

Four schools were reported at Alleghany, one of them just commenced operations, and the number is not stated; in the other three, the average attendance is about 70, and the progress cheering.

In addition to these, evening schools for adults have been kept up on two or three of the reservations during part of the year, principally for the purpose of teaching Arithmetic, and 140 or 50 persons have taken interest enough in them to be somewhat benefited by them, and the whole number of Senecas who can read with some facility, is probably over 200.

There are at this time several Indian girls placed in the families of Friends for the purpose of being instructed in school learning and the useful occupations of domestic life, amongst these, one is under the immediate charge of the committee of this Yearly Meeting, in a friends female school near Darby, Pennsylvania, where, she is, we learn, making very encouraging progress in her education - is entirely contented with her situation, and has conducted herself in a manner altogether satisfactory to the family in which she is placed.

The committee being fully sensible that in the present critical condition of the affairs of the Seneca nation, they will require the aid of Friends in accomplishing the contemplated arrangements for the better security of their lands, and considering that upon the issue of this effort may depend the preservation and perhaps the national existence of their people, believed it right to assure them of our further co-operation and assistance towards effecting this, to them, very important object. Under an arrangement agreed upon by the delegation who attended the council, it was subsequently concluded to commit the further management of this part of the concern, so far as Friends might be called on to act, to the special care of the New York committee, and they have und-

ertaken to attend to it, with the understanding, that should they deem it necessary, they will have liberty, to call to their aid such advice and co-operation on the part of the other Yearly Meetings committee, as they may apprehend requisite.

In conclusion, the committee are gratified in being able to add, that there continues to be a steady improvement manifested, both in the moral and social condition of a considerable portion of the Seneca nation: - they are generally comfortably clothed - have plenty of provisions, are increasing their stock of Sheep and other domestic animals, and are becoming more and more disposed to cultivate their lands, and secure school learning to their children: they have also very generally abandoned the use of spirituous liquors and we were informed have interdicted the sale of it in their village at Cattaraugus.

During the whole time that the committee were attending the Council at that reservation they did not see one Indian intoxicated.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

Philip G. Thomas, Clerk

10th mo: 30. 1843.

~~Which was read to the satisfaction of the meeting.~~ The committee were continued and directed to give such further attention to the subject as in their judgment may appear right. The committee also offered to the meeting a number of copies of publications on this subject which the representatives were directed to distribute amongst our Quarterly meetings: - And Benj Ferris was added to the committee.

The Committee to examine and adjust the Treasurer's accounts offered the following report viz:

"The committee on the Treasurer's account, Report, that they have examined his accounts with the vouchers, and find the same correctly stated.