The warning was unheeded.

Under the "Home Rule" system of the present administration, which this Society opposed as being "unsound in theory and likely to prove disastrous in practice," the inferior Democratic agent was supplanted by a still poorer Republican one. The last incumbent was wholly unacquainted with the Indians, ignorant whom to trust and whom to suspect, as were the employees whom he brought with him. A trifling incident at a moment when the excitement of the "Ghost Dance" was at its height, brought about the complete collapse of his authority. A futile attempt to arrest a single Indian in front of the agency buildings, made one day last autumn, which was the occasion of a momentary excitement, alarmed the agent so that he deserted his post, fled to the neighboring town and telegraphed for the military. He did not return until they marched in ahead of him, "horse, foot and artillery." This was the spark in the powder. The turbulent Indians, wild with mingled fear and rage, thinking that they were about to be massacred, fled to the bad lands, plundering the houses and destroying the property of the Christian Indians on the way. They were thus committed to a hostile course and to the bloodshed and misery which have followed. Had an experienced and resolute man been in charge of Pine Ridge, possessing the confidence of the Indians, backed by a strong force of Indian police, we believe that depredations and bloodshed would have been averted. Indeed, had such men been in charge of all the Sioux agencies such conditions as prepared for the outbreak and precipitated it could scarcely have existed.

A brief summary of the causes of the disturbance may properly precede a statement of the remedy which we suggest./page 5.

1st. Ignorance, through the failure of the Government to supply education, and the sway of savage ideas in the minds of the non-progressive Sioux, which fostered latent hostility to the Government, which made them an easy prey to