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of their land and gave them fire water. The American Government is now paying its debt it is educating the American born man, who held America from the start, your own race. England sent out Christain workers among these people. What was begun then is now being carried out in South Dakota. Splendid work is going on there now among the Indians. Last year I attended the Convocation at Crow Creek. There are over 2000 Sioux Indian members of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota. They were in attendance at the Convocation having come from Standing Rock Agency and various reservations, and I had the pleasure of communing with something like 2500 of these American Indians.

Here they built a cathedral, which was 100 feet or more in diameter, it was made of poles covered with boughs, merely a shelter from the sun and dust. I was present at their meetings. There were so many men in the church services that the women and children could not get in, so they had to go out on the plain to hold their meetings, they sat in a circle with food in the middle of it, and the speaker always stands by the food. I think it is a good place for the speaker to stand, I like your Indian custom. I have a picture of this gathering.

Now it was a missionary meeting and they were going to make an offering, not a collection. In the Episcopal Church we call it an offering, because it is giving to God, and our people are taught that. These people make their offering, they were not the young people, but the elder women who work hard. They had made lace, clothing, and other things, some sold things and they had put a little aside for God. They brought this money to this meeting and gave it as an offering to God for missionary work, not to convert the Indians but perhaps to convert the white people. This amounted to \$2227.00, the offerings from the Indians of South Dakota for the missionary work of the Episcopal Church. I told them the story of 300 years ago and how England had sent missionaries. One

Indian woman arose and made a motion that a certain amount should be given to me to take over to England where I was going to lecture about Indians, to be given to the great Church as an offering from the Sioux woman for missionary work. This was magnificent. What hath God wrought? Three hundred years ago, what was the Indian woman doing? This offering was a Twenty Dollars gold piece and an alms bag made of leather with bead work on it, this bag was passed around for this offering. I went to England and lectured in the great big beautiful Churches of England, some of them five and six hundred years old, seating three times as many as there are here today. Then I held up this mission bag made by the Indians and told them about the offering of the \$2227 and I then held up the Twenty Dollar gold piece and said that this was the return from those Indians to England to carry on missionary work. There was silence in that great church as it here now, and the men took this bag, and went down the aisles among the people for their offering.

Shortly after I had left there, I received a letter from the treasurer of the Church saying, "Tell that Indian story and show that Indian bag and money to all you address, they were a great inspiration, and the offerings here have been doubled." This is the story that began 300 years ago and reaches over to this time.

It is a great pleasure to look into so many faces here today. Just think of the power that is here. If it were all in a rope what strength there would be there. We call it latent. Think of the spiritual power there is here. When you leave this school and you get home, at your trade on your ranch or farm, or whatever it may be, you will carry back with you what you have learned here.

The song we just sang, "We march to victory," reminds us that we Christians are always ready to go to war.

God bless you. May God bless the work of this school. I have heard a great deal about your work and the school today.