

In my mind there seems to be less of digression and uncertainty and fewer of the inconsequent and time wasting theories of education which are intermittently applied throughout the public school system. These people in your service have a very definite understanding of their work, their direction is plain, they are in earnest and believe in the work.

I took greater pleasure in my work at that conference than any similar work I have ever done. I enjoyed the audiences, and I enjoyed the conversations before and after sessions, with those who are at work in the service, both the Indians and the whites.

The attendance at the conference did me more good really, I do believe, than I could possibly bring to them. I finished my work at the conference with an abiding faith that the problem of the education of the Indian gives greater promise of solution than any other educational problem that I know.

These teachers of yours do not waste any time in pretending to know something that they do not know. They are quick and anxious to know the things they ought to know; they have reduced their problems to its simplest terms, and they have the refreshing belief that educational values and practical values are identical.

Undoubtedly, a great measure of the success of the conference was due to the skillful management of Mr. H. B. Peairs. His knowledge of Indian school affairs and his common-sense handling of a conference program were the things in my mind which made the conference a great success.

While other conventions and gatherings lost most of their audience to the counter-attractions of the Panama Pacific Exposition, your workers turned out to every session in full force, and had provided for them special times and days for exposition visits.

You should be proud of those people who represented the service at that conference in San Francisco. They did you great credit and I could not hold back the thought that the National Educational Association which was to meet the following week in Oakland would certainly not show the enthusiasm and devotion to the work that was shown by your people.

