing in the doorway, though the only white man there. A faithful Indian widow whom we called "Widow Ward", was in the kitchen, and with her assistance these suspicious looking men were entertained with a meal of pemican or other buffalo meat, and then they went on their journey. It appeared afterwards that they were en route to Battleford to ask the Lieutenant Governor for a Reserve in the Qu'Appelle valley, which was ultimately granted.

The presence of so many Indians from the States raised a serious question as to the buffalo among our own people in this Province. This valuable animal, which had at one time given the Prairie the appearance of a black mass as far as the eye could reach was now being so incessantly hunted and killed that nothing short of legislation seemed possible to prevent it. The Buffalo was unable to feed in peace