

1875 to be returned to the Representative Committee for recording.
Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth Day Morning.

28th of the month and 5th of the week.

Friends began met, near the time adjourned to.

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern produced the following interesting Report for the past year, which was read, and was satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:

Report of the Standing Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting on the Indian Concern.

Baltimore, 10th Month, 22d, 1875.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern reports: That the Pawnee Indians, being the tribe committed to our care, have claimed our attention, and that such aid as we were able to under has been extended to them.

In our report last year we stated, that in accordance with the expressed desire of the tribe, and the approbation of the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the removal of the Pawnees to the Indian Territory had been determined. A large proportion of the tribe had then gone thither, and the remainder are now about to be removed.

We are informed by Superintendent Barclay White, that a Reservation in that Territory has been selected for them, situated in the forks of the Nebraskan and Cimarron rivers, east of the 97th longitude, which contains all the natural advantages for their comfort and support by the arts of civilization. In their new home they will be so far removed from their hereditary enemies, the Sioux, that no further annoyance from that source may be expected.

It was our impression last year that the removal of the Pawnees to the Indian Territory would place them within the limits of the

1875 Central Superintendency, and consequently that our care for them would cease. It appears, however, that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs does not concur in this opinion. He considers them as still included in the Northern Superintendency, and has expressed a decided wish that our care of them should be continued.

During the last session of Congress, a Bill was prepared and reported for the sale of the Pawnee Reservation in Nebraska - the loan of three hundred thousand dollars to be refunded from the proceeds of the land, and the purchase of a suitable Reservation in the Indian Territory. We believe there was no opposition to the measure; but owing to the pressure of other business, the Bill was not passed, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs found great difficulty in providing for the Pawnees. The Secretary of the Interior, having the control of unoccupied lands in the Indian Territory, set apart for their use the Reservation selected, and by authority of the President directed that the supplies imperatively needed for the Pawnees should be purchased on credit.

The work of erecting suitable buildings for the Agency is now in progress.

By a report received from Superintendent Barclay White, we are informed that during the past year the Indians in the Northern Superintendency have been peaceably, tractably, and comparatively industrious.

No murder of a white person has been committed by them for a period of four years.

The area of cultivated land has been much enlarged, and, in each tribe, increased interest is taken in industrial pursuits tending to civilization and self-support, although, in every tribe, there still exists a party desirous of adhering to the former habits and customs of the race.

Intoxication and impurity in drinking are the rule, and in some tribes an intemperate drinking person cannot be found.

I would particularly mention the Omaha and Pawnees as being clear from this vice. disregard of the ties of marriage, house-stealing, and petty theft are the crimes most prevalent.