

1882 suitable to fill the vacancy

A want that has long been felt at the Agency, is a hospital or infirmary for the sick, the feeble and the aged Indians, where they could be nursed and properly attended to, also have the benefit of prompt medical treatment.

In consulting with the resident physician relative to such an arrangement, he stated as an objection, the difficulty there would be in getting the Indians to leave their homes and kindred to enter such an institution. They would not be satisfied to do so.

Another difficulty would be to get a suitable caretaker or superintendent, and the necessary assistants. Such a building, I believe, was erected at the Pawnee Agency, but never used for the purpose.

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One first day we accompanied the agent and his family to their First-day School, in which the Indian children were much interested. We afterwards sat with them in their meeting for worship, several of the white employees being present. The same afternoon we took leave of the agent, Isaiah Lightner and his family by whom we had been so kindly entertained for nearly a week. Highly gratified with our visit and feeling near sympathy with them in their isolated home and responsible position.

In conclusion, I may say, that Friends have great cause for encouragement. Under their care and agents these people have progressed from a state of almost barbarism or savage life, dependent on the Government and their annual hunt for a livelihood, to a state of civilization and enlightenment, self-sustaining, their children educated, and many of them qualified to assume the duties of citizenship.

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In addition to this, we have been in frequent correspondence with Isaiah Lightner, the agent, and our opinion continues to be, as it always has been, that he is the right man in the right place. In his Annual Report to the Department in Washington, (a

1882 copy of which he has sent us,) he says: "The Indians have cultivated this year 647 acres to wheat, 82 acres to oats, 1,586 to corn, 212 to flax and 78 to potatoes. Crops of all kinds have been very good, the best we have ever had, and all feel greatly encouraged. To note improvements, we will compare the crops of 1872 with 1882.

	1872	1882
Acres under cultivation, -----	450	2,605
Wheat,	Bushels, about 1000.	7,000
Corn,	" 3000.	30,000
Oats,	" stone	2,800
Potatoes,	" 3000	6,240
Hay cut,	Tons 400	1,500
Horses,	302	322
Cattle,	192	633
Swine,	25	176
Flax,	Bushels none	1,500
Harness,	double sets made, "	50
Bricks manufactured,	"	125,000
Lime burnt,	Bushels "	250

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"The average has been gradually increased, and actions withdrawn. The Indians are becoming more self-supporting; all wear citizens' dress, understand and are better calculated to transact business of all kinds with the white man, than in former years.

In conclusion, I will say, that the year's work, with few exceptions, has been one of satisfaction. We can see a brighter future gradually opening up for the Indian, which I hope will be pushed forward with a determined mind and a strong hand, so that the Indian Nation may be united with the American nation, under one common law.

On behalf of the Committee
Ezra Blackburn
clerk

Then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.