

constantly arising conditions which require courage and faithful, unbending adherence to duty.

In closing let me say that I believe the employees of the Indian Service as a whole are the most capable of all employees in the Government Service, and that their average compensation is not in proportion to their worth and accomplishments. In the performance of my duties as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I have had no greater satisfaction than my association in the office and the field with those devoted employees who in many instances are making sacrifices and who are rendering the most faithful and efficient service.

My pilgrimage across the continent to meet you in this splendid conference is not only to express to you something of my views on Indian administration, but that we may consult with one another; strengthen our appreciation of duty to the Indian race, and so execute our respective responsibilities as to insure enlargement of vision to the end that the white and red race, shall, through our efforts, become more and more integral parts of our civilization, and together march side by side in peace, prosperity and happiness.

THE STRING QUARTET

The entertainment put on at the opera house Friday evening under the auspices of the high school was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The entertainment was an evening of musical numbers by a string quartet and the story of Victor Hugo's masterpiece, "Les Miserables," told by Mr. Kennedy. The quartet which consists of three Indian boys, students at the Chemawa Indian school, under the leadership of Ruthyn Turney, showed exceptional talent and skill in the interpretation of some of the world's masterpieces of music. One number especially appreciated was a composition by Mr. Turney, entitled "First Indian Suite." The touching story as told by Mr. Kennedy, might almost be called a musical number, from the fact that Mr. Kennedy possesses a beautiful and musical voice, which adds greatly to the pleasure of listening to this uplifting life story. Such high class entertainments are certainly worthy of our support.—Silverton (Oregon) Appeal, October 29, 1915.