

He gathers up the moods I feel,  
And winds them back on life's vast reel,  
With all the tangles rift.

—BENNETT CHAPPLE.

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### EX-PRESIDENT TAFT'S VIEWS

I am glad to have the opportunity of sending a word of greeting to a Society organized for the uplift of the American Indian.

One significant and hopeful sign, prophetic of good results, is the fact that the more advanced representatives of the race are awaking to a realization of their duty and privilege of extending a helping hand to their more backward brothers. This idea is prominent in the formulated beliefs and stated objects of the Society. The proposition that the Indian is entitled to a voice in the settlement of the problems affecting him is so clearly correct that argument in its support would be superfluous.

Another proposition embodied in the statement of the beliefs and purposes of the Society is "that Indian progress depends upon awakening the abilities of every individual Indian, the realization of personal responsibility for self and race, and the duty of responding to the call to activity." The Indians are being absorbed as individuals into the body politic, and this process will be more rapid in the future. The problems pressing for solution are not so much those relating to the Indian as a race, but more those affecting him as an individual, and even of the latter the more important are those affecting him as a citizen, or potential citizen. Citizenship involves more than benefits to the individual. There are obligations and burdens toward the community which he must recognize and assume. Any plan for the development of the Indian as an individual must, to be successful, include efforts to impress upon him the fact that he must accept the responsibilities if he demands the benefits of citizenship.

The Society of American Indians has great possibilities for good and I wish you every success in the undertaking.—From the letter of President Taft to the Secretary written in 1912.

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### COMMISSIONER SELLS ON INDIAN FAIRS

Arouse enthusiasm and rivalry between the men, women and children by showing at the fair their native products, such as blankets, baskets, pottery, bead-work, silver-smith work, and lace, their vegetables and fruits of every kind and description, and between the women by show-