

farm and in the house, the latter having been educated at the School. Although five of the principal chiefs were absent on business, our friends visited a considerable number of the Indian families, and gave them advice and encouragement which they appeared to receive with kindness.

We believe the deputation rendered essential service to the Establishment by defining the duties of those employed there, and giving advice relative to its management.

Two of the number employed at the time of our last report, Edward G. Tead and Shirza Arnett, have returned home.

It appears that the Shawnee Indians generally, are advancing in civilization, and some of them give evidence, by their conduct and conversation, of having imbibed religious impressions, one of them - Caco, has lately been received into membership with Friends. His request has been forwarded to our acting Committee by the Superintendent at the Establishment as will appear by the following extract from his report:

There is a subject which I think it right to lay before the Committee for their consideration, which is this: - Caco, one of the Shawnee Indians, requests to become a member of our society. In his own words, he said, "He wishes to belong to our religion as long as he lives." He does not understand much of the English language, so that we have to talk through an interpreter, ~~so that we have to talk through an interpreter~~, which makes it very difficult to converse with him; but the pains he takes to attend our meetings, and his solid appearance, we think gives evidence of the sincerity of his request. He says, he has attended other meetings, such as the Baptist and Methodist, and that their method of worship did not afford him that satisfaction he desired but when he came amongst Friends, he felt peaceful.

The Friends here unite with me in forwarding his request. The above request was referred by the Acting Committee, to the Annual Monthly Meeting, and having been considered by that meeting, held in the second month last, was united with, and he received into membership accordingly.

The Superintendent, in his report, forwarded in the seventh month last, says -

In presenting you with my report at this time, I feel to commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father in preserving us in as good health as we could expect, considering the size of our family.

Whilst very many have fallen victims to the stroke of death near us by Cholera, Erysipelas &c, all of our family are still spared, and in tolerable good health."

Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up and attended by Friends, and those under their care. The First Day School has been continued as heretofore, with exercises adapted to the attainments of the children, and a portion of the Holy Scriptures is read daily in the family. The answers to the queries have been sent to the Committee.

From the last report of our Superintendent, dated the 24th of the Ninth month last, we obtain the following information relative to the Condition of the Establishment:

Since the Annual Report for 1851, forty six children between the ages of six and eighteen years, several of whom are orphans, belonging to six tribes, have received religious and literary instruction at the Establishment. The average number during the past year, has been thirty. Of these, ten have been received into the School during the past year - their ages vary from six to thirteen years; none of them had any previous knowledge of the English language. Ten of the scholars have left the Establishment during the past year; two were young women about settling themselves in life; two were girls nearly grown, whose services were required at home; three are attending other schools, and three are absent without suitable reasons, and are receiving no instruction.

The four young women mentioned, are pretty well qualified to take the management of domestic concerns. Of the twenty eight now in actual attendance, only six have been two years in the School; nineteen, who had no previous instruction have not been at school more than fifteen months, about one half the number read and write, the others spell easy lessons. All the children after they become acquainted with the English language, advance about as fast as white children.

Of the forty six children instructed the past year, eleven read in the fourth Reader, and have studied Arithmetic and Geography, and write a legible hand, and fourteen read in the Testament; three read in the Third Reader, six in the Second, and eight in the First Reader; eighteen are reading the first lessons of penmanship. Thirty eight of the above number are Shawnees, three are Delaware, two Stockbridges, one Huncu, one Omaha, and one