

itants, and that many of the farms appear to be as well cultivated and as productive, as the lands generally in the surrounding districts. They are also increasing their domestic comforts, by improving the accommodations about their dwellings, and more generally cultivating garden vegetables, planting orchards, rearing stock, and building barns and other requisite out-houses.

The Orphan's Home, contemplated to be established upon the farm that was last year surrendered by Friends, has not yet been opened, no suitable family having been found to superintend it. The object, however, is not relinquished, and it is still hoped the proposed establishment will be put in operation.

Although the condition of these Indians is greatly improved, and they appear as prosperous as under all circumstances could be expected, and if left undisturbed, would no doubt go on steadily to advance in civilization and intelligence; yet, they are still harassed, and kept in a state of anxiety and trouble, through the intrigues of speculators, who, regardless of the miseries that may be brought upon them, have for a series of years past been endeavoring to drive them from the land inherited from their forefathers, that they might obtain possession of it. Under these circumstances, the Society will continue to send assistance:—they look to Friends for counsel in all cases of difficulty, and it is the judgment of the Committee that the time is not arrived when we may withdraw from them."

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Matthew Smith

Rebecca Turner,

16th mo: 27th 1850.

It may be interesting to the Yearly Meeting to learn, that we have been informed from the Indian Bureau at Washington that the Wyandot tribe of Indians, to whom some assistance was formerly extended by this Meeting, and who subsequently removed from their residence at Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, into the country between the Missouri and Kansas rivers, had concluded to relinquish their nationality, and to hold their property hereafter in severally, and furthermore had requested to be admitted as citizens of the United States.

The Commissioner appointed to treat with them on the occasion, represented "that the Wyandot people have so far advanced in civilization as to be capable, generally, of managing their

own affairs, and are qualified and calculated to become useful citizens, a large portion of them, being already engaged in agricultural pursuits."

In accordance with these views their several requests were acceded to by the government, and these Indians have been adopted as citizens of the United States.

The subject of placing endorsements on the minutes and certificates of Friends attending this meeting from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings being introduced to our consideration by women friends, it was seriously deliberated on but way did not open to change our practice in this particular.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were read and were satisfactory.

The following friends were appointed to nominate to a future sitting suitable friends to constitute the meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year, viz: Edward Lea, John Price, Ephraim Gardner, Daniel Piper, William Wright, Josiah Gurnetson, Nathan Haines, Joshua Russell, Elisha Savory, Reuben Roberts, Joel Lupton, Jacob Rose, Eli Smedley, Jeremiah Lowe, Joshua Hopkins, Abel Kinsey, Samuel Downing, Asaph Kirk, Zephaniah Underwood and Benjamin Walker,

Richard Hummer, Isaac J. Dixon, Jacob Grist, Thomas Sheppard, John Smith, Jonathan Leaver, Joseph Paxson, David G. McCoy, Elisha Moor, and Cyrus Blackburn were appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised to meet the expenses of the ensuing year, and nominate a friend to serve this meeting as treasurer.

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read.

The committee who stand appointed to read the minutes of this meeting reported that the service had been performed.

Then adjourned to Woodstock to-morrow morning.

27th of the month and third of the week.

Pursuant to adjournment friends again assembled.

The meeting having entered into the consideration of the state of Society and proceeded under a