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In further reference to the Annual Report of Charles Hill it may be well to state that he has requested the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to endeavor to have provision made for the Tantee children who have been born since the allotment of land on their reservation was completed.

As all unallotted land was taken up by white people these children are unprovided for. It is the desire of our Committee, and the intention if way opens, to assist the Agent in this effort to secure land for these children by appropriate legislation.

Report
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A large number of dwellings and other buildings have been built at this Agency during the past year, all the work being done by Indian mechanics. Indian workmen of this Tribe ^{and} during the past year \$7,645.55 exclusive of work done outside of the Agency not reported.

The new school building at Tantee erected this year to take the place of the old one destroyed by fire last Fall, is spoken of in the report as a model structure. It cost \$9,960.62, is heated by steam and accommodates 120 pupils. The industrial training at this school is complete and thorough in its character. As an item of interest in this connection we quote from the Agents report as follows, "One feature of the training for girls was in assisting in the furnishing of the new School building. Crocheting under the direction of the Matron 40 1/2 yards of cotton lace 9 inches wide, 29 1/4 yards of wool lace 12 inches wide, 25 yards of thread lace 2 1/2 inches wide. This lace was made for lambrequins for windows of the new school building." The good resulting from the fixing up of the new school building has been almost inestimable, the pleasant effect produced in trimming the windows and carpeting the floor has interested the pupils as nothing else could have done, making an impression that will certainly be carried to their homes.

I consider the teaching of crocheting and fancy work of great benefit to the girls and should be taught in every school. It furnishes employment for many spare moments and keeps them occupied and interested which time if spent in idleness they would be more liable to temptation.

The schools throughout this Agency are spoken of in the report as remarkably successful during the past year. An increased interest is shown by the Indians in the Sabbath schools and much good is being done through their instrumentality.

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In Fifth Month last, in company with Friends from New York Yearly Meeting, several members of our Committee and other interested Friends paid a visit of respect to President Harrison and to the Secretary of the Interior.

We were cordially received and our view on the Indian question which we were allowed to present listened to with respect. The President gave us the assurance of his full support in any measure tending to the amelioration of the sufferings of the Indians, or to the re-establishment of any right of which they have been deprived.

A delegation from our Committee took part by invitation, in the deliberations of the Board of Indian Commissioners at their annual conference held in Washington in First Month last, and were impressed with the earnestness of those uniring workers in the cause of Indian enlightenment. We felt, however, as we always do on these occasions, how little, comparatively, we as a Society are doing in this broad field of labor.

But perhaps we have done what our hands found to do and whilst greater opportunities for usefulness seem to have come to others, if we have been faithful in the little we shall not miss the promised reward.

The Report of the Treasurer shows that the income from our Indian fund during the year has been \$234.98 and our expenditures \$81.43. The unexpended income now on hand is \$405.12.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph J. Fanny, Clerk.

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Upon being read, the report was accepted and the Committee encouraged to embrace any opening for labor that may be presented.

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The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject introduced at a former session, the release of the present Standing Committee to disburse the Fair Hill Fund, and the nomination of a Committee upon Education in our Society, etc, now laid before the Meeting the following report, viz:

The Committee appointed to nominate a standing Committee on the subject of Education, and to consider the propriety and