

1874 ~~The Meeting then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.~~

Indiana Yearly Meeting having informed this meeting that it has united with the Report of the Joint Committee in the establishment of the said Yearly Meeting, we have likewise appointed a Committee to attend the opening of it.

The Meeting then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth day morning, 29th of the month and 5th of the week, pursuant to adjournment Friends assembled.

Our Friends Rachel C. Rogers and Elizabeth M. Matthews acceptably visited this Meeting.

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern produced the following Report, which was read, "We were apprised by the Meeting, The Committee was continued, we encourage to further labor on behalf of the Indians under our care.

They were authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the sum of \$300.00 to aid them in the work. The Report was handed to the Women's Meeting.

It was directed that this report be inserted in our Extracts, and that 200 copies of it be published in pamphlet form for the use of the Committee on the Indian Concern.

Baltimore 10th mo 23rd 1874.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting,
Dear Friends,

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern reports:

That during the past year we have diligently attended to the business entrusted to our care. Our Executive Committee had visited Washington frequently to promote the interests of the Indian and in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the first Yearly Meeting in correspondence with us many interviews have been had with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Committee of Congress. The Officers of the Government have

uniformly manifested an interest in the welfare of the Indians and our solicitations on their behalf have usually been successful.

The Pawnees, being the tribe most immediately under the care of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, have claimed the especial attention of this Committee.

At a Meeting of the Committee held in Baltimore on the 7th of third month last, Chauncy Gillingham and B. Rush Roberts were appointed to visit the Pawnee Agency in Nebraska, Sarah E. Wright residing there employed as maid, being a member of this Committee was requested to cooperate with them. Mr. Richard T. Bentley, a member of the Executive Committee of the six Yearly Meetings, was gladly accepted as a volunteer member of the delegation.

They arrived at the Reservation on the 22nd of the 6th mo, and remained until the 29th during which time they endeavored to make themselves acquainted, as far as possible, with the condition of affairs at the agency and the wants of the Indians. In their Report to this Committee they express the opinion that civilization is progressing slowly among the Pawnees, but "may be looked upon as a certainty, if the necessary appliances can be obtained from the Federal Government."

They express regret that the amended bill before Congress at its last session, for the sale of a part of the Pawnee Reservation, in order to supply funds for the improvement of the remainder, did not become a law. Consequently the settlement of these Indians on separate allotments of land must be postponed for at least another year. While they remain in their mud villages, but little can be done for them effectually, as experience has proved.

Our visiting Committee found eighty-two scholars in the Industrial School, many of them are very small and too young to be admitted, if older ones could be obtained; but they all appear to be well cared for, and are making good progress in learning.

There are two Day Schools, one having about forty pupils, the other about twenty-five. The children taught in them appear to be making commendable progress.

It was estimated that there were thirteen hundred acres of land under cultivation in corn, beans, melons, &c., attended to principally by squaws, who exhibited much care and industry in the cultivation of the soil.

In addition to the crops cultivated by the squaws there was on the agency farm 400 acres in cultivation.