

they have to compose a difficulty which did not arise under their management, and the/p.l/ severe measures which they may have to take should, if I may express an opinion, be generously interpreted.

But now for the other side of the picture. In the first place, the seditious activity is distinctly circumscribed, and should be so regarded. If I may use the illustration, fermentation may be going on in several jars in the house-wife's store-room, and if one burst, its splinters may fly everywhere and do a deal of damage; but the house-wife does not therefore infer that fermentation is going on in every jar, can, cask and keg in her house, and that there will presently be universal bursting. And so of the fermentation in South Dakota. Outside the centers of excitement above referred to, the condition of affairs is, all things considered, remarkably satisfactory. Not to speak of the work of other religious bodies, we have five boarding schools, forty-four congregations, forty branches of the Woman's Aucilliary, and 1700 communicants among this Indian population, which numbers altogether but 25,000 or 30,000. Of these Indian congregations, twenty-five last year made collections for the Episcopate Fund, twenty-three for Missions in South Dakota, twenty-two for Convocation Fund, twenty-nine for Foreign Missions and twenty-nine for Domestic Missions. Their contributions last year for religious purposes amounted to about \$3000. Can a better record be found anywhere?

I have visited within the last few weeks all the five boarding schools, and have visited, or been in free communication with, all the missions, and the record is as follows: Hope School and St. Paul's School are too far removed from the centers of excitement to be affected in the least; but St. John's School is on the Cheyenne River, within fifty miles of the ferment in Hump's Camp; St. Mary's is on the Rosebud Reserve, within forty miles of Short Bull's Ghost Dance Center, and St. Elizabeth's is on the Standing Rock Reserve, within thirty miles of Sitting Bull's