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For many years after Friends commenced their special intercourse with these Indians, it was an object of deep concern and labor, that they should devote themselves to agricultural pursuits, so that instead of the precarious dependence for subsistence, for themselves and their families, upon the buffalo, the deer, and the bear in the forest, they might have, cattle, sheep, and swine, in their fields at home, whence they could be certainly and readily obtained. Promotive of this object, a family of Friends resided upon the Reservation for a number of years, whose kind offices are still retained in affectionate and grateful remembrance, by some of those who were recipients of them.

During the past season, an invitation was extended to the Committee, to visit the Reservation, and witness the progress they had made in this direction, at an Agricultural Exhibition to take place about the first of Tenth month. The invitation was accepted, and a delegation was appointed to attend the exhibition on behalf of the Committee, and also to visit the Asylum for Orphan Indian Children.

The report of that delegation gives a very encouraging picture of the condition of these Indians, and of the progress they are making in this interesting and fundamental branch of industry. There were an exhibition fine specimens of working oxen, steers, and fat cattle; improved breeds of sheep, both fine and long wool; horses, swine and poultry, all raised by Indians, and which would have been creditable to any farming district. There were excellent specimens of winter and spring wheat, Indian corn, oats, barley, buckwheat, and seeds of millet, timothy and clover, a choice and abundant collection of fruits, as apples, peaches, grapes, etc., and all kinds of vegetables, and farm and garden products generally, of superior size and quality.

The female department too, indicated great and unlooked for progress. Here were butter, cheese, wheat bread, corn, indian and graham bread, pound and sponge cake, maple sugar, honey, a great variety of preserves, and every thing in the domestic line, all prepared by our Red Sisters, and of very nice appearance and excellent quality. There was also a great variety of needlework, embroidery, knitting, and bead work, indicating much advancement in ingenuity, industry and taste. Indeed in every department, the variety and quality of the articles collected, would have done credit to any similar county exhibition by the whites, and afforded interesting practical evidence, of the great progress these people have made in agriculture, and its kindred industrial pursuits, and

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demonstrates the gratifying fact of their being fully able to stand alone and do for themselves. And that our Red Brethren and Sisters, as a race are capable of unlimited advance in civilization and enlightenment.

In the visit of the Delegation to the "Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children" they were highly gratified with the comfortable and neat appearance of these interesting objects of charity: the large, pleasant, and well ventilated dormitories; the light and well arranged school room, and the successful recitations of the children in the great variety of exercises in which they were examined, including among others, spelling, reading, geography, history, anatomy, and physiology. The correctness and precision of the answers given by the children, the distinctness of their articulation, the exactness with which all spoke together in those exercises conducted in concert, the sprightliness of the children, and the manifest mutual confidence existing between them and their teacher, were highly gratifying to the delegation, and very creditable to the teacher, and to all concerned.

In aid of this interesting institution, the Committee from the time of its first establishment have contributed a small sum annually from the Indian Fund, which renders this somewhat detailed account of it, seemingly proper.

It is deemed to be only an act of justice, to state in this connection, that this Institution, and much of the progress which these Indians have made, are mainly due, to the indefatigable, and self sacrificing efforts of Acher Wright, and Laura Wright, his wife, who have resided on the Cattaraugus Reservation for thirty seven years past, and devoted themselves zealously, to the interests and advancement of these Indians, giving up the enjoyments of refined society which they are so highly qualified to appreciate and to adorn, for a life of hardship, privation, and labor, in the civilization, enlightenment and religious improvement of these oppressed and greatly wronged people.

The condition of the Indian Tribes West of the Mississippi River we regret to have to state is still attended, with great unsettlement, injustice and suffering from which the unhappily can see no immediate prospect of relief. The Committee have been vigilant of current events, and have permitted no known opportunity of being serviceable to them to pass unimproved.

The great excitement and unsettlement which existed among the Indians in Minnesota and Wisconsin, during the summer of last year, consequent upon the wanton destruction by the Government troops,