

1879 homes, and as they love their present ones, they should not be taken from them, but they should be allowed to hold them sacred and inviolable. They are willing to give up that portion of their reservation which they do not occupy, but the one hundred and sixty acres which they have selected and improved for each, for their future homes, they are not willing to give over to a white man, but claim it as their property, and in my judgment, have a just right to demand it; without a guarantee that this land is theirs, they will not make the progress they should."

In a letter addressed to Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, dated 30 mo 18th, 1879, Sarah Lightner says:

"The intention of the Government, as I understand it, is to have the Indian become self-supporting, and if we expect him to do this, we must allow him the right to possess, in his own name, land upon which he can make his living."

"We quote again from the Agent's report to the Commissioner: The Standing Citizen Indians, who have taken homesteads along the Sioux River in Moody County, Dakota, were placed under my care 5th mo, 1st, 1879. They are a part of the Santee Sioux, who became dissatisfied with their land titles here, and went where they could find homes and become citizens."

"As I have been in charge of them but a short time, I am not able to give a very full account of them during my short stay there. I found that they wished to be independent Indians, and not come under an Agent, but to be law-abiding citizens, under the entire control of the laws by which the white man is governed. I visited quite a number of their farms and found that they would compare favorably with many of their white neighbors. I find 93 families having 150 acres of corn, 532 acres of wheat 89 horses, 64 oxen, and 80 cows and cattle."

"The crops are not as good as last year, damaged by hoppers and drouth. They have two churches, which are well attended on First Day, are nearly all church members, and look to be good, honest, sober men."

From the above report, we learn, that the Santee Industrial Boarding School, under the care of Friends, is in good condition, the number of pupils during the past month being twenty-eight.

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1879 In consequence of the decease of our long tried, faithful and efficient Treasurer, Gerard H. Reese, since our last Meeting, the Executive Committee have requested his administrators to place his accounts, and funds, belonging to the Indian Concern, temporarily in the hands of Cyrus Blackburn, until a Treasurer is appointed, with authority to receipt on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, for the investments and other funds placed in his possession.

The Report, made by the temporary Treasurer, has been submitted to a committee, which, on examination, has reported it correct and true:

Showing that the receipts for the past year, including balance from last year, amounted to, \$ 876.02

Expenditures for the same period, 471.98

Leaving balance in the hands of Treasurer, \$ 404.04

subject to draft for expenses already incurred, of about one hundred and twenty five dollars.

The Committee respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$200. to cover anticipated expenses for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by
J. Rush Roberts, Secy.

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20. The Committee continued from last year on the subject of Education, made the following Report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee was continued, and the name of Sarah A. Fisher, prepared by Women's Meeting, was added to the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Alice C. May, from Centre Monthly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

Dear Friends:

The Committee on Education, during the past year, have had two called meetings upon this important concern, but, owing to the very widely separated situation of our several homes, we have not been able to have any concerted action upon the subject. So far as we can learn, from verbal reports from some of the members of the Committee, much interest is manifested in several of the different neighborhoods within our borders, and the individual members of the Committee are doing all they can to advance the important

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