

1877 contract has been let by Superintendent Sticksen for the construction of said building, which is proposed to accommodate about eighty scholars of both sexes, with their teachers and caretakers.

Since the receipt of Barclay White's report, a letter, dated 3^d inst., has been received from Charles H. Seaving, ^{Indian} U.S. Agent, giving more recent information from the Pawnee agency. He represents the sanitary condition of the tribe as still very bad, about half of them being on the sick list, though not many have died since his arrival there in the 5th month. A good supply of medicines have been furnished by the department.

"The health of the employees is better than that of the Indians, though several have been sick." The two day schools were reopened the first of the 9th month. They have over eighty pupils on the rolls and are doing very well. The building for the Industrial School was just begun. The crops of corn and potatoes have yielded well. The Indians were expected to start on the buffalo hunt about the 20th instant after receiving their annuity.

"Considerable clothing has been purchased for the boys, and some will be obtained from the annuity for the girls, but probably not enough to supply their wants. Agent Seaving writes: 'I fear I should hardly be doing my duty if I did not say that if Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting have any contributions of clothing or anything that will add to the comfort of these poor people, it will be very acceptable, and we will try and see that they are properly bestowed.'

Cornelia Jannay, who entered on her duties as matron, in the 7th month, has recently written that the weather had suddenly become much cooler, which she thought would improve the health of the tribe. She is doing a good work in visiting the sick and instructing the Indian Women in their domestic duties.

From the reports received from Barclay White, we condense the following summary of the condition of the Tribes in Nebraska.

The Sioux are gradually extending their agriculture as individual inclination prompts them, and dotting their reservation with tilled farms, without aidments in seedlings. They are generally favorable to schools; it is believed that, with tact and care, all their children can be placed in schools.

The Omahas are steadily progressing in population and agriculture. They are an honest, tractable, peaceable and temperate people, slow to change their style of

1877 costume and mode of constructing habitations, but rapidly advancing in the arts of agriculture. The adult Winnébagos are quickly advancing in agricultural pursuits and extending the cultivation of the soil.

Barclay White remarks, "I have found all our Indian Agents now in office, careful in observing instructions, in making proper expenditure of the funds entrusted to their care, correct in their accounts, (excepting occasional errors in official formality) and conscientiously endeavoring to perform their arduous and isolated duty with promptness, fidelity and to the best of their ability."

The Treasurer's report shows that we have expended on account of the Pawnee, during the past year, \$372.⁵⁷; and there is an indebtedness against the treasury, for our proportion of the expenses of the General Committee of the Seven Yearly Meetings approximating three hundred dollars (\$300.00), which when paid, will reduce the balance in the treasury to about \$75.⁰⁰.

We respectfully recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the use of the Committee for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee

B. Rush Roberts
Clerk

The minutes of the Representative Committee for the past year were read and the action of that body approved; and it was directed that the report of the Subcommittee upon International Arbitration be printed in the Extracts.

Women's Meeting forwarded to this a list of names of those appointed to constitute, in conjunction with Men Friends appointed to the same service, the Representative Committee, as follows: viz:

Ruth Hannah Smith	Rachel Ann Oyle	Mary Loukens
Sarah G. Matthews	Mary C. Cutler	Mary L. Shilbnd
Anna F. Matthews	Susan R. Penrose	Martha Sidwell
Lydia C. Stabler	Cornelia Jannay	Hannah A. Price
Mary L. Roberts	Hannah L. Wright	Alma A. Hull
Mary M. Dixon	Emily L. Wood	Mary Ann Blackburn
Ruth Anna MacPherson	Elizabeth Shilbnd	Sarah L. May
Fidelia Matthews	Rebecca McThomas	Fertilia J. Grest
Jane Wainet	Rebecca J. Supton	Mary F. Brown
		Philena C. Stubbs