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Result from Labor.	1878.	1884.
Land under cultivation, acres.	1,000	3,357
Barley raised, bushels.	0	200
Flaxseed " "	0	840
Wheat " "	850	12,500
Corn " "	9,500	17,500
Oats " "	500	19,550
Potatoes " "	1,800	10,500
Hay cut, tons.	800	2,700
Cattle owned, number.	257	484

One result of this great increase of production has been the discontinuance of Government rations to all except children attending schools, and about fifty old and Indian infirm Indians.

Our Executive Committee visited Washington frequently during the Session of Congress, and endeavored to have Laws passed that would benefit all of the Indians. There was an effort made by Congress at its last Session to turn the Inspectorship of Agencies over to the War Department, but through our efforts and those of other friends of the Indians, that catastrophe was prevented. The "General Homestead Bill" which we have been endeavoring for years to have enacted, was passed by the Senate last winter, but was not acted upon by the House.

Isaiah Lightner has tendered his resignation as Indian Agent and under the present usage of the Indian Bureau, we will not be asked to recommend any one to take his place, consequently, when his successor is appointed, our connection with the Government in the Indian work will have been closed for the present.

We believe that if the rule adopted by President Grant of calling upon the various Religious denominations to assist in taking care of the Indians, could have been continued, that it would have been much better for them. But those who came after him have been persistently changing

1884. until now we believe that we have been, for some time past, the only Religious Society that has had any oversight of our Agents.

There has been a great change wrought in the minds of the people of this country during the past twelve years in regard to the Indians. There are now several large Industrial Schools for Indian children supported by the Government, and the present Administration is not only willing, but anxious that all Religious Societies should assist in civilizing the Indians by starting schools for them, or in any other missionary way. It has been for some time the concern of this committee that we turn our attention more particularly, to this branch of Indian work, and that we endeavor to forward in every possible way the proper education of Indian children.

If we cannot succeed in the establishment of an Industrial School under the care and supervision of our own Society, it is our desire to aid those that are already established, and thus assist in the important work of Indian education.

Since the meeting of our Executive Committee in the 8th Month last, our beloved Friend Robert F. Roberts, a member of this Committee, has been removed from work to rewards. We desire to bear our testimony to his true Christian bearing, his moral worth, and his faithful labors in behalf of the Indians.

On behalf of the Committee.

Lyrus Blackburn

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14. The committee appointed last year to visit, in Gospel love, the subordinate meetings, and encourage to greater faithfulness in their Religious duties, made the following report, which was read and was satisfactory:

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings and inquire into the cause of apparent decline