DAWN GROWS UP

Now 4 Years Old

Four years ago, when I first created "Dawn”, I had no idea it would prove such a healthy, sought after magazine.

I had no idea it would be welcomed in many countries far beyond the boundaries of our great land. I had no idea it would exert such a strong influence on the lives of our Aboriginal people.

To-day, as Dawn begins with pride its fifth year of publication, I feel I can now really foresee the day when I can lay down my pen, push aside my typewriter and hand over the Editorship to an Aborigine. Then it would truly be a magazine of the aboriginal people, for the aboriginal people, by the aboriginal people. That is not too much to expect, for every day we see our aboriginal people approaching closer to their object of assimilation.

We see more aboriginal scholars than ever before at High Schools, we see each year greater and greater numbers of aboriginal people accepting the responsibility of citizenship and seeking exemption. We see more and more aboriginal men and women taking their places in commerce and industry. This is a good sign!

As Dawn grows older, wiser, and more mature, it feels a little glow of satisfaction at the small part it has played in bringing about the social, spiritual and mental development of our people. This is your country and your magazine, and now is the time, make the most of both of them!

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Editor.