Miss Ida Curtiss and Mr. Albert G. Hunter, respectively, who seem to be competent and efficient employees.

The health of the school was excellent until an epidemic of influenza spread among the pupils and resulted, in connection with other diseases, in several deaths.

Twelve pupils were transferred during the year to the Phœnix school.

Suggestions and recommendations.—I respectfully recommend that a school building, a barn, and a hospital be erected. Also that the cottage, storeroom, and granary be removed to the school, which affords abundant room and facilities for the school.

A water supply is badly needed, with proper drainage, which has been estimated for. This, if allowed, will make the school more healthful and protect it against destruction by fire, as well as furnish water for domestic purposes.

The employees of the school have been faithful, loyal, efficient, and whatever progress has been made is largely due to their united, patient, and earnest efforts, for which I desire to return my sincere thanks.

Supervisor Conser and Mr. V. K. Chestnut, of Washington, paid us a visit during the year. Both were very kind and courteous, and we hope to have another visit from them again.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the honorable Commissioner for kindness courtesy, and support given me during the year, and the promptness with which my numerous requests have been granted.

Very respectfully,

GEO. W. PATRICK,
Superintendent and Special Disbursing Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY, ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION.

ROUND VALLEY AGENCY, *June 20, 1898.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to present to you herewith a report of my work as missionary on the Round Valley Reservation during the past year.

There is a marked improvement in many respects resulting from the enforcement of the law in reference to the prohibition of introducing liquor on the reservation and the furnishing the same to Indians, and also an enforcement of other matters in reference to the marriage state.

The attendance at the public services is much improved, and the children are instructed religiously at the boarding school on the Sabbath afternoons by the teachers. The distance from the place of worship at headquarters to the schoolhouse prevents their regular attendance at the morning service.

We have baptized some 25 children during the year, married 4 couples, attended some 25 funerals, and having been laid up with la grippe for over six weeks were not able to visit or hold services; but the regular services were held by the agency clerk, C. F. Hathaway, who is a member of our church (Methodist Episcopal). He served with much acceptability.

We have had a bitter opposition in our work, and efforts to intimidate us have been put forth in consequence of the fact that it seemed for the good of the Indian people that we should accept the position of United States commissioner. Yet we have done our duty fearlessly, and punishment has been meted out to a few offenders, which has its result in convincing the lawless band of bad men who fear not God nor regard man that the United States laws can and will be enforced even in Round Valley.

Praying that the earnest efforts of George W. Patrick, superintendent, to do his duty and protect the Indians may be sustained, and the rights of this people maintained against the ungodly and vicious wretches who have held sway over them in bygone years and are so loath to give it up, I shall go on, and so long as I am continued in this not pleasant field, yet pleasant, for "labor is rest and pain is sweet if only God is there," I shall uphold the law and preach the blessed gospel of the Son of God and watch for the harvest.

I respectfully submit this report.

Sincerely,

COLIN ANDERSON,
Missionary, Methodist Episcopal Church.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

REPORT OF AGENCY IN COLORADO.

REPORT OF SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY.

SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY,
Ignacio, Colo., August 20, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the fiscal year 1898.

As a complete census was forwarded to your office at the beginning of the fiscal year, I omit any reference in this report.

Progress.—Considerable change is noticeable in the direction of advancement of the allotted Utes at the Ignacio subagency. Blankets and breech-clouts have been

discarded, and the great majority of Indians now appear in citizens' dress, and it may truthfully be said that among those who never showed a disposition to work a desire has sprung up to improve their lands and allotments and to have a home of their own.

Crops.—Considerable more land was put in cultivation last spring than in former years, and as wheat and oats are now ready for harvest and beyond danger of hailstorms and grasshoppers, the Indians are assured a good yield of grain to help them out through the coming winter. I have impressed upon them the absolute necessity of saving enough grain for seed for the coming spring, but I am afraid that a compliance with such order can not as yet be strictly enforced.

Irrigation.—The work of constructing the canals and ditches for irrigating the lands on Pine River and Spring Creek has been continued during the last fiscal year under the superintendency of a competent engineer. The east-side canal or Spring Creek ditch, the largest of all the projected canals on the reserve, is now completed and needs only the addition of a small lateral, about a mile in length, to cover some allotments at the head of Spring Creek, which could not be brought under irrigation by an extension of the main canal except by an unwarranted expenditure of money without obtaining any adequate results. The canal of the west side of Pine River has been completed as far as the top of the first plateau or mesa, there connecting with and supplying the old agency ditch. A further appropriation will be necessary to complete this canal.

Improvements.—Authority for improving the dilapidated condition of the buildings at this agency was granted during the year, and with the aid of new material, carpenters, and paint, the main buildings at least, together with the old residence for agent, have assumed a respectable appearance, and as we are now repairing the old issue house, implement house, blacksmith shop, wagon shed, and barn, these also will appear in a better light in their finished condition.

Deportment.—Since the killing of "Quinche" by Manuel or "Annee," on the 8th day of December last, a special report of which was forwarded to your Office at that time, no crime of any serious character, except an occasional drunk, has been committed on this end of the reserve. Theft or the crime of larceny is almost unknown among the Indians here, and in this respect they will compare favorably with their white brethren.

Educational.—No progress in the way of education has been made at this subagency. It is a difficult question to handle; but after ownership to land has been issued, and the reserve opened to new settlers, we will endeavor to enforce the State law as to attendance, and thus secure at least the bulk of the children for the Fort Lewis Indian school, which is conveniently located on the north line of the reservation about half way between the allotted and unallotted Utes.

Missionary work.—The Presbyterian Board of Missions has a missionary stationed at this agency by the name of A. J. Rodreguez, and commendable progress has been made during the year by this noble Christian, as evidenced by the now almost finished schoolhouse, the erection of which is entirely due to his untiring efforts in that direction, animated by a noble desire to better the condition of the red man.

Navajo Springs and Unallotted Utes.—Regarding the condition on the west end of the reservation and of the unallotted Utes, I can but repeat what I stated in my last annual report: That part of the reserve contains the most valuable lands in the State of Colorado, favored alike by climate and altitude, yet upon this vast tract of land no water has been provided to even cultivate an acre of land, and during the summer the Indians are compelled to take to the mountains with their stock, so as to find a sufficient supply of water to quench their thirst. I sincerely hope that the existing conditions will soon be changed, as the honorable Secretary of the Interior has been authorized by Congress to provide water for that now arid region. The condition and surroundings at the west end or unallotted part of the reserve have been alike discouraging to Indians and those intrusted with the task to better their condition.

Health.—The health of the tribe of Weeminuche or unallotted Indians has not been good during the last year. Pneumonia and consumption have claimed many victims, and this condition is liable to continue until homes and better comforts are provided for them. Smallpox has entirely disappeared among them, and I sincerely hope that the dreaded disease will not appear again.

Very respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. MEYER,
United States Indian Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.