

Nation from the United States, on account of the defalcation of a former agent, would be received, the amount should be invested as a National fund, one half of the income whereof, to be applied to this object; this with the proceeds of the farm, which has now become very productive, and the amount of the annuities respectively due to each individual inmate of the asylum, it was estimated, would be sufficient to meet its expenditures.

In the mean time a committee was appointed to act as trustees to hold the property until a suitable family could be placed in charge of it.

Since the completion of these arrangements an interesting communication has been received from the Legislative Council of the Seneca Nation, addressed to the joint committee of Friends on Indian concerns in reply to the notice transmitted to them, that we had come to the conclusion to close the Female manual labor school at Cattaraugus, and to surrender back the houses and farm occupied for that purpose. As an expression of the feeling of those Indians on the occasion, this document will be interesting to our friends who have been engaged in this service, and we now submit it to the meeting:

To the Committee of the four Yearly Meetings of Friends on Indian concerns of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Genesee, and through them to the Society they represent.

Brothers: Your communications of the 25th. of January 1849 and that of the 7th. day of September inst. made to the council of our nation on the same day, by your

agent and superintendent, Joseph S. Walton, have been duly considered. In the former, you advised us of your conviction, that the time was approaching when you might properly close your joint labors among us, as committees of the four Yearly Meetings of Senesee, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and in which you say you deemed it a proper occasion, to state some of the reasons which had brought you to this conclusion, and also to express your continued and ardent wishes for our future welfare.

The communication made to the council of our nation on the aforesaid 7th. day of Sept. inst. informed us of the fact, that the period for the termination of your joint labours had now arrived: we were also informed that the premises occupied by you, would be surrendered to the existing Government of the Seneca nation of Indians at a proper time.

Brothers, - It is with much pain and sorrow we learn that you are to close your labours among us. ^{where} We turn our faces backward, and look over the histories of the past, we find that more than fifty winters have gone by. Since the Iroquois, or the "Six nations of Indians" first selected the Ho di wi-gus doh. (the Society of Friends,) as their friends upon whom they could repose confidence, without fear of being betrayed.

The selection was made from the sects and denominations of those who styled themselves Christians, at the time when war had diminished the numbers of the Iroquois braves, - when the Iroquois bowstring had broken, - when his council fires were nearly put out by the blood of his