

In a letter from an educated Seneca gentleman, who is now engaged in translating the four Gospels into the Seneca language, he says: "It has been predicted that the Red Man is doomed to extinction, but it is my humble opinion a proper management of their fine Representative Republican government would save them, and place them upon a footing with their white neighbours who surround them. The Red man has deeply to regret his past folly, in having squandered away so much of his lands almost for nothing, and if the government he now holds in his grasp, fails to secure him from selling any more land, he will destroy himself."

The Committee have been informed by another letter recently received, that there are on the Allegany Reservation three schools attended by an average of about 150 scholars, and that there are five schools at Cattaraugus, at which at least 200 scholars attend. — The writer further says: "There is a great improvement in the habits and morals of the people. Intemperance has been banished from the Cattaraugus Reservation, and if any one is seen drunk, he will have procured the liquor from without its limits. The population is believed to be increasing here, but not at Allegany. The men are becoming more industrious, and many of them have already made considerable progress in getting in their fall sowing of winter grain, while our women are generally withdrawn from field labor."

"The wheat crop the past harvest is very good. Corn has done well, and late planted potatoes have done exceedingly well. In a word our people have raised enough for their support."

The Committee have also been informed that "the Seneca Council have sanctioned the establishment of an orphan asylum, in which it is intended that destitute children will be received and provided for. It is proposed that the sum of \$2,500 be raised and invested as a permanent fund for the support of these children and that an additional separate fund be also provided for the erection of a suitable building for their accommodation."

The design is to "restrict this institution principally for girls, though boys of between 4 and 10 years of age may

probably for the present, be received into it, but none older.

When arrived at that age the intention is to remove them into a boys' boarding school which they hope they will be able to long to establish."

This movement on the part of these Indians, affords a most gratifying evidence of their increased and increasing moral and intellectual improvement, and we trust in a few years more, they will be found to have realized the hope expressed in one of their letters, that "the people of Cattaraugus will, at no very distant day, be able to place themselves upon a footing with their white neighbours around them."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

Matthew Smith,

Martha C. Tyeen.

The Representatives were requested to confer together, at the close of this sitting, and propose to our next, two Friends to serve this meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk the present year.

Then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon. In the afternoon William B. Stet on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had met, and after conferring together, were united in proposing, Benjⁿ Hallwell for Clerk, the present year, and Thomas P. Stabler to assist him, which was approved by the meeting, and the Friends named, accordingly, appointed to the service.

The following Friends were appointed to examine and settle the Treasurers account, propose a sum to be raised to defray the expenses of the ensuing year, and to bring forward the name of a friend to serve as Treasurer to this meeting viz.

Darlington Hoopes, Joseph Gavenport, Isaiah Purvis, Jacob Priest, Parley Taylor, Strahⁿ C. Lupton, William Hopkins, Joseph Thomas, Jonathan Valer, and Jason Birk.

The Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting were read. The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, and the proceedings of that meeting were approved; and Isaac F. Tison, John Keadles, William C. Bartlett, Shabel Harland, Reuben Caines, Samuel Barker,