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to wash and iron regularly, all these duties which pertain to good housekeeping seem to them most unpleasant and unnecessary. Character and habits are closely joined. I believe to teach a child to do ever so small a task at a regular hour every day for a year, would be a discipline, which would tell on his character for life.

My sewing class promises to be a great success. The first day I was preparing for it I said to Mrs. Smith, the wife of the Missionary. I have work enough for only eight. Do you suppose I shall have more? She replied: You will not have eight, or half of eight. But I did have just that number and the next week sixteen.

Report of Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs. It gives me a fine opportunity to get acquainted with them. It is good for them to get out one day from home, make themselves and the children they bring with them reasonably clean, get a lesson in sewing and have some garment to take home as payment for the effort.

Mrs. Smith warns me that complaints will soon be coming in that one gets more than another; for again they are but children, but I can only keep things as well balanced as I know how and hope for the best. It is not their gratitude I am working for, except so far as the cultivation of a grateful spirit is for their good. But there is need of the wisdom of a serpent and the harmlessness of a dove; above all of the love that hopes all things and endures all things. Without this I might ride over these prairies through heat and dust, wind and storm for years, and it would be time and labor thrown away - it would profit me nothing.

Your help and sympathy I do not need to ask for, I know you will give them freely.

Yours most sincerely,

L. St. Douglas.

The Commissioner in his estimates for the ensuing year has made provision for ten Field Stations and an outfit for each of them. If this effort of the Indian Department to extend the advantages of domestic instruction amongst Indian women is successful and qualified persons can be found to enter the field, it must have a marked and immediate effect upon the domestic life of those who can be reached. We will exert our influence and sincerely hope they may be made to see the necessity for it.

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The Committee on Indian Affairs of New York Yearly Meeting has extended the hand of fellowship to us in our work and has materially assisted us in accomplishing what we have. Further substantial aid and friendly counsel are now offered by that Committee and it is a comfort and source of strength to feel that Friends of New York stand ready to assist us at all times in this benevolent work.

We continue to send papers to the Santee Indians and have reason to believe that they are appreciated.

Report of Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs. It has been our custom to send a box of presents for the Ponca children at Christmas time, and a letter has been received from Mrs. John E. Smith, wife of the sub-Agent there, asking that we continue to do so, and expressing on behalf of the children the great pleasure that is afforded them by these little evidences of interest and care from far distant friends.

We desire to continue our watchfulness of proposed legislation by Congress as affecting the Indians and will use our influence to secure that which seems in our judgment most likely to tend to their welfare.

The report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting shows that interest on the Indian fund during the year as collected and paid over by the Finance Committee is \$251.10, which with the balance on hand Tenth Mo., 1890, \$341.36, makes a total of \$594.46. The expenditures have been \$125.13, leaving a balance on hand of \$469.33.

The Committee was united in requesting of the Yearly Meeting the appointment of Martha F. Townsend, to fill a vacancy caused by the removal by death of one of our number, Anna T. Janney.

Signed by direction of the Committee,
Joseph J. Janney, Clerk

Baltimore Tenth Mo. 23rd, 1891.

Upon being read the Report was united with by the Meeting, and the Committee encouraged to labor in this field of Philanthropy, as way may open therefor.