

Early Meeting, in order that certain desirable ends may be thereby attained, being now produced & read - the same was referred to the following Friends for their consideration, who are directed to report upon the subject to a future sitting. Joseph King Jr., Richard H. Thomas, John Scott, Sarah Sands, Mrs. Haring, Joseph Balance, Eliza Cook, Samuel Mottlington, Mrs. S. Thomas, George Talenline, Bond Valentine, James Penell, Nathaniel Wrenshaw & Micajah Bates.

The committee continued last year to revise & record the minutes, report compliance with their duty. They are continued in their appointment & desired to perform the same service in reference to the minutes of our present Early Meeting.

An interesting & detailed report from our Committee on Indian concerns was now read, being as follows: Our interest in this benevolent undertaking, to increase the civilization & promote the temporal & Christian improvement of the Aborigines being hereby revived & encouragement afforded to continue our efforts for their advancement, the Meeting directs that our subordinate branches raise in their proper proportions \$100 the present year, for the benefit of the establishment which they have under charge among the Shawnees Indians, & pay the same into the hands of Joseph King Jr. Treasurer of the Committee.

Micajah Bates, Nathaniel Wrenshaw, Francis S. King and George Cook are now added to said Committee & our clerk is directed to inform the Committee of their appointment.

Report of the Indian Committee.

To the Early Meeting, next sitting:

The Committee on Indian Concerns have received the following account of the situation of our Establishment among the Shawnees, contained in the report of the Indian Committee of Ohio Early Meeting.

"At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns, held at Mount Pleasant 7th Month 2. 1834. The Com^{tee} on Indian Concerns of Indiana Early Mt^g informs that they have received from the Superintendent of the Indian Establishment satisfactory accounts of the situation of the institution.

"In the course of last winter Thomas & Hannah Wells requested to be released as teachers. Accordingly the Com^{tee} employed John M. Macy & wife to fill their places at a salary of \$200. They took charge of the school in Third month last, & by report received from the present teachers it appears that since the 27th of Third month last, forty six children between the ages of five & nineteen years have received instruction in the school, viz: 27 boys & 19 girls. 23 of the scholars have copybook, several of whom appear to have a knowledge of the primary & most of the compound rules. Ten of them have gone through vulgar fractions & one of them the Decimal fractions & the different cases of Interest. 20 read the Scriptures. 7 spell in easy lessons of two syllables, ten of whom read a little. Since the 30th of 5th month

ten new scholars have been admitted. Some of them could speak the English language nearly all of them have learned the alphabet, & some of them begin to spell & pronounce the first lessons. Of the 46 children, 25 are Shawnees, 10 Delaware, 5 Ottaways, 4 Stockbridges & 2 Peoria. The school has been pretty full most of the time & the children making some progress in improvement. The first day school has also been kept up, in which committing to memory & reciting Scripture lessons & answering Scripture questions form the principal exercise of the children.

The Superintendent in his last report says, since 4th Month 1833, we have sold produce to the amount of \$577⁹² which has been disposed of to meet the necessary expenses of the establishment & in part payment of the salaries to the amount of \$118. 48⁴² still standing uncollected. We have harvested 1100 dozen of wheat, but it has been very much injured by wet weather; & oats are mostly cut & some of them bound. I suppose we have about 650 dozen.

We have 40 acres in corn but the season being so very wet, we fear we will have but a light crop. The Indians are greatly improving in their habits & becoming more anxious to have their children at school; but owing to the wet season we fear many of them will not have enough to live on, those living in the bottoms having lost nearly all they had. Our Indian children are very helpful, the boys in setting seed, planting & tending the crops & harvesting; the girls in milking, washing, sewing, housework &c. Our meeting has been regularly kept up & we sometimes have the company of some of the Indians. The reading of a portion of the Scriptures is daily kept up.

The Com^{tee} to settle with the Treasurer find that he has received & paid out since last settlement 1st Month 11th 1834 \$1017⁷², which has been paid in old debts, salaries, & contingent expenses; & by the report it appeared that our indebtedness at this time, including salaries up to 3rd Mo last, is \$1688³². To meet this, there appears due from Friends of Indiana

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We are encouraged to prosecute the concerns & propose that the sum of \$500 be raised by this meeting.

By direction of the (Ohio) Com^{tee}. Joseph Wilkins clerk.

This Committee taking into view the debt now due to our Superintendent & others in 3rd month last forwarded an address to the Com^{tee} of Ohio & Indiana Early Mt^gs bringing the subject before them & proposing that the sum of \$300 should be annually raised as a special appropriation to be considered as a sinking fund applicable to the extinguishment of the debt. To this address no answer has been received & we notice in the report of our brethren of Ohio that no more than their customary annual subscription of \$300 has been agreed upon. No report has yet come to hand from Indiana but we are informed that they have agreed to raise the sum of \$1000 - the ensuing year for this benevolent concern being \$400 more.