

in these respects to educate the white man. We have talked so much about the education of the Indian, but along certain lines the white man needs to be educated. I think he is ready for it. I think the white men of the country are sincerely ready to be shown the true state of affairs, and that they will co-operate in working toward a better state, but they have got to be educated, and it is up to you, the American Indians, to perform that process of education. It was tried in the first hundred years of the country's history, by the medium of warfare, but the Indian did not educate the white man very successfully in that way. There are other ways in which it cannot be done any more successfully. Inveective and complaint against minor things will never accomplish it. It has got to be a purposeful study under competent leadership, such as is growing up now in this very Society, discarding for the present the smaller things, working along the lines of the greater things. That is the policy that is going to accomplish results; and by your actions, by your character, by your influence in writing and in speech, and through the influence of this Society, I believe it possible for the North American Indians to educate the white man in such a way that this wall of misunderstanding will be broken down, and that the two races will work side by side toward a greater citizenship and more freedom in every respect.

And so I am rejoicing to-day in the possibilities of this Society. In the past one great difficulty has been that there has been no adequate organization in which the Indian and the white man could get together to work out these benefits. There has to be in every movement some central body that will crystallize the thought, that will crystallize this tendency and desire to reform, and put it into action and put it into reality. Now this Society, under the leadership that it has, and admitting as it does, to active and associate membership, the members of both races, I believe is a power that is going to accomplish great things, and I hope in succeeding years it will have a growth and development commensurate with the importance of its purposes.

