

1891 appointed at this time, viz:

60	John Thomas,	Alfred Wood,	David Harry,
Nomina	St. Hariland Hull,	Simon Spicer,	William Wood,
mate	Jonathan H. Branson,	Shepherd Wood,	William H. Matthews,
15	Bernard T. Ganney,	Obad. J. Fairpoint,	Samuel H. Harris,
Friends,	Manuel P. Thomas,	Joseph H. Lincoln,	Hugh R. Holmes,
Representa	Elisha W. Harris,	Hiram Blackburn,	Lindley King,
tive Com.	George Hoge,	Seneca P. Broomell,	T. Burling Hull,
mittee.	Alban H. Thomas,	Jonathan Pickering,	

14. The Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following Report viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Standing Committee on Indian Affairs has during the past year, felt an added weight of responsibility in connection with the labors of our Society on behalf of our red brethren. And although the few avenues of usefulness that we can enter upon seem difficult to keep open and our opportunities for profitable labor are constantly lessening, yet the slight footing that we hold on this, more than ever philanthropic work it is important for us to maintain.

We have been enabled to continue our cordial relations with the Indian Department of the Government through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and our connection with the work of improving the moral and temporal condition of the women and children is fully recognized. We have had a number of interviews with the Commissioner and others in authority at the Indian Office in Washington, and while we have at all times been accorded a respectful hearing, it is evident that the potency of our voice in the selection of Indian Agents, is now overwhelmed by considerations of a purely political character. This has been the tendency of affairs for some years and is entirely consistent with the spoils system of distributing the offices that had heretofore obtained in the Indian Department.

A movement to request the President to extend Civil Service rules so as to include appointments in the Indian Department, was organized last winter and we threw our influence strongly in favor of the effort. Petitions to this effect were circulated

1891 amongst Friends and others, extensively, and forwarded to President Harrison. The effort was partially successful as the President issued an order that all minor offices in the Department be thereafter brought under the provisions of the Civil Service law. This is a step in the right direction, but it is important that another be taken by the further extension of Civil Service rules so as to include all appointments under the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

We recognize the fact that in the Indian policy of the Government there has been an evolution which must have been in the right direction since it culminates in measures that must appear to all true friends of the Indians, as wise and beneficent. A condensed statement of the present policy of the Government is made by Commissioner Morgan in the following language:

Report of Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs. "That of rendering the American Indians Indian Americans, endowing them with citizenship, conferring upon them in their own individual right the title to their homes, treating them as men and women, throwing upon them the burden as well as the privileges of citizens and of giving to their children that kind of training that will fit them for their duties and their privileges. The one fact that needs to be emphasized is the necessity of permanance in this work."

To this we would add, that when they are settled upon their farms as independent families and are established in their own homes, of imparting to the women of each household a knowledge of housekeeping and homemaking and of stimulating in them a desire to elevate their standard of domestic life.

Now, if in the appointment of officers who are to be entrusted with the duty of carrying into effect these eminently correct theories, proper influences might have weight to the end that capable and honest men be thus engaged, the advancement of the Indians towards the goal that has been set for them, would be rapid.

In Second Month last a meeting in the interest of the cause of Indian elevation, etc., and under the auspices of this Committee, was held at Park Avenue Meetinghouse, and was largely attended. It was addressed by Mr. Manist Worcester, Superintendent of Education amongst the Indians, Commissioner Morgan, and General Whittlesey, Secretary of the Board of