

was there a greater mistake regarding the people of any race. For many years it has been to us a matter of wonder to see the ease and rapidity of the Indian youth's adaptability to new conditions. He may enter on strange scenes, foreign to anything hitherto pictured in his wildest dreams, but will immediately settle down and accommodate himself to every demand of his new environment as though he were "to the manner born." This one phase of Indian character, to say nothing of so many other estimable characteristics, amply justifies the government in all its endeavors in behalf of the people of this race.

There are so many notable men and women of Indian blood before the public today that to doubt the capacity of the race to advance seems worse than silly to us. We could name by the score Indian men and women of adaptability and capacity so great as to become bright racial stars who light the path of advancement for all the people regardless of race or nationality. This is a fact, and all honest and unprejudiced well informed people will admit it.

In the last issue of "The Quarterly Journal of the Society of American Indians," John W. Converse, in a most interesting and instructive article, says: "I am slow to wrath, but I confess that it nettles me to be told that the Indian lacks capacity to advance. Doubt the bear can hug, doubt the deer can run, doubt the eagle can fly, doubt the duck can swim, but never, never doubt the Indian can advance."

We believe that no race has greater adaptability. That every individual possesses this characteristic we do not claim, for in the main we see Indian people in the same light as we view people of the other races.

EXCELSIORS' RECEPTION

On the evening of May 1, the Excelsior Literary Society gave its annual reception at the school gymnasium. The decoration of the gym was very fitting for the occasion. Purple and gold crepe paper, the society colors, was in evidence everywhere; added to this were fir boughs, ferns, society pennants and college pennants, and many other kinds of banners, which made the general appearance of the interior of the gym very attractive. The gym was divided into two parts by a large curtain; one part being arranged for a dining hall and the other part for the social gathering and dancing. The arrangements and decorations and the way the party was carried out set a mark which will be hard to surpass for some time.

In order to keep things from becoming monotonous, the following program was rendered: Song, Entire Society; Current Events, Elmer