

protect, were limited, because of inadequacy of laws; we felt we had some protection. But with the protecting power (1500) fifteen hundred miles away -- when accounts of trouble, discord, or strife conflict, and no government official present to correctly report the causes and facts, it would be difficult for the Hon. Commissioner to arrive at correct conclusions: Besides its abolishment only creates an additional expense to our nation, and a necessity of sending a delegation year after year to represent us before the Indian Department and the Congress of the United States. What our people want is protection. I therefore recommend that you take some action by which the United States be requested to again establish an Agency among us, and that an Agent be appointed, capable, honest, and firm enough to protect our people in all their rights, as well as those of the United States.

Our Educational interests are progressing, the condition of our schools generally, are good; the interest felt in them by many of our people seems to be on the increase. The neighborhood schools with but few exceptions have had the number required by law entitling them to teachers. These few have been changed to other localities.

It is to be regretted that some of our people do not seem to see the necessity of, or to appreciate the advantages of Education. I am in favor of using in our neighborhood schools among children who do not understand the English language. Object