

break up their hostile camp there, which would compel them to settle at their respective agencies. As it now is, a small party from the hostile camp can visit any of the agencies and commit murder and theft and make their escape. The total number of Indians belonging to this agency is estimated from seven to eight thousand souls. Whatever success may have been accomplished with these people under my charge, is in a great part due to Mr. Frederick W. Wright, head farmer, and the employes of the agency. They have encountered hardships and privations, and have promptly responded to every call of the service, and their energy and fidelity entitle them to special commendation.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. W. BINGHAM,
United States Indian Agent.

Hon. EDWARD P. SMITH,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

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UPPER MISSOURI SIOUX AGENCY,
Crow Creek, Dak., September, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with the regulations of the Indian Department, I have the honor to submit this, my annual report, as Indian agent, for the lower Brulé and lower Yanktonai Sioux.

The average number of Indians at the agency during the past year has been 3,000. The advancement of these Indians during this time has been quite perceptible compared with that of former years. Three hundred and fifty acres have been cultivated by them during the present season, and good crops realized. They have also erected for themselves, during the past six months, thirty substantial log houses, which are the first ever erected by Indians upon this reservation. Many are now providing hay for the cow and yoke of oxen promised to such as provide hay and shelter for the same.

The presence of one company of United States troops stationed at the sub-agency, at lower Brulé, has done much toward preserving order, and throwing a restraint over many young warriors, who otherwise might have caused serious disturbance. With the aid of the military the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians has been nearly suppressed.

Since my last report two missions have been established at this agency, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church; one at the agency-proper, in charge of Rev. H. Burt, the other at the subagency, (Lower Brulé,) under charge of Rev. W. J. Cleveland. A day-school at each of these missions has been in successful operation, with an average attendance of twenty each, the past year. At Lower Brulé a substantial block warehouse, 22 by 80, and a carpenter-shop of like material, 22 by 48, have been constructed, while at the agency-proper warehouses and other buildings have undergone repairs, 100 acres of new ground broken, and 700 rods of substantial post-and-board fence erected.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Department to the fact that these Indians are now being subsisted in accordance with the 10th article of the treaty concluded April 29, 1868, between the Government and different tribes of Sioux Indians, and which expires with the close of the present fiscal year, at which time these Indians will be thrown entirely upon their own resources so far as subsisting themselves is concerned. This they are wholly incapable of doing at the present time, owing to their limited experience in agricultural pursuits, and the scarcity of game. Without farther aid they will probably make forays upon the settlers and farmers of the frontier for the necessities of life, and which would soon lead to serious trouble. I would therefore recommend that such legislation be taken as would enable the department to continue the rations of flour, beef, and bacon for the present, withholding that of sugar, coffee and tobacco from all Indians, except the aged and infirm, and those who are willing to render an equivalent to the Government. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly, your obedient servant,

HENRY F. LIVINGSTON,
United States Indian Agent.

Hon. EDW. P. SMITH,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.