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Jane Underwood, an Elder and member of Bald Eagle Particular and Centre Monthly meeting departed this life the 1st. day of the Seventh month 1878 in the 40th year of her age.

Thomasin Sidwell, an Elder and member of Centre Particular and Hopewell monthly meeting, departed this life on the 9th day of the Seventh month 1878, in the 83rd year of his age.

John Needles, an approved Minister and Member of Western District Particular and Baltimore monthly meeting, departed this life the 18th day of the Seventh month 1878, in the 92nd year of his age.

Eleventh

A Meeting for Worship has been settled at Oxford Chester County, Pennsylvania, under the joint care of Penn's Grove and Nottingham Monthly meetings, to be held on the first day of the week at 10 o'clock A.M.

Twelfth

Friends are mostly careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in membership with us.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon

30th of the month and 4th. of the week
at the appointed hour. Friends assembled.

The Epistles received from the Yearly meetings of Indiana and Illinois were now read to our edification and comfort.

The Standing Committee on the Indian concern made the following report, which was read and was satisfactory to the meeting. The Committee was continued, and encouraged to embrace every right opportunity to benefit this interesting and deeply wronged people.

The sum of \$200 was granted for the use of the committee as expressed in their report.

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Baltimore 10th month 1878
To Baltimore Yearly Meeting

The Standing committee on the Indian concern report: that we have given attention during the past year to the charge entrusted to us, being the care of the Pawnee Agency in the Indian Territory;

By a report of Barclay White, Friend's special Indian agent dated the 26th of the Sixth month last, it appears that he had spent twenty four days in making a thorough examination of the affairs of that Agency. Notwithstanding the many difficulties that have attended the agents recently in charge of that tribe, it is remarked by Barclay White that there is a perceptible improvement in the condition of the Pawnee

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Since last year, and he believes the desire of many of them to advance their condition by the arts of civilization is sincere. At the date of his report the Indians were in better health than they had been during previous summers since their residence in the Indian Territory.

In relation to Education he writes "The day schools now taught by Julia Nichols and Mary Ann Burgess are well attended and conducted and are very popular with the Indians. I spent the day, 11th instant, in their schools.

There were one hundred and one (101) scholars in attendance that day, and the average attendance is surprisingly large considering the situation; the homes of most of the scholars being four, seven and ten miles from the school house. They return to their homes daily, although the Black Bear Creek, a large stream subject to freshets, runs between the school house and the homes of three of the bands.

There is here a flourishing Sabbath school for religious instruction, held in the school house each week. On the 9th instant there were present twenty five adults and one hundred and twenty five children. On the 16th instant (a cloudy, damp day, with occasional showers) the attendance was twenty five adults and seventy five children, and on the 23rd instant twenty five adults and one hundred children.