

1872 Satisfaction, but measures are being taken to promote its more efficient operation.

Funds are now on hand for the erection of a separate building for sleeping rooms for the boys and their farm instructor, also for two additional day school houses. These buildings will be placed under contract, and constructed as soon as the season will admit.

The day school under the care of *Shir* *I. Howard* has been well conducted, and is very popular with the *Ske-dee* band, to which most of the scholars belong.

The *Pawnees* have consented to the sale of 50,000 acres of their Reservation lying south of the *Loup* Fork of the *Platte*, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, passed last session, and a survey of the same is now being made; the proceeds therefrom, it is hoped, will be sufficient to settle a part of the tribe upon farms, and assist in breaking up their mud lodges and filthy villages. No successful raid of the *Sioux* has been made during the year. I received timely notice of two *Sioux* war parties that started for the *Pawnee* village; but failed of accomplishing their hostile purpose.

The account given by Superintendent *White* of the other Indian Tribes in his superintendency is satisfactory, and he concludes as follows: "Upon a review of the progress made by the Indian Tribes under our care during the past year, I think we have cause for encouragement and renewed effort. We must not expect to make great changes in their habits and customs in a short period of time. The work will necessarily be a slow one, and require patient and faithful labor. That we are acquiring the confidence of the Indians I am satisfied, and this is a necessary foundation for successful labor among them. The citizens of the State acknowledge the beneficial effect of our treatment of this people, and their hostile feeling towards them is lessening in consequence."

The Committee acting on behalf of the six Yearly Meetings of Friends, prepared a Bill, at the request of the Secretary of the Interior, for the sale, with the consent and concurrence of the Tribes, of a portion of the Reservation of the *Omaha*, *Pawnee*, *Oto*, and *Missouria*, and the *Sac* and *Iow* Tribes of Indians, which, with a slight amendment, was passed by Congress at its last session, and has become a law. Commissioners have been appointed for the appraisement of the lands of the *Omaha*, *Pawnee*, and *Sac* and *Iow*, in accordance with the provisions of the bill, and after this is accomplished the Secretary of the Interior will, as soon as practicable, offer the lands for sale. The Bill provides that the proceeds of such sale shall be expended in successive years for the improving and fencing the farms which have been allotted to them, in severally by the

Government in building houses, purchasing implements of Agriculture, and live stock, and in establishing and supporting schools. This gives promise of a brighter day for these Indians, in the early future, which is cause of great encouragement, and also of thankfulness.

There is a provision in this Act of Congress which prohibits for ever the sale of intoxicating liquors upon land sold under this Act from these Indian Reservations, "under pain of forfeiture of title thereto," and notice of this provision is to be given in the advertisements offering the lands for sale. Owing to the fact that a portion of one or two of the tracts that the law authorizes to be sold, is found to lie partly in the State of *Kansas*, such lands cannot be appraised and sold until the Bill is amended, which is thought will be done soon after the meeting of Congress.

The progress of civilizing and enlightening the Indians, is necessarily slow. As long ago as the year 1632, *John Eliot*, a minister, educated at *Cambridge University*, *England*, settled in *Roxbury Massachusetts*, and becoming acquainted with the Indian Tribes, with which he was surrounded, he was strongly desirous of promoting their interests, both temporal and eternal. Becoming acquainted with their language in 1646 he began to preach to them; and possessing the happy faculty of expressing himself with great simplicity, tenderness, and force, he almost immediately gained their attention and soon succeeded in affecting their hearts.*

The first Indian Church established in North America, was formed of his converts in 1660, at *Sturbridge Massachusetts*, where a house for worship was erected for its use. He had the happiness before his death, to see twenty-four native Indian preachers engaged in teaching their countrymen.

The glorious witness earnestly and nobly commenced by this "Apostle of the Indians," appears not to have been continued long after he was removed by death from the field of labor; and although there has perhaps been no period since, when there have not been hearts that were deeply touched with a sense of the wrong and injustice done to these people - (as *William Penn* and a number of others of the Society of Friends, *John Wheelwright*, and many others of the *Quakers* and those of other Societies) and whose voices were raised in their behalf to plead their cause, the condition of the Indians ~~remains the same~~, until very recently, continued to grow worse, their numbers by war, disease, and butchery rapidly to diminish, and a loud cry for Indian extermination was raised in almost every part of our country. Happily there is now a change. The dark cloud

* See Lord's Edition of *Lampson's Biographical Dictionary*