

1874 men, who, with their families are to proceed forthwith to that Territory to act in conjunction with such officers as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs may appoint. A larger number will follow them as soon as permission can be obtained from the Indian Department. They ask the privilege of joining their relatives, the Wichitas, in a buffalo hunt. ^{and} they engage that they will not go on their proposed new Reservation to build houses, ^{to} prepare the ground for planting in the spring. In the meantime they propose to ^{in Dakota} have their old Winifram people, ^{and} the children in the Manual Labor School, under the care of the United States Agent until arrangement can be made for their removal.

At a meeting of this Committee held on the 13th of the 9th month, information was received from Supt. Barclay White, in relation to the apparent determination of the Pawnee to leave their Reservation and remove to the Indian Territory. After deliberate consideration, the Committee concluded that it would be best to throw no impediment in their way of their removal by the Government ^{and} the Executive Committee was requested to extend all the care and attention that may seem right to protect their interests, ^{and} to provide means, if possible, for their own funds, or what may properly be obtained from the Government.

In accordance with these instructions some members of the Executive Committee called on the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ^{to} represent the destitute condition of the Pawnee. He promptly acceded to our request by sending them temporary relief, ^{and} promised to provide for their subsistence as far as he had means applicable for to that purpose.

It is probable that the Pawnee will soon be removed ^{and} settled within the limits of the Central Superintendency, when our guardianship over them will cease. We feel assured that the Friends to whose care they will be entrusted, will extend to them a helping hand ^{and} our earnest endeavor to promote their welfare.

A brief notice of the other Indian Tribes in the Northern Superintendency, under the care of Yearly Meetings in correspondence with us, is here subjoined.

By accounts received from Supt. White, it appears that the Santee Sioux, the Winnebagoes, the Omahas, the Iowas, and the Otoes have increased the area of land under cultivation, that they have generally manifested a willingness to labor when encouraged by a prospect of adequate compensation, ^{and} that they had in the summer the promise of an abundant crop of corn.

1874 This promise has been realized, by the Winnebagoes and Omahas, but the Santees and Otoes have had their crops of corn and garden vegetables totally destroyed by the migratory grasshoppers, ^{and} the Iowas have been subjected to great damage by the same cause.

It is believed that the appropriation made for the Santees and Otoes by Congress at its last session will enable the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to supply them with a sufficiency of food. ^{and} Let the Santee and Winnebagoes Agencies Industrial Boarding Schools have recently been established, ^{and} an appropriation was made by Congress for an institution of the same class at the Otoe Agency.

The Indians throughout the Northern Superintendency have been generally clear of the use of intoxicating drinks, ^{and} have during the ^{past} year, been orderly ^{and} peaceable. We feel assured that in all the tribes progress in civilization has been made, and that the improvements has been greatest where adequate funds have been supplied. By report of the Treasurer of the several Indian Aid Associations of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, we find that during the past year contributions to the amount of \$136.¹² have been received ^{and} disbursed in payment of freights, clothing, ^{and} food for the sick &c.

The Treasurer of the Indian fund reports receipts for the past year of \$598.¹², which, with the balance on hand from last year of \$232.⁰⁷, amounts to \$830.¹⁹ ^{and} the expenditures in the Indian service for the same period of \$695.³⁷, leaving a balance of \$134.⁸².

We respectfully ask an appropriation of \$300.⁰⁰ for the use of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by—

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The Committee appointed at former sitting to prepare the names of suitable Friends for members of the Representative Committee of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year produced the following which was approved by the meeting and the Friends named.

