

and religious duties, that they "may adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things."

Then adjourned to half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The following satisfactory report from the Committee on Indian Concerns was read, and we could encourage our brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, upon whom the care of the Mission more particularly devolves, to persevere in their Christian labors among these people who have such a strong claim upon us.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Our Committee on Indian Concerns has received the following interesting report from the Acting Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, relative to our joint establishment among the Shawnees, which we submit to the Meeting.

James T. King

Clerk to the Committee

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Report of the Committee on Indian Concerns to Indiana Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends:- Early in the 11th month last, the Committee met at the Establishment, and proceeded to make an inventory and appraisement of all the personal property, amounting to \$1070. After due consideration, we then made sale of all the property outside the house, and received therefor \$1111. No way opening to start a school, we left the premises in the care of James and Rachel Stanley, through the winter. In the meantime, the Shawnee chiefs and council became anxious for a school and home for their orphan children, and applied to us, offering to pay the expenses by an appropriation from their school fund, which is ample for the purpose. We concluded a contract with them through their agent, by which we are to receive \$80 per scholar, per annum, for boarding, clothing, tuition and medical attendance, for any number not exceeding 50, that being as many as the buildings will accommodate. We then concluded a contract with James and Rachel Stanley, to board, clothe, and educate them for \$75 per scholar, and the use of the buildings and farm, we retaining \$5 per scholar, for medical attendance and incidental expenses. The school commenced on the 1st of Fourth month last, and is now under the care of Henry and Anna M. Thorneike, as teachers, and is at this date full; during the first quarter, the whole number attending was 27 Boys and 28 girls - average 43, 36 of them were orphans, 28

of whom have neither parent. The children are taught to write, to speak English, and in school where they spend six hours in a day, five days in a week, they learn orthography, the sounds of the letters, and analyzing words by the sound, as a preparation for reading to which much attention is given. Arithmetic, general geography by concert, exercises on the globe and outline maps, and writing, which, with occasional lessons in drawing occupies their time between lessons. Half an hour is devoted to Bible history at the commencement of the morning session, and a portion of Scripture is read after breakfast, and usually also on the children retiring at night, with an effort to have them understand what is read. Mornings and afternoons of First days, a portion of time is devoted to the study of the Holy Scriptures.

Religious meetings are held in the house on First and Fifth days, and endeavors are used by teachers and superintendents to exercise a constant vigilance over their interesting charge, to the end, that they may lead them to Jesus. It is the judgement of the Committee that the Establishment may yet be the means of doing much good for the Shawnees, as an orphan asylum, while it can be carried on under its present regulations. Early last Spring, a treaty was concluded with the Shawnees, by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, in which it was incorporated a section giving Indiana Yearly Meeting, the title to the half section on which the Mission is situated, by paying \$12⁵ per acre. It awaits ratification by Congress.

Statement of Accounts

Received from Sale of personal property	\$1111.00
Expended for repairs on house, cistern, etc	112.37
Leaving in our hands	\$ 998.73

Which is loaned at Interest, and secured by mortgage on real estate.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Wm. H. Coffin.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved, and that meeting was encouraged to prosecute its labors on behalf of the education of our colored population and the other interesting subjects which have claimed its attention during the past year.

The Minutes of last year were read, and the Committee to record them reported attention to their appointment. They were directed to record those of the present year, and report.