

pathetic. Some years ago Mr. Turney was crossing the Cascade mountains and near the summit he met a funeral procession. The body of the dead was strapped to a pony, and the men who rode before and behind were chanting the death song, while the rocks and hills gave back the sad and solemn echo. The music made an impression on the composer which he has never forgotten. He gives it in this movement.

The last movement is "The Hunt, or the Braves on a Chase." After the excitement of preparation and departure you hear the galloping tread of the horses and the rush and movement of the braves pursuing the buffalo fleeing over the plains; then the feeling of victory as they care for their prizes and return to camp.—*Oregon Journal, Portland, Ore., July 4, 1915.*

TO COMMISSIONER SELLS

A LETTER BY *Joseph F. Daniels*



UNDER date of August 28, 1915, Commissioner Sells was addressed in the following letter on the merits of the recent San Francisco Indian Conference, by Joseph F. Daniels, librarian at the Riverside Public Library:

You will recollect probably that during your recent visit to the Mission Inn, I promised to write you my impressions of the people who work in the Indian Service, especially the teachers.

It has been my good fortune to be intimately associated with the public school system of councils, boards and committees, during the past twenty odd years.

When I was asked to give a series of lectures before the Conference of employes of the Indian Service I expected to find an ungraded group of rather indefinite workers without any professional solidarity and lacking in definite purpose. I was astonished at the very first meeting to find a full attendance, while several of the great national conventions in San Francisco at about the same time had merely a handful when the meeting was called to order.

I have never had an audience so responsive, so eager to follow the lecturer's subject matter, and I have never seen any professional body show greater interest in their work.

I do not speak of my own work alone, but what I say applies to the work of all the lecturers and speakers who appeared before the conference of the employes of the Indian Service at San Francisco in August, 1915.