

The impression made by the Memorial Delegation was profound. Dr. William K. Cooper, Secretary of the Washington Y. M. C. A., stated that the event was the most dignified and orderly he had ever seen in the Executive Mansion and his opinion was verified by Mr. Samuel Brosius, Attorney for the Indian Rights Association, who affirmed that it was the most impressive event he had ever witnessed in connection with Indian affairs. Others stated that the event was a positive demonstration of the ability of Indian blood to achieve. The membership represented Indians prominent in civil, religious, and political life, including clergymen, educators, scientists, congressmen, business men, lawyers and financiers. If these have struggled upward through adverse conditions how many more might achieve and advance as efficient factors in the national life if the laws of the land would only permit it.

In this memorable council only earnest faces were seen. The men and women who composed it were energetic factors in the life of the republic. Every man and woman of Indian blood was conscious of his responsibilities and eager to meet his obligations to his race and to his country. Proud of the ability of race to advance, as they were, their clothing was that of citizenship, of the great nation. There were no blankets, no feathers, no relics of the past,—for these men and women were the Indians of today, pleading for the future. Their vision was fixed upon things ahead. Though in their hearts was the best traditions of their people, each know that such things were a part of the past. Their appeal was not only for race and for country, but for humanity.

Thus has a new day dawned and dynamic effort has been applied from within.

