

The Moral and Religious Aspect of the Indian Question.

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I was careful to avoid in my remarks, any allusion to their sectarian quarrel, which I learned from the Indians themselves, had been extremely bitter, and in my allusion to assistance and readiness of the young men of the Protestant portion of the tribe to go with General Howard, caused a scowl upon the countenances of Joseph's friends, quite a number of whom were present. Allow me here to state that old Joseph, father of the present fighting Joseph, had once selected for his band or family, a portion of the present Nez Perce reservation, that before his death several of his family or band had settled upon their selected locations. That through the interference of his Cayuse-Catholic connection on his wife's (fighting Joseph's mother), side after old Joseph's death, and the sectarian quarrel that was kept up by the occasional visits of the Priests, young Joseph with his band was in a manner driven by the Protestant part of the tribe from what they claimed as their special country, and compelled to go back to the Wallowa country and claim it, as old Joseph, his father, had occupied it when the Spaulding mission was first established in the country in 1836, and through the influence of this first mission, old Joseph had left his country and taken his residence near the Lapwai station, so that he and his family or band could be under the instructions of Mr. Spaulding's mission.

The means used by Vicar General Blanchet in his management to accomplish the destruction of the Methodist and Dr. Whitman's Cayuse and Spokane missions, was commenced and is to the present day kept up, to destroy that of Mr. Spaulding and other Protestant missions among Indians, or in any other country. The continued preaching against what they term "the deadly heresies" of the American people. To an intelligent mind such preaching produces a feeling of contempt; but upon the ignorant and superstitious Indian mind, that class of professedly religious teachers with their mystic ceremonies, their black gowns, crossing themselves, counting of beads, falling or kneeling before the images of Mary and Joseph, is calculated to add to already deep seated superstitions, and fix in the ignorant savage mind greater reverence for their own medicine men with the "added dogma of sacred dreamers," who are preaching against their removal to agencies or their becoming American citizens by adopting our laws and customs.

THE SECTARIAN WARS

Commenced among the missions in Oregon under the patronage of the Hudson's bay company in 1838 brought about the death of Dr. Whitman and associate martyrs; the Cayuse war with the pioneer American government of Oregon in 1847-8, and all the Indian wars that have occurred since that time. This is a bold, and to one who has not looked beyond the surface of passing events, not a correct conclusion, especially if he does not carefully collate the statements and acts of the sectarian on both sides of the question, before and since the dogma of the so-called "infallible church" has been promulgated.

After stating the above conclusion on my part, I need scarcely refer to the present aspect of our Indian question as connected with the Indian tribes now gathered upon reservations, and also those scattered over our vast unoccupied territory not yet receiving annuities from our government nor the agent, nor even the American missionary; but who have, as I learn from the papers of the papal sect, been visited by their priests; beads and crosses distributed, and thousands of them claimed and counted as children of the church that owes no allegiance to the civil government having the undisputed right

to the country. It is absurd to suppose that a teacher adopting the dogmas of the papal sect will teach allegiance to a heretical government, or one holding to unlimited toleration of all religious creeds that do not conflict with the moral sentiment of the nation.

Allow me to call your attention to this subject as found in the Oregonian of November 27, 1878, headed as follows:

THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

A gentleman just from Umatilla furnishes the following information:

As soon as the military left Umatilla reservation, some days ago, 125 Indians also left the reservation and took up camp on Long island, ten miles below Umatilla. On the 21st, during the absence of Mr. Switzer, who lives in Washington territory opposite Umatilla, an Indian in war paint and armed came to his house and demanded provisions. Mrs. Switzer refused to give him the quantity he desired. He grew insolent, went to the stable, saddled one of Switzer's best horses and attempted to ride off. Mrs. S. leveled a needle gun and he dismounted and decamped. People of Yakima are arming and are going to Moses' camp to demand the Perkin murderers. If they are not given up there will be trouble.

A PERILOUS SITUATION.

All advices from the country east of the mountains indicate an unfortunate, excited, and perhaps really dangerous Indian situation. The whites know that many of the Indians there participated in the Bannock and Piute raid of last summer. They are satisfied that much of the mischief and many of the murders were the work of the Indians of their own locality. A portion of the Umatillas and many of the Columbia river Indians invited, encouraged and aided the invaders. For this conduct there was no provocation, since the Indians who thus proved their treachery have had no unkindness to complain of at the hands of the white settlers. They could not allege as Joseph's band did, that any of their people had been killed, or that their property had been molested. It was simply out of the wantonness of Indian nature that they engaged in these acts of hostility, outrage and murder. It is believed that a majority of the forty-two citizens of Umatilla county who were murdered while the hostiles were in that locality, fell by the hands of the Indians who professed friendship and fidelity, who were trusted by the settlers until events dispelled every doubt of their treachery. Many were slow to believe that these Indians were the perpetrators of any part of the outrages. And if they who were in the midst of these dreadful scenes were slow to believe it, we and others at a distance had even more hesitation in giving it credit. But at last, incidents and facts were developed which could leave no question about it; and, as the settlers who had been plundered and whose friends and relatives had been murdered saw these Indians returning to the reservation or going about the country as if nothing had happened, they were filled with a natural resentment and exasperation. The difficulty of fully identifying all the guilty ones and bringing them to justice is apparent. People who had lived in the country for ten or fifteen years, who found their hard earned property swept away and their neighbors murdered, and who saw no ready way of bringing the Indians to punishment for the past, or securing indemnity for the future, have been disposed as opportunity offered to take into their own hands measures of retaliation. A number of Indians who had gone away from the reservation have been killed, and it is now understood among them that every one who ventured away is in peril. In consequence there is great ferment among them, and there is really danger that they will retaliate in kind. Another Indian outbreak in that section is not beyond the probabilities; and among a class of the people we are told there is a disposition even to provoke it because they feel that there can be no peace till the whites have it out with the Indians, and cause either their removal or extermination. We have heretofore deprecated this spirit; and now, as the compli-

cations appear to be growing more serious and the situation more perilous, we desire again to remind those who are disposed to push measures to these extremes that neither they nor the country can afford it. Admitting the injuries, it remains nevertheless that many, perhaps most of them, can never be redressed. Again, let it be remembered that these Indians are not powerless. True, the result of a struggle with them would be their annihilation, but they also are able to kill, nor will they be exterminated without exacting equivalent payment of blood. If we did not believe these difficulties could be settled in another way, that is by judgment, moderation and forbearance, we should agree that the only thing was to accept the inevitable conflict and terminate it as soon as possible. But our people cannot afford to provoke this struggle. The case has moral aspects which we, more than the Indians, are bound to consider. For its own sake the community should counsel forbearance. Unless we are misinformed very much as to the situation, there is imminent danger that slumbering passions will be blown into a flame of war that will envelop our eastern borders. Taking all the disaffected Indians together, they are numerous enough to make them a formidable foe; and if they undertake it they will massacre without mercy, and when driven into a corner they will fight with desperation.

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