

Wrongdoers have been prosecuted; estates have been recovered; dishonest and incompetent guardians have been removed; worthless bonds have been replaced with responsible bondsmen, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved to Indian minors and safely invested for their benefit. These direct results are also increased to an extent which can only be approximated by the moral influence which has resulted, operating powerfully to prevent a repetition of wrongdoing and to insure better conditions in the future.

The Commissioner believes that the next legislature will enact laws in harmony with these probate rules, and that permanent protection of property of Indian minors will be assured.

AWAKENED AMERICAN INDIAN

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THE American Indian has written a new chapter in his life story. The tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fourteen, marked a new beginning in Indian Progress and proclaimed a new day for the red race. Upon that day President Woodrow Wilson listened to the Memorial of the Society of American Indians in behalf of the American Indian. Never before perhaps had there assembled so large a body of men and women of Indian blood, having so wide an influence in the world's affairs. Never before had the men and women of the race presented so definite an appeal covering the condition of all Indians.

The memorial presented to the President was the outcome of an action of the University of Wisconsin Conference of the Society of American Indians, and was drawn up by order of the Conference. The Committee consisted of Dennison Wheelock, Chairman, Prof. F. A. McKenzie, Henry Roe-Cloud, Hiram Chase, and William J. Kershaw; supplemented by the Executive Committee, including the president, vice-president on Membership, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

The meetings at which the Memorial was formulated were held at the office of Hon. Gabe E. Parker, Registrar of the U. S. Treasury. Mr. Parker, who is a Choctaw, is a member of the Society's Advisory Board. Here the various ideas submitted by the members of the Executive Council were drawn into shape, after careful debate. In its preparation a majority of members of the Advisory Board, the entire Memorial Committee and all but one absent member of the Executive Council participated. The strong men of the Society and of the race were indeed pre-