

of Friends, might now be closed, and accordingly by an arrangement between our Agent and the Seneca Government, it was decided that it would be discontinued on the first of the present month, and the land and premises that had been appropriated for its accommodation were surrendered to the authorities of the Nation.

In concluding this arrangement, our agent under instructions from the Committee, assured the Indians, that this measure did not result from any abatement of our friendship for them, but from the difficulty we found in obtaining the services of a suitable friend, and his family hereafter, to superintend and take charge of the establishments and from the further consideration that they themselves are in successful operation, upon their ~~Reservations~~ Reservations, a sufficient number of schools, exclusive of ours, to give them an opportunity of securing an education to all their children. Upon this decision being announced to the National Council, a committee was appointed to consider of, and report to a future sitting, what in their judgment, would be a proper disposition of the improvements now proposed to be relinquished. This committee after deliberation reported, they had agreed to propose that it should hereafter be occupied as an orphan asylum. Their Report being favorably received, was, upon full consideration, unanimously approved, and the following proceedings thereon have been forwarded to us:

"Cattaraugus Reservation, Sept. 5. 1849.

In General Council.

"Whereas the Society of Friends, by their agent, Joseph S. Walton, has surrendered the premises and buildings, known as the school farm on the Cattaraugus Reservation, lately occupied by the said Society, for the support of a female manual labor school, to the Seneca Nation, - therefore,

"Resolved, That in consideration of the said Surrender, and as a monument of the gratitude of this nation to the Society of Friends, for their untiring efforts to aid us, the said School Farm buildings and every thing thereto belonging, and the rents, issues and profits thereof be, and the same are hereby set apart and appropriated to the support & maintenance of a Manual Labor School for the Orphan & children of the Seneca Nation of Indians, and that the said premises shall be hereafter known and described as the Orphans Home."

The property, which has been improved and occupied by the Society of Friends, may therefore be considered as specifically appropriated and pledged to that object, and thus we may hope, an asylum will hereafter be secured for the destitute children of the Senecas: while this act of humanity on the part of that Government, affords a gratifying evidence of the moral and the social improvement of the Seneca people, and exhibits a striking contrast to their depressed and wretched condition ten years ago, when they were taken under the care of our Yearly Meetings.

In order to secure a permanent support to the institution, it was further decided, that when the funds due the