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late Councils at Buffalo Creek, a considerable number were intelligent well informed men, highly respectable in their appearance & deportment, and of unimpeachable moral character; most of them profess the Christian religion, and they ~~have~~ ^{have} very generally abandoned the Indian costume and adopted the dress of the white people. There is also an increasing anxiety amongst them, that their children should be taught to read and write, and at the time of the last report from our agent it appeared, that 383 of those residing on the Seneca Reservations were attending schools that are established at their several settlements, and that generally they were making satisfactory progress in learning. Of these schools there is one at Cattaraugus under the especial charge and care of Friends, which is usually attended by about 28 scholars.

It is with regret the committee are obliged to admit that amongst the Indian women, there has been less improvement than with the men: this is the necessary consequence of there having been but little care and attention paid to them. Had they received the same instruction as the men, there is no doubt, but an equal benefit would have resulted, but this has not been the case; they have been left almost without notice, and scarcely any effort has been made to raise them from the menial condition to which females in all uncivilized nations are usually reduced. With proper care and instruction they would very soon be elevated to a much more comfortable position, and be qualified to exercise a more salutary influence upon the habits and character of their husbands and children.

If our women Friends therefore, to whom this duty would seem appropriately to belong, could be aroused to take a more active share in this concern, and devote the requisite attention to them, they would here find a wide field opened for the exercise of their benevolence, and might become

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instruments of great and lasting good to these people.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee

Philip E. Thomas clerk

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The same friends were continued to the service, and directed to embrace any suitable opening that may present for further usefulness to this people — and Samuel Townsend and Joseph Turner were added to the Committee.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, and the proceedings of that meeting were satisfactory to the Yearly Meeting.

The following named friends were appointed to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year viz:

William E. Bartlett.	Wm Stabler	Jesse Pugh
James Baynes.	Gideon Priest	Abel Kinsey
Philip E. Thomas.	Naleb Ogden	Andrew Moore
Amos Smith.	John Wright	Samuel Downing
Harday Taylor.	Abel Russell	Nathan Smith
Wm B. Steer.	David Barry	and
Joseph Branson.	Wm Hopkins	William Cleaver.

The minutes of the last Yearly Meeting were read.

The following friends were appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised to defray the expenses of the ensuing year, and nominate a suitable friend to serve as Treasurer viz:

Joseph Trimble	Abel Russell	Saron Hibbard
Isaac Tyson Senr	Eli Smedley	Amos Wright
Daniel Garrison	Joel Hanz	Nathan Hammond
	and	
	Samuel Spencer.	

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.