

The Society has been fortunate in its position thus far and letters and telegrams of encouragement from many of the greatest men of the country were read, notably those from Dr. Lyman Abbott, Senator Charles Curtis, Commissioner Sells, Secretary Franklin K. Lane, and President Wilson. The Society as it has taken its position has drawn the attention and approval of the best forces in the land. The results of the Lawrence Conference show that it shall not depart from the rock upon which it was builded.

The success of the Conference in a large measure and many of the courtesies recieved, is due to the kindness and forethought of Superintendent and Mrs. Wise of Haskell. Not only did Mr. Wise provide accommodations and the privileges of his school, but he allowed his pupils the opportunity of listening to the evening debates, pro and con, believing as he expressed it, that it would pay in the end to have each boy and girl think out the problems and the merits of each debate for themselves, and not every speech was flattering to the Indian Bureau or to some of its employes. Haskell, however, caught the Conference spirit and her boys and girls were an inspiration to the members of the Society who spoke before them.

The Conference has emphasized the need of real leadership from within the race itself and its Social Center and Community Plan may become a strong factor in bringing the reservation Indians into a better understanding and more harmonious relation with the civilization of the country. The Conference expressed a zealous determination that the Indian himself should exert himself to the utmost in every productive way, thereby laying hold of existing opportunities and opening the way for the full rights of the Indian and the full protection of his lands, life, liberty and happiness as a man and an American.

