1875 levy is used solely for the benefit of the tribe.

All other travel for the route but that, that communicates with the agency. About 200 tons of hay have been cut and put up, and the farmer was still cutting and stacking when we left the agency. There were abundant crops of melons and pumpkins raised, and consumed or dried for winter use during the present fall.

There have been about 300 acres of land broken, and 125 acres seeded in wheat. Two ox-teams of three yoke each are employed most of the time in hauling logs to the saw-mill. In cutting and saving the logs, Indians are found to be efficient helpers as well as in farm labor. Agent Burgess has, under proper authority, purchased twelve wagons and twenty three head of horses to enable him to remove the balance of the tribe from Nebraska, and these teams will add very much to the efficient working of the agency in the erection of the Agents house and Industrial school building, which it is proposed to commence at once, and to use the material which is abundant on the Reservation for the purpose, namely, stone, lime, sand, lumber and shingles, the hardware and glass constituting nearly all the material that will have to be purchased.

Much more might be written on the great change which appears to have taken place among the Indians in the past year, but this report has already been lengthened out beyond our first intentions, and we believe it will be better to await results than to anticipate them before the public. In conclusion, we think it right to express our appreciation of the services that have been rendered, and continue to be rendered by Agent Wm. Burgess and wife. It would be impossible for any one to appreciate their difficult position without paying a visit to the Indians of which they have the care. The duties of the Agent under any circumstances are so varied that he can hardly hope to fulfill them without incurring more or less censure from those unacquainted with all the surroundings. Agent Burgess' position for the past year has been one of more than ordinary responsibility and labor, requiring unusual discernment as well as executive ability. In pursuance of the policy adopted by the Government in the management of the Indians, Agent Burgess was detailed in the 11th month last to explore part of the Indian Territory, with a view to select a suitable location, which, with the consent of the head men of the tribe should be purchased for their future home. This trust was executed after a long and arduous exploration of some five months to the entire satisfaction of the Indians, and met with the entire

1875 approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and in our judgment, formed from what we have seen and learned, is hardly equalled in its many advantages by any other settlement of Indians.

In our intercourse with the Indians it was gratifying to hear from them that they had a good Agent, and hoped he would be continued with them. We had not an opportunity of meeting with the children in the Industrial school, but saw some of them at the First-day School, and had abundant evidence from the familiar intercourse witnessed by us between the Principal and the children, as well as older Indians, of the interest of the principals and teachers in their wards, as well as the confidence and affection reciprocated.

Thomas K. Matthews
B. Rush Roberts

The Committee was continued, and encouraged to labor further for the help and benefit of the Indians under our care.

They were authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the sum of $300 to aid them in the work.

The Report was handed to the Women's Meeting. It was directed that this Report be printed with our Extracts, and that two hundred extra copies of it in pamphlet form be furnished to the Committee for their use.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to propose the names of Friends for members of the Representative Committee of the Yearly Meeting, the ensuing year, produced the following Report, which was approved, and the Friends therein named were appointed to the service.

The Committee appointed during the afternoon session of Second day, to propose to the Yearly Meeting the names of Friends to constitute the Representative Committee for the ensuing year, propose the following to fill that position: