



A Chapter on Indian Education.

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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Jones, has published his annual report. We do not care to enter into a discussion of his utterances. Such reports have been and are colored. Nevertheless we call the attention of our readers to a few points which are not at all mentioned in the Commissioner's report, viz:

1. Since the time when President Harrison appointed Gen. Morgan Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Catholic employees were gradually dismissed from the Indian service of the Government schools and only a few were retained. Thus the Protestants had it all their own way.
2. There were preachers galore in the Indian service. There were preacher-commissioners, preacher-superintendents, preacher-inspectors, preacher-teachers, preachers everywhere hovering around the Indian schools.
3. Preachers were sent to inspect and find fault in the Catholic Indian schools. They reported accordingly. One of these preachers reported that the Indian pupils had not the proper accent in speaking English; another one claimed that the diet was not good enough for the Indian children; again it was reported that the clothing furnished was too inferior for the great sons of the Red Race; another preacher claimed that the surroundings "should be better;" another one found fault because the stairs were too steep; one inspector even demanded of the Sisters to open their private rooms and wardrobes for examination! Thus acted the tweedledee and tweedledum preachers paid by the taxes of Catholics and non-Catholics alike!
4. Protestant services were held in the Indian schools of