

pocket as well as the reason, since experience has shown that however great may be the cost of feeding and clothing the savage, that of fighting him is much greater.

The part which the red man takes in the future history of his country must be in some other character than that of the savage, or it must be a very brief one; and the sooner he receives and accepts this truth and acts upon it, the better it will be for him. In order that he may be led to do so, however, his reason must be appealed to, and, with his felling of resentment toward the white man, whom he regards as an intruder, and with unger gnawing at his vitals, this is no easy task. By feeding and clothing him his nature becomes softened, his eyes are opened, and he comes to see that while the white man is not only able to provide bountifully for his own wants, but for those of the Indian also, the latter must soon have comparatively nothing unless he follows the teachings of the white man and goes to tilling the soil. Then it is, and not till then, that he is willing to listen to reason, and can be induced to make the effort to become self-sustaining; and this end is only reached after a long and thankless tutelage, during which the ward has combatted at every step the acknowledgment of his inevitable destiny.

One feature of the present policy I desire here to refer to, with a view to bringing it to the attention especially of the legislative branch of the Government. It is well known to those who are familiar with its workings, that the savage and hostile Indian who consents for the time to cease his warfare in order that he may receive presents of goods and provisions, is a heavy expense to the country. This is the only means, however, by which his peaceable behavior can be secured until he is brought to reason. When this end is reached he learns that this state of care cannot be continued always, and that he must learn to support himself. The money which has heretofore gone to feed him, now goes to provide him with agricultural implements and the various articles which are to assist him in providing his own food and a comfortable house to live in. Policy dictates that no subsistence should be given him which he is able to furnish for himself, since no man can be expected to work for that which he can obtain without labor."