

vigor and undecreased enrollment. How they carried out this pledge the accompanying statistics show.

The Government report gives the total number of Indians living in the territory of the United States as 270,238. The Catholic Bureau report puts the number of Catholics at one hundred thousand. It can fairly be estimated that one hundred and ten thousand still live in paganism, uninfluenced and untouched to any perceptible degree by Christianity. Twenty thousand, though no longer following the "old ways," and weaned from paganism, have no church affiliation, and the balance belong to some type or shade of Protestantism.

Our missionary efforts, in spite of twenty centuries of success, in spite of the fact that even at this moment they exercise a resistless sway over the Indian, do not seem to commend themselves to our Protestant friends. "It is customary says the same Prof. Bourne already quoted, "for Protestant writers to speak with contempt of Catholic missions, but it must not be forgotten that France and England were converted to Christianity by similar methods. The Protestant ridicules the wholesale baptisms and conversions, and a Christianity not even skin-deep; but that was the way in which Christianity was propagated in what ruling Christian nations to-day. The Catholic," he justly contends "might ask for some evidence that the early Germans or the Anglo-Saxons would ever have been converted to Christianity by the methods employed by Protestantism."

Our educational endeavors, in spite of difficulties and hardships of a really harrowing character at times, assume a significance and display a zeal out of all proportion with the meagre means to sustain them. At the time of the withdrawal of Government appropriations, the suddenness and unpreparedness of the situation, created an ominous, even critical, condition. It was only the providential intervention of Rev. Mother M. Katherine Drexel that averted one of the most deplorable calamities that ever threatened the Church in the United States, not only jeopardizing all educational work a-