

1890 merely to supplement the salary of the matron sufficiently to give fair compensation for her services.

In the expense of carrying on this work we have had the assistance of New York, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana, they have paid their full quota.

Indian Committee Report We are glad to be able to state now that quite recently we have received from Samuel B. Haines, Clerk of the Committee on Indian Affairs of New York Yearly Meeting, information that they have set apart the sum of \$500 to be used to defray expenses connected with the maintenance of our matron at Santee Agency. This generous action enables us to properly support our matron not only by adding to the Government's allowance for her salary, but by forwarding such supplies as she may need and which will enable her to greatly increase her usefulness.

We continue to send "Scattered Seeds" "Youth's Companion" and an agricultural paper for circulation amongst the Indians, and are informed that they are read and appreciated.

We are watchful of the tendency of legislation by Congress as affecting the Indians, and are ready at all times to use our influence in what we believe to be the right direction.

We attended the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners, by invitation of its Secretary, and made a verbal statement of our continued interest in the work, but owing to the uncertainty of our action at that time we were unable to present an extended written report.

If Congress at the coming session will make the expected appropriation we shall feel that a great stride is being made towards the uplifting of this people. And we feel willing to ask that all Friends who have an interest in this subject and who desire to assist in the accomplishment of the reform for which we are striving will make use of whatever influence they possess with members of Congress to induce them to favor the measure by their voices and their votes.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting shows that the income from our Fund during the past year has been \$237.95, that we have expended \$296.84, and that there is a balance of unexpended income on hand of \$343.03.

We have lost by death one who has been a faithful worker in this field of labor. Richard J. Bentley, of Sandy Spring.

1890 Until prevented by sickness he was always ready to assist in any enterprise the Committee was engaged in, and his deeply sympathetic nature was often aroused because of the wrongs the Indian has suffered. To fill this vacancy in the Committee we suggest that Benjamin H. Miller, of Sandy Spring, be appointed.

On behalf of the Committee,

Joseph J. Fanner, Clerk.
Santee Agency, Neb., September 29th, 1890.

Mrs. J. J. Fanner,

Letter of Field Station Dear Sir:— Complying with your request, I herewith submit for your perusal the following paper on the experience, needs, views, and results of my work as Field Station among the Santee women at Santee Agency, Nebraska, and the question which now comes before us with great pertinence is this,

Is the higher civilization of the Indian women to become a fact or fiction?

We do not entertain a doubt but that it can be made a fact if the proper means are used to that end, and the prime reason why we claim that Indian women can in time by careful, judicious training become cultured and learned in all the ways of housewifely wisdom is, because we have in mind examples of native women who will take equal rank, all circumstances being equal, with their white sisters, whom we know have better opportunities; certainly the experiment is worth trying, when we find them possessing the power to comprehend and put into practice the very germ and ideas that lie at the root of domestic life and its progress.

The higher civilization of the native women should be made a fact, for are not the housekeepers the mothers of those girls who are being taught in the various schools how to work and live as civilized people do? And must these girls go back to find their mothers still ignorant, and even indifferent to their new tastes and aspirations, or shall they return to their mothers in full sympathy and able to comprehend and cooperate with their educated daughters, because the teachings of some wise, helpful Shorcas have up-lifted the home and its inmates? These women are the wives and sisters of the men whom the Indian Bureau, philanthropic societies and individuals have for so many years been trying to guide and educate into the ways of the white man. Yet the women have been left to flood