

to the authorities and the system was abolished after a few years. Ideas of religion have also undergone remarkable changes since the coming of the white man. Elderly tribesmen relate that some newly born children, that the great light would shine in their pathway throughout their lives. The sun was their brother, God, a great white father. Now many of the Indians profess to believe in the white man's religion and members can be found among various creeds. "Me Jesus man," they say. Some of the younger generation, after receiving a limited education called to preach and many are ordained ministers with regular pastors. A tale is told of the delegation from Washington being sent to Oklahoma to ascertain how the old-time Indians worship. Upon arrival they sought out some outstanding individuals and received this reply: "First we build church, we put in benches, we build altar, then we pray, we sing, we try to fool God, jest like you white people do." As a whole, most Indians are about as sincere as their white brother in their beliefs and practices. During the sermon of an Indian preacher, he told his congregation this story. "When you come to church, you carry big bag of sin on your back, which you leave outside of the door. You sing, you pray, you listen to the preacher, but when you leave, you pick up bag of sin and take it home with you." Another on philosophizing on life said, "George, you pay for being here," and went on to explain his interpretation of paying in numerous ways.

THIS PART OF CONVERSATION IRRELEVANT TO SUBJECT.

(What do you know about this lease-man relationship?)

Well, Andrew here knows jest as well as I do that most Indians that lease land are always out of money. And their continuously asking the leaseman, "Me need money."

Now, I'll tell you some stories.

Mrs. They do need money don't they?

Mr.: Oh, I know. They didn't get to much. Now, I tell you some stories. One claimed that he had some relation in the Indian hospital close to Lawton, Oklahoma and as everybody else knows, that when your in the hospital the authorities designate the diet. But, this Indian claimed that he had some relatives in the hospital and they wouldn't gettin' enough to eat and he ask his lease man for some money, so he could buy some groceries ; to take his relatives that was in the hospital.