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them industrious; and the principal schools they should now have should be industrial schools, so assisted and developed that industry and education would go hand in hand. The advantages should thus be made so apparent to the Indian mind that parents now reluctant or indifferent to send their children to school would soon be anxious to have them share in advantages so manifest.

The Indians have a religion of their own, adapted, as they think, to their present condition; and in my opinion but little progress can be made in changing this until they become more settled, industrious, and civilized. Whenever and wherever practicable, the Indians should be consulted as to what religious denomination they would prefer.

The churches have a wide field for their work, but in my humble opinion, no denomination whatever should have the exclusive designation of the agent for the Indians. The fact that a man is a churchman should entitle him to no more preference in appointment to the office of Indian agent than to any other office. If I mistake not some of the appointments made at the solicitation of religious denominations have been notably unsatisfactory. Honest, practical business-men of solid worth should be selected, and their salaries increased commensurate with their duties and responsibilities. I do not believe an honest Indian agent can support himself and family on the meager income of \$1,500 a year; the result is he is regarded as a thief from one end of the land to the other. The fact of being an Indian agent too often carries with it an odium and suspicion not easily overcome, however much undeserved.