

Progress of Christianity

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peal to the spectacular, for the opportunity offered for sociability, and, in case of Indians, particularly, for indulgence of the nomadic habit. To be sure one writer goes so far as to say that "Baptized Paganism is the real character of much that figures as Christianity among the Indians," but this is too severe an arraignment, and is contradicted by another observer of the camp meeting, who says: "The evening meeting was conducted by a native clergyman. All joined heartily in the responses and sang the hymn with a favor that might well be emulated by the palefaces. Their manner suggested deep, earnest devotion."

But the real significance of the growth of Christianity among the Indians is not so much in the camp meeting as in the message of White Bull when he said:

"Tell your people that we are trying to live as Christians; we are trying to be kind to one another, especially to the poor and sick, for there are many among us who are sick and many who are lame and paralyzed and we minister to them and wash their feet."

It is the spread of this "living" Christianity that counts most and this does not come through camp meeting although they may pave the way for its approach. This can be inculcated in the Indian only through the personal example and individual teaching and preaching of patient, devoted missionaries. It comes only through the consecrated labors of the Riggises and the Roes and the Hares and scores of others like them—men and women less widely known than these,

perhaps, but not less devoted, who are living in Christian fellowship with the Indians in the remotest corners of the land. Christianity among the Indians will increase only as the unselfish efforts of such missionaries increase the missions on the reservations.

What has already been accomplished indicates that the same training and spiritual leadership, which develops moral character in the Anglo-Saxon race, will produce similar results in the Indian. We know that the civilizing and the Christianizing of the mass of barbarians whose descendants now people Europe was the work of ten centuries. From the days of the first settlers the Indians have had missionaries among them. They must have them still and for a good many years more if the kingdom of God is to come to these people. In the measure in which our church organizations and missionary societies maintain missions and hospitals among the Indians, will the spread of Christianity increase.

Meantime we may welcome the camp meeting as a sign of the times and many believe that it will often serve to point the way for the Indian to what, in his simple fashion, he calls the "Jesus-road."—Southern Workman.

Left-Over Items

It is said in the hop yards that the lunches they are receiving put up in the kitchen and dining room are the best ever.

James McMann, our blind man, has gone to the Simon hop yard to try his luck picking hops. One little boy has been detailed to look after him and share with him in the returns.