

that human growth comes from within, not from without. The Indian must be permitted and required to exercise himself.

I wish each Indian might know you personally and feel the enthusiastic touch of your intense interest in his welfare. I hope you may have the health, encouragement and support to continue the splendid work you have begun, for there is in the Indian character that intrinsic worth which will respond to opportunity and friendship in terms of growth, competency and good citizenship.

With my continued high regard and cordial best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

GABE E. PARKER.

(Hon. Gabe E. Parker, Register of the Treasury of the United States, who wrote this letter, is a distinguished Choctaw Indian. This copy of same may be of interest to you as an indication of the responsive sentiment among the Indians to Commissioner Sells because of the efforts he is making in their behalf.)

POLITICS IN THE INDIAN BUREAU

AS PLAYED BY COMMISSIONER SELLS



INDIAN Commissioner Cato Sells has succeeded in inspiring implicit confidence in himself among those with whom his work keeps him in touch. Strangely enough, the first man for the commissioner to win was the Indian himself. In Oklahoma, the Indians have always regarded the Indian office, not as a means of help but rather as a system which was holding them in check. Now they seek the advice of the bureau and are lending helpful co-operation to the government in the inauguration of the many reforms which have been introduced by the present administration.

Several important changes have been made in the Oklahoma service and more are to follow. There will also be some additions. The commissioner has made it perfectly plain to those who seek appointments as oil inspector, provided for in last bill, that civil service rules will govern. In removing Creek Attorney Mott from his job, politics was the very last consideration and partisan politics had little to do with the selection of Mott's successor. The commissioner has made it perfectly plain that in the selection of a successor to J. George Wright and Dana H. Kelsey, the successful candidate must have more to commend him than merely his democracy. Those who have been added to the service have been