

THE COMMISSIONER, THE COURSE AND THE CONFERENCE

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CIRCLES**



U. S. COMMISSIONER of Indian Affairs, the Hon. Cato Sells, is very strongly of the opinion that our Government Indian school system offers industrial training fully equal if not superior to that of any other school system in the United States. In this conviction he is very strongly seconded by Dr. Eliot and other eminent educators and scholars. In the ultimate analysis, industrial training must have its practical application based upon actual necessity. This phase of the matter renders our Indian industrial work especially strong because it essentially "motivates" such activities—and "motivates" appears to be the word of the hour in educational circles just now.

Impelled by a thorough realization of all these facts and confirmed in a determination to place our Indian schools upon the highest educational plane possible for them on an essentially practical and vocational basis, Commissioner Sells designated a committee of experienced field men to meet in Washington City last fall and compile a course of study designed to achieve the desired end. The members of said committee were as follows:

- Hon. H. B. Peairs, Supervisor of Indian Schools, Chairman;
- Assistant Supervisor W. W. Coon;
- Supt. E. A. Allen, Chilocco School, Oklahoma;
- Mr. F. F. Avery, Day School Inspector, Colville Agency, Wash.;
- Dr. Charles M. Buchanan, Supt., Tulalip Agency, Washington;
- Supt. Peyton Carter, Wahpeton School, North Dakota;
- Supt. F. M. Conser, Sherman Institute, Riverside, Calif.;
- Supt. Evan W. Estep, Crow Agency, Montana;
- Supt. Oscar H. Lipps, Carlisle School, Pennsylvania.

The members of this committee are men of years of training and experience in educational and other activities both in and out of the U. S. Indian Service.

The press of the country has given, generally, extended notice to these facts, some of the writers designating the work as "epoch-making" of its kind. In its purely tentative form the course of study has now come from the press and is ready for actual installation, practical use, careful observation and constructive criticism. In order to bring these conditions about as speedily and as thoroughly as possible the Commissioner called