

death and entirely prevented the Agency, reservation and Bureau system it would have been an exhibition of manhood to rival Sparta.

If they had had a little more intelligence they would certainly have done just that; but they contended not only with us but with their ignorance; and we, criminally building upon their ignorance, were able to enslave them to the reservation system.—Redman and Helper.

INDIANS SELF-SUPPORTING

The annual report of the Superintendent of Indian Schools containing information obtained from personal visits to agencies and schools and from statistics received in the office, has been submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The results are given in tabular form, and show the number of children attending school; the number speaking English; the number self supporting; the number of girls among the returned students who keep neat homes, and the number of returned students tilling their land which has largely increased.

The Indian's present condition is compared with that of ten years ago. Tribes that were practically living in idleness then are today working at whatever they can find to do. The good results obtained from placing children with families during a portion of the school year is commented upon, and it is recommended that this system be extended to all schools where conditions are favorable. It is urged that more time be devoted to teaching cooking and other domestic arts, and that the boys receive more

instructions in agriculture. It is also urged that teachers pay more attention to the study of the Indian's character; that all attempts at reconstruction of their thoughts should be guided by this knowledge, and that all efforts in education should be guided by this knowledge, and that all efforts in education be aimed at teaching self support in the shortest possible time.

The report says that through the influence of the schools, the Indians are slowly but gradually advancing in civilization. The illustrations, which were contributed by the Indian schools, were printed by the Indian student apprentices at Carlisle.

This is the way a Hopi describes the difference between their mode of travel and ours. "We run our weary way over the sandy desert. The white men feed water and black rocks to the fire-monster and he snorts and tries to escape, but they fasten many wagons to him and he is compelled to drag hundreds of them across deserts and over mountains easier than our strongest burros carry one Hopi and his squaw."—Ex.

An Indian policeman, of Ft. Still, I. T., recently returned home with three Comanche Indians who, for the past twenty-eight years, have been held in bondage by the Yagins, of Mexico. The trio were captured in Western Texas when they were 10 years of age and have since been held as slaves by the Yagins. The matter came to light several months ago and the Government took the matter up with Mexico and their relief and freedom obtained.