

and drove him off. We need their help now as much as ever we did. The wolf may even at this time be nearer than we suppose, and before we think of him, he may seize us by the throat. We also stand in need of their assistance to protect us from these traitors we now have here among ourselves. Let us then hold them fast as our true and most faithful friends."

After a protracted and often highly excited debate, the question whether their connexion with the Society of Friends and the school established for the instruction of their young women, should be continued, was taken, when it was unanimously decided in the affirmative. The three chiefs who had made an opposition during the discussion having precipitately withdrawn just as the vote was about to be taken.

While at the Reservation, the committee who had been sent out to visit the Indians, entered into an agreement with the friend who now has charge of the school, to continue them on the same terms as heretofore, until the first of the 4th month next. The number of girls in the school when the present vacation took place was nineteen, nearly all of whom were from twelve to eighteen years of age, and this was as many as the house could then accommodate.

It was expected the addition to the building now under construction, would be finished by the first of the 11th month, when from thirty to forty scholars could be comfortably accommodated in the manual labor school, and the committee were assured by the chiefs that this number would be found.

On reviewing the labors of Friends in behalf of these

long oppressed and deeply injured people, the committee find abundance to encourage us to persevere in this work of benevolence.

In their present condition, little will hereafter be required of us compared with what we have already encountered in the earlier part of our labors. Their lands are secured to them; they have sufficient stock and implements of husbandry to cultivate them; they are generally sober, industrious, and judicious in the management of their farms; they now raise ample supplies of food for their own use, and the committee were assured, they will the present year have a considerable surplus for sale; their women are almost wholly withdrawn from field labor, and are now occupied in the business of their domestic concerns, and many of them are as comfortably situated as the families of the white frontier inhabitants.

Besides the school established by Friends, there are four others on the Cattaraugus Reservation. In addition to these, the Legislature of New York has made an appropriation to build another school house on that Reservation, and have provided funds for its support. That State has moreover extended to these Indians, the benefits of its general school system. This being their present situation, there seems but little occasion for our continuing our aid to them, except for the single purpose of instructing their young females in the proper management of the business of their families."

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
P. E. Thomas, Clerk.

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