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Candidates for diplomas and certificates were presented to Board of Trustees by Hon. William Howard Taft, who is the president of the Board. "You go out from here with the mark on you 'A Hampton Graduate,'" said Mr. Taft. "I do not need to elaborate the advantage you have in that honor and that privilege. It classifies you. It shows that you have passed through a mold that is expected by the country and the people whom you meet to have developed in you thoroughness, character, and the Hampton spirit of self-sacrifice. You owe it to yourselves to be worthy of that reputation that you will have ascribed to you. You owe it to your race, for if you fail for lack of character, tenacity of purpose, or in wisdom, you injure your race. Your life is to be one of struggle. No candid supporter or friends of yours can be blind to the conditions that confront you—the trials you will have to meet, the great burdens that you will have to carry; and you must know that these things are to be met and overcome only by courage, by self-restraint, by confidence in God and by leaning on Him, and by the reward that comes to you from the consciousness of having fought the good fight and deserved success."

COMPETENCY

POINTS FOR AND AGAINST INDIAN COMPETENCY



WHEN is an Indian competent? This is a question which must be often asked and to which some answer must be furnished in connection with the administration of the affairs of each Indian.

We venture an answer here:

An Indian is competent just as a white man is, when he can "mind his own business" with profit to himself and the community in which he lives.

Now you will be asking about how this condition can be recognized, and the Scout will suggest that, plain common sense teaches that if you want to know a person, you must get acquainted with him.

It is up to the Indian to show his competency. It is the duty of those administering Indian affairs to discover and respect competency whenever it exists, and as far as possible to cultivate and develop this condition where it does not exist, or is found only in small measure.

As stated before, an Indian shows his competency about as a white man does, and here are a few rules which apply, regardless of the Indi-