

to which they might remove and claim. Notwithstanding these continued efforts to keep them in a condition of uneasiness they are represented to be steadily improving at Cattaraugus in their domestic and social condition; Their females are withdrawn from field labour, and occupy themselves in their appropriate domestic concerns - their houses are therefore rendered more comfortable and are kept in much better condition than formerly. There appears to be no longer any opposition to their new form of Constitutional Government, and they are living in more harmony than at any time since the Treaty of 1838. In a letter from one of them who had been recently appointed to take a Census of the Inhabitants at Cattaraugus, after remarking that the people are now all happily united, and adding that their roads have been put in good travelling order, he says: - "I have visited all the families for taking a census under the authority of the United States Indian Agent, I found the people generally well and in a prosperous condition - they are rapidly improving their lands and farms, and the corn looks well and delightful; their other crops of such things as families use, will be plenty this year, but our wheat has been somewhat affected by the weevil - this insect I find is come into this country." The writer of this letter is a good practical farmer, and has near 100 acres of land cleared and under cultivation.

The orphan Asylum has now under its care 50 children who are kindly provided for, and such of them as are old enough, are receiving school education. There are also on this Reservation seven schools which are well attended, and the whole number receiving education is reported to be 251.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

Matthew Smith
Rebecca Turner

10th Mo. 25th 1857

The Committee was continued, and encouraged to embrace every right opening to be useful to these people, who have been so long objects of interesting concern to Friends.

The following subject came up in the Report from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, which was referred to
Ben^d P. Moore Saml. Townsend Mordecai Price
Tho^s P. Stabler Caleb Ogden Cyrus Giest

Joshua Russell	Edward Jessop	Nathan Walker
William Holmes	William B. Steer	Thomas Wright
Joseph Thomas	Asa Jones	Israel Jennie
Richard Tidwell	Jeremiah Moore	Nathan Hammond

James Blackburn who were requested to take the subject into consideration, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting. The subject of Grave Stones being again introduced into Little Britain Monthly Meeting, by the report of one of the Preparative Meetings, and the great number thereof, of various dimensions that of late years have been placed in our Grave yards, being a burthen to the minds of many concerned Friends: on consideration, it was concluded to forward the subject in the report to the Quarterly Meeting, with the view that the same be sent to the Yearly Meeting, in order that a more satisfactory explanation may be had as to what constitutes an improper monument to Graves.

Nottingham Quarterly Meeting informs, that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, is changed from One to Two O'clock on the same days on which it has been hitherto held.

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

Then adjourned to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

At the opening of the afternoon sitting John Needles on behalf of the Representatives reported, that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Benjamin Hallowell for Clerk and Caleb Stabler for assistant Clerk, which was approved by the meeting, and the Friends named were accordingly appointed Clerks to the meeting for the present year.

The Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting were read.

The following Friends were appointed to propose to a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year viz:
Richard J. Bently Edward Painter Wm E Bartlett