

"While Friends of Marietta Monthly Meeting have paid their Dues to the Yearly Meeting, they have requested of the Meeting, to inform the Yearly Meeting, that they have commenced building a Meeting house, and being desirous of completing it, would be grateful for some assistance if the Yearly Meeting should think it right to render it. The cost is estimated at One Thousand Dollars, about one half of which they can raise without oppressing their members.

"Extracted from the Minutes of Prairie View Quarterly Meeting, held the 12th of 9th Month 1870. Caleb Russell Clerk"

The Epistles from New York and Indiana Yearly Meetings are now read to our edification and comfort. To prepare replies to all these acceptable testimonials of Christian regard as may open a committee was appointed viz:

Carlington Atropes, Thos. P. King, James Baynes, Levi S. Brown, David Doyle, Mrs. A. A. Holland, Wm. M. Way, Wm. Williams, William Wood, Thomas W. Moore, James Russell, Saml. Townsend, Abel A. Hull, La. H. Scott, Gerard A. Reed, David Phillips, Wm. Atropes and Jesse Unadum.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock to morrow morning.

First of Eleventh Month and 2nd of the mth. Friends assembled near the time adjourned to.

The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the State of Society as brought before us, by the reading of the answers to the first and second Queries. Solemnity and quiet prevailed over the meeting, and much earnest concern was felt and expressed for a renewed, and more faithful dedication to the light of Truth.

We are encouraged to greater diligence in the attendance of our meeting and in the attendance maintaining our Religious Testimonies.

Then adjourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Third day Afternoon

Near the time adjourned to, Friends assembled, and proceeded to read the following Report of the Standing Committee on the Indian Concern in joint session with Women's Yearly Meeting:

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The Standing Committee on Indian Concern, report:

That we have been unwearied in our attention to the concerns of our Indian Brethren, and have labored with the but-unsure endeavor to obtain for their elevation and civilization, and in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, have watched our interests very arduously, that they seemed to need

our protecting care.

We are encouraged in the belief that much progress has been made in the last year in the objects for which our valued Superintendent and Agents have been laboring. From reports received from the several Agencies, and from Friends, who have visited them, we find that agriculture is claiming more and more their attention. On several Reservations the men are industrious, becoming interested in occupations that were formerly considered effeminate, and only suited for women. On the Santee Sioux Agency, some have built houses, and are preparing to live on their allotments, have industriously raised corn and garden vegetables, but have suffered the destruction of their crops by the long-continued drought.

The Winnabago are also progressing in tilling the soil, and preparing to build houses - with an increased interest and willingness to work. Schools under Sidney A. Smith are prospering.

The Omahas have been able to support themselves without rations from the Government, have by their own labor a good supply of corn, and have provided large quantities of building materials. The men have been ^(inspired) with energy and ambition to provide for themselves, and their energetic Agent has incited them to buy two kilns of bricks, and they find ^(the supply) can be sold off the Reservation.

Schools have been established, and parents are generally anxious to have their children educated.

In the Pawnee Agency, which is present, under the immediate care of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, there has been an improving condition of the people, who appreciate the care extended to them by Friends. Some months ago they requested that two thousand dollars, should be taken from their annuity of this year, to apply water power to their mill which is now driven by steam, and very recently, they directed in council, that five thousand dollars more should be taken from the same annuity for the purchase of live stock, implements, &c. They make good use of the wagons and ploughs they have received and are particularly pleased ^(with) their reaping machine. They cultivate their corn with care, and notwithstanding the unfavorable season, have a good crop. The Manual Labor School, elicits the admiration of all who visit the Agency. About eighty pupils are being educated in this institution, but there are four hundred in the tribe of a suitable ^(age) to go to school, most of whom are receiving no instruction. A hope is entertained that day schools can be established very soon for most of these, with clothing to fit them for school. The Committee would call the attention of the Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting to these facts, and would encourage all who can do it, to assist in the clothing of these poor children.

The reports from the Sisseton and Great Horned and also Pawnee. The people are improving, and the schools are prosperous. The school children who are learning the English language fast have been clothed, and the aged and infirm are supplied with