

meeting an Epistle addressed to our subordinate meetings and the members composing them, viz: Samuel Cady, John P. Balderson, Richard H. Thomas & Thos. Worthington. Then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to, friends met.

The Standing Committee on Indian concerns made the following report, which was satisfactory to the meeting: and our Quarterly & Monthly Meetings are desired to raise in the usual proportions, the present year \$100, (as suggested in the report,) and pay the same to Joseph King Jr., Treasurer of that Committee, to be applied in aid of the further prosecution of our benevolent desire for the civilization and Christian instruction of the Indian nation under our care.

To the Yearly Meetings

The Committee on Indian Concerns have continued to feel, since the date of their last report, much solicitude for the interesting portion of their fallen creatures with whose civilization & instruction they are charged; and although since their removal from their native home, their comfort & improvement have not been such as our humane intention would have been entirely satisfied with, yet when we consider the obstacles which have superseded to their amelioration in their changed location in the western forest, we rejoice that we can perceive the dawn of a brighter day, & trust that now a solid basis is established for their elevation to the improved condition of enlightened man. We auger well, not only from the disposition evinced by the Indians to acquire knowledge, but by the active industry of those selected to impart it, as will appear by a detailed report from the superintendent, Henry Harvey, who with his wife, son & two daughters, also a teacher, all adults, are engaged for the concern at a salary of \$1000 per annum, viz:

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To the Committee on Indian Concerns:

Dear Friends:— We arrived here on the 13th of 6th month last, and found the school had been vacant from some time in the 3rd month: that David Bond, whom we had employed as teacher, had been here several weeks, but the school had not been resumed in consequence of the weakly state of health of the wife of the former superintendent.

Soon after our arrival, we invited the chiefs & some of the principal men of the Shawnee, to meet us in council, on the subject of the school. Accordingly at the time appointed, fifty three of their principal men, including all the chiefs, except one who was sick, met us; and after addressing them in regard to the concern which the society continues to feel for their present & future welfare, &c. they were informed that we were ready and willing

to take twenty five children, including those who had been at school here before. After a time of deliberation, their speaker, through Joseph Parks, interpreter, spoke as follows:— My Brethren: We have all met here, and are very glad to see you and your family. We take you by the hand once more; and were pleased when we heard you had come among us again. You said you had come again to live some time with us. We repeat, that we are very glad to see you and your family once more. You are welcome among us. You said that you had been sent here by your friends: that the friends of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings had encouraged you to come; and what you said to us was in their names; all you have said and explained to us, we understand very well. We will take your advice. What you said to us, reminds us of what our friends said to us at Mount Pleasant, when we were on our way to Washington City. They said, that they were very sorry the Government was going to send us so far from them, yet they hoped they would be able to reach and help us; and when we got to Baltimore, our friends told us the same thing; and now we see what our friends told us has come to pass; for here, you, our friends, are with us, ready to help us. We are anxious to have our children schooled, and shall soon fill the school.

We intend to have a large council among ourselves soon, and have our women present with us, to help us to conclude whose children had better come to school. After that we will come here again & see you.

We hope the Great Lord will assist us & our children; if he does we will get along very well with our school.

They then said the chiefs who sat on the other side of the house were strangers to us; but said they were their brothers and friends; that they were the last remnant of the old Chiticothe band of Shawnee; that they had been separated for many years, but were now united in the same band; and said they had come here to attend this council; that they would speak for themselves. We want you to remember us to our friends, & tell them what we have said.

The speaker of this band expressed their satisfaction at what we had said, & replied they would send ten children to our school. This band has been opposed to education, but are now anxious to improve the opportunity.

About the 1st of the 7th month, the school was filled by twenty seven children. Except two, they are regular in their attendance, & they were withdrawn on account of their mother's sickness. They have not yet returned.

In a few weeks from the opening of the school, we had thirty two scholars. Within a few days we have thirty six, who wish to remain, having been placed under our direction by their parents. The progress