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THE Lawrence, Kansas, Conference of the Society of American Indians, held during the period September 28th-October 3rd, was a remarkable event in the history of the Society and in the annals of the red race. Its opening sessions on the evening of September 28th found a hall crowded to the doors. The City of Lawrence, by Mayor Francisco, the University of Kansas, by Chancellor Strong, and Haskell Institute by Superintendent Wise, united in a rousing public welcome.

Sessions were held throughout the week in the Chamber of Commerce Hall, at Kansas University, and at Haskell Institute. The general theme of the Conference was, "What can the Indian do to help himself." An emphatic answer was given in the inauguration of a community center movement to be instituted on the various reservations as soon as practicable. The first center is placed in the hands of Mrs. R. T. Bonnin, who will start her work among the Utes at Fort Duchesne. The Executive Council of the Society will have immediate oversight of this work of bringing education, healthful amusement, and inspiration, to the reservation Indians, old and young. Mrs. Bonnin, known to the literary world as Kitkalasa, is a Sioux, and is most admirably fitted for the task of supervising Community Centers.

A second move of large importance was the unanimous stand of the Conference on the temperance question. It calls upon every Indian and upon the Government to unite in the destruction of the Indian's most grievous enemy.

Among the speakers who came with ringing messages were Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Stephen Jones, Simon Redbird, Dr. G. J. Frazier, Rev. P. B. Gordon, Hon. W. A. Durant, Mrs. Emma D. Goulette, Mr. William J. Kershaw, Miss E. DePeltquestangue, and Henry Roe-Cloud. Associate members had equal privileges of the floor and there were talks by Rev. E. C. Deyo, Dr. Thomas C. Moffett, Robert Hall, John R. Wise, Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore and Mrs. S. B. R. Brown. Miss Caro-