

The School has averaged 64 during the fall and winter, and 40 during the Spring and Summer, (Some being taken home to assist in farming) 41 read, 27 write, study geography and arithmetic, 7 have made some progress in English Grammar, 14 Small Children in their letters. Those who are able, read one or more lessons each day, in the Scriptures; 16 Children have been received this year, who had never been at School before; 10 have left the School, 4 of whom are grown, and pretty well educated, 1 has gone to another school, and 5 returned home, who had not got further than Spelling.

Devi and Miriam Hough, the present teachers, and Ann Stanton, expect to return home in the 11th month, and Friends have appointed a Committee to procure three Friends to supply their places.

The progress made by the Children in their Studies is satisfactory. The Scriptures have been read every morning to the assembled family. Meetings for worship have been kept up twice in the week, and some of the Indians continue their attendance, and seem desirous of becoming acquainted with the contents of the Bible.

The Establishment was visited in the 14th month last by four Friends, two men and two women, deputed by the Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, who remained there 10 days. we subjoin the following extract from their report, viz: "Being in sentiment with our Superintendent, that an advantage would arise, if some of the large Indian Children were taken to Ohio and placed with suitable Friends there for a time, we concluded to bring in of them with us, 3 boys and 1 girl; they having the means of defraying their expenses, and their parents and connections quite willing that they should come. We were gratified to find the Indian Children belonging to the Establishment so comfortably clad and provided for as they are, and that habits of cleanliness and neatness among them are increasing.

We also held a Council with the Indians, several Chiefs and other Indians to the number of about 50. After communicating to them what we had on our minds, they desired to be left to themselves awhile for consultation. In the course of an hour or two they sent for us, and through their Chief Black Hoof, made in substance the following reply:—"Brothers, we are glad to see you and hear your good talk. It is under the blessing of God that we are permitted to meet together at this time. Brothers, our hearts have been made very sorry, because many of our brethren have lately died, among whom were many of our Chiefs and Council men, which makes our hearts very sad at this time. Brothers, all you have told us is very good, and we will try to take your advice. Our friends the Quakers, have often told us these things before, they told them to some of us, and to our forefathers when we lived in Ohio, but Indians was wild men then, very wild, and made but little improvement in these things for a long time; but now we are trying to do better—we then lived in little villages and spent our time in talking and smoking—but now we are spread over the Prairies, and every man has

his farm, and we are trying to make them larger and to add to them every year, stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, to build good houses and to live like white people, but some Indians won't work much yet, we will talk to our young men, and persuade them not to drink whiskey, or other strong drink, and we will encourage our people in sending their Children to School, to learn to read and write. We are very glad to see our friends among us at this time, and we send our love to all our friends the Quakers in Ohio and Indiana. This is all we have to say."

The report of our Superintendent, Thos. and Hannah Wells, of 1st month last, contains the will of an Indian woman which we subjoin. It will be seen that she devotes the greater part of her property to the education of her Children, placing it and them unreservedly in the hands of our friends Thomas Wells and Thomas French, and their Successors for that purpose. An instance of cultivated feeling, which we could hardly expect from one of her class, owing, we apprehend, to what she had witnessed of the labours of our friends among them. May this and other evidences of the progress of civilization among our Indian brethren encourage us to continue our efforts in their behalf. "We owe a great debt to the Aborigines of our Country, and if through the divine blessing upon our exertions, we should be enabled to rescue some of them from ignorance and idolatry, and by turning them from darkness to light, make them useful and happy members of Society, we shall not only be doing all that we can to repay it, but shall also be amply repaid ourselves for all that we do in so good a cause. Our friends of Ohio have donated \$300. and Indiana \$800. to be raised the present year, and we propose the sum of \$100 as our proportion this year for the prosecution of the cause, all of which we submit to the meeting.

Signed by direction of the Committee
Richard W. Thomas, Clerk.

Copy of the Will, viz:

I, Ojibuck Wells, relict of the late Johnathan E. Wells, and member of the Shawnee nation of Indians, being in good health and of sound mind, but sensible of the uncertainty of human life, do make and proclaim this as my last will and testament, to wit: 1st I will and bequeath all the property of whatever kind, moneys or notes of hand of which I shall be possessed, to my Children, to be equally divided among them by my executors, hereafter named, on their arriving at lawful age.

2^d I hereby constitute the Quaker missionaries, Thomas French and Thomas Wells and their Successors as missionaries my lawful executors of this my last will and testament, and I hereby appoint them and their Successors the proper guardians of my children.

3^d I hereby charge my said executors with the duty of raising education