

## THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL

Dennison Wheelock, Chairman

Hiram Chase

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F. A. McKenzie

Wm. J. Kershaw

The President remained standing at one corner of his desk during the reading and was evidently impressed. After Mr. Wheelock handed the Memorial to the President, Mr. Coolidge, President of the Society, delivered a few words in explanation of the object of the Society. This was followed by an address by Mr. Wm. J. Kershaw. Mr. Kershaw's speech was an eloquent classic and profoundly impressive. As the years go by it will be regarded as one of the masterpieces of Indian oratory. Congressman Charles D. Carter, former Chief of the Chickasaw Council and now Vice-president on Legislation of the Society, made the closing address endorsing the memorial in its plea for a new and just code of law and greater opportunity for the red man.

President Wilson replied expressing his pleasure in receiving the Delegation and stating that he had not given special thought to the Indian though he had appointed the best men he could find as Secretary of the Interior and as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He promised to give the Memorial his most earnest consideration and to study the measures advocated by the Society.

Promptly upon the expiration of the term of the interview the Delegates filed from the room and out of the White House, where they faced a battery of cameras and moving picture machines.

After returning to the Hotel Powhatan for luncheon, the Executive Committee held an informal conference which continued until five o'clock. The speakers were, President Coolidge, Dr. C. Hart Merriam on the "Tragedy in California", Matthew K. Sniffen on the "Cry of Alaska", Wm. J. Kershaw, "Our Memorial", Hiram Chase on "The Law that Restricts", Father Philip B. Gordon, on "The Relation of Education to Morality", and Gen. Pratt on "Why I Have Loved the Red Man".

The afternoon meeting was merely an informal discussion, the evening banquet being the event to which all looked for the final event of the day.

The local chairman of the Entertainment Committee was Mr. E. Dagenett and to him the success of the event is largely due. As in all of its functions, this was distinctly of high grade, every appointment being the best that could be secured. The toastmaster of the evening was Hon. Charles D. Carter. The principal speaker was Hon. Cato Sells,