

was sobering in its effect. The first three years of the organization's life were stormy ones. They had tested the integrity and sincerity of every member. Then, with the almost miraculously awakened realization, there came a sudden change. The conference was characterized throughout by remarkable unanimity. Every thought of personal gain, or preferment, was blotted out. The honor of the race, the good of the greater number, the value of individual effort, then loomed large and everything else was subordinated.

"There were many political, religious, and philosophic factions represented, but each forgot the minor issue when the great purpose of the Society was realized. 'I never realized until now what this Society meant,' said ex-Judge Hiram Chase of Omaha. 'I am now ashamed that I have not been more active.'"

"What the Indian can do for his country," The Indian's place in his country," and "The legal status of the Indian," were among the themes for discussion at the conference. Able discussion on these topics were given by Chauncey Yellow Robe, Simon Redbird, John M. Oskison, W. J. Kershaw, Hiram Chase, Henry Roe-Cloud, Oliver La-Mere, and many others. "Almost every address was a classic; almost every one was a vital discussion, characterized by logic and brilliance of style," said Mr. Parker.

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Before another issue we shall have again passed through the holiday season and entered upon the duties and responsibilities of a new year. Christmas is but a few days off with its gift-giving, feasting and merry-making. It is well to bear in mind that the value of a gift lies largely in the spirit and good-wishes of the given. The fact that we are remembered by our friends should be cherished above all other sentiments. A little token of remembrance should awaken in us, one and all, young and old, a feeling of joy as great as the human mind can know.

Let all try to live the spirit of Christmas. Take the little gifts which your friends may bestow upon you in the spirit of real joy and appreciation in which they are bestowed. A little Christmas card, or a hearty "Merry Christmas," carries as much real heart and good fellowship as a costly present. Do not fancy that it is necessary to give beyond your means—this is not the real Christmas idea. Try and be sane in all that you do—your eating, drinking, merry-making, and gift-giving—and then you shall enjoy it all. A contented mind will bring its possessor as much happiness during a holiday season as at any other time.