

address myself especially to the products of our Indian schools: I find among returned students on the reservations something of unrest; a more general tendency to want a job in the Service than is best for their own future. The real genius of our Indian schools is industrial in its purpose, and should be in its accomplishments. There are but few, if any, educated Indians who cannot return to their allotments and soon become self-supporting in agricultural and stock-raising pursuits, and especially is this true, when under proper circumstances to extend it, advantage is taken of the reimbursable fund. There are thousands of white tenant farmers struggling to pay off their annually given crop mortgage, who would be thankful for the opportunity of the Indian who has an allotment, and the privilege of a reimbursable non-interest bearing loan. A job as policeman or clerkship is menial in comparison to the dignity and prosperity to be attained by independent effort with such advantage.

"The Lord helps those who help themselves." Let me give you an illustration—I have a son, a Junior in the University of Chicago. School is now in vacation. Is he spending the summer as an idler indolently waiting for the opening of the new year? No, he is this summer spending every working hour earning money to help him through the next school year. When he fails to do this, he will not go back. This treatment is not chastisement—it is training. I take this course because I love him, and he willingly responds. It is because I am the Indian's friend that I speak plainly. The best friend is the one who tells the truth, and does not deal in circumvention or deception.

The responsibility resting upon the Indian youth of today is greater than has ever fallen upon the young men and women of any race in the history of the world. Your success or failure will largely determine the future of the red man of America. The eyes of the Caucasian race are upon you. If you demonstrate your capacity to take on the education offered in the Indian Schools, if you utilize the equipment thus acquired, and affirm your capacity for advancement and self-support, if you rise to the occasion and give living evidence of the progress of your people, the expenditures in your behalf will have been justified; then you and your friends who are earnestly undertaking to work out a future for you and perpetuate your race will be equipped with armor to make a successful defense of your people and their property; insure the permanent establishment of your schools, and all that goes to justify the denial that the Indian is a "vanishing race". If you do not measure up to your opportunities, you fail at your peril. Whether you are able to meet these demands depends upon you. If you fail, there are those who will use it as an argument in support of their aggressions upon your people and their property, and thus endanger the pos-