

1873 from the charges and specifications made against him. After a full investigation by special Commissioner Haddock, aided by the Superintendent and Agent, (made on the Reservation) the following very satisfactory report was made to the Department, exonerating the present Agent from blame, and bearing testimony to the general correctness and efficiency in the conducting of the affairs of the Agency.

*Extracts from W. J. Haddock's Report.*

"William Burgess, now the acting Agent, in the short time he has been in the position, is not justly chargeable with any of the mistakes, or any mismanagement of the Indian Affairs at the Shawnee Reservation. As far as can now be seen, he will make a good officer, at least nothing to the contrary appears in the testimony."

*Facts gathered from Observation &c.*

"It appears that the Manual Labor School is well conducted, and that in all subjects and matters attempted, or expected to be taught to the Indian youth in attendance, that they are making steady, certain, and perceptible progress."

"Your Agent would not be able from observation, to agree with the accomplished and enthusiastic young ladies, who are engaged in teaching the schools, that the Indian children are making, or capable of making, as rapid progress as white children, laboring under the disadvantage of acquiring a new language, and the rudiments of an English education at the same time. It is gratifying however, to know that they are making any progress."

"The discipline, order and cheerfulness of the pupils in this school, and the respect paid to their instructors, argues a healthy, moral tone for Indians."

"The only 'day school,' as it is called, now in operation for the village Indian children, seems to be in strikingly good condition, and making better progress for the short time it has been running, than what might have been expected. The only inducement to attend it, besides the love of education (if that has any weight) is presents of clothing and other comforts, bestowed on the children by the Society of Friends through the teachers."

"In proportion to the amount expended, this day school seems in an educational view, to yield much better return than the Manual Labor School. Though it is probable that large youths could not be induced to attend the day school voluntarily. The advancement of the tribe in the art of agriculture, although perhaps their whole knowledge on the subject is not very striking, is still perceptible, and as far as could be judged, has been and is progressing."

The Report appears to have been satisfactory to all parties, as we have heard no further complaint.

1873 Last Sixth month, two members of our committee went out as delegates on behalf of our Yearly Meeting, to visit the Shawnee Agency, see the condition of the tribe, the manner in which the industrial and other schools were conducted, and the general administration of the affairs of the Agency, and their Report was very satisfactory. That Committee reports that:

"Agent Burgess is fully aware of the difficulties that surround his position; and that he is exerting himself to the best of his ability, to correct any errors that may have existed under previous mismanagement, but that he had not been there long enough, at the time of our visit, to show any very marked results; nevertheless, from the investigation (made) we are confident that as much is being done as should be expected, with the limited means at his disposal, and we confidently anticipate more encouraging results from farm operations and labor, than have heretofore been, or can now be reported."

"The industrial school, calculated for the accommodation of 80 scholars, had at the close of the session, 13 girls and 34 boys, and it is the intention of Agent Burgess, to make an effort to have it filled to its capacity on re-opening. Results equal to the expenditures for this institution are not being produced, and we believe that the present paid working force would be equal to conducting and managing a school of 80 scholars. There are two day schools on the Reservation, one of which has been in operation for 18 months, with most encouraging results; the other has just been opened - each has about 30 scholars. We held a council with the chiefs and headmen of the tribe, and desired them to make known their wishes and wants. They manifested much anxiety to have their land sold, and a desire to be settled in houses on their allotments, and live and work like white people. They expressed much satisfaction with their Agent, and said we had sent them a good man."

At the time of the visit of the Committee in the 6th month last, the children were assembled with the principal and Teachers on first day mornings in the school rooms, and went through the usual exercises of a First Day School; and in the afternoons of that day, meetings for worship were held, to which the employees and neighbors on and around the Reservation were invited, and many attended, it was thought, with an earnest desire to promote the cause of truth and righteousness. The Committee was gratified with the general good order which prevailed in these assemblies."

The Industrial School has been re-opened with an addition of twenty scholars. The Committee extended their visit