

19. The Minutes of the Representative meetings were read and approved. The following report of the Indian Committee specially met for the purpose of the meeting, and our Treasurer was directed to pay one quota of the amount required this year by the Associated Executive meeting (Committee).

The Committee on Indian Concerns have sent a printed copy of the Ninth Annual Report of the Associated Executive Committee. They also submit the following:

Since the second month, the Sioux Agency, the last under our care, has not been under management of our nomination, nor the Wichita under one for whom the Associated Committee is responsible, but all the schools have been under our supervision up to the 1st of 7 months. The pupils are instructed in the truths of the Bible, also in civility and letter and in many cases the results have been very good.

We are now responsible for only four agencies instead of nine. They are in charge of capable and good men, and they are fairly prosperous, yet the breaking up of the Government's office and the loss of United States education by the Department have had a depressing effect on the general progress of the work.

Our Christian, Catholic, and other friends of Santa Fe, of St. Louis, of St. Paul, and of St. Joseph and some others in various parts of the field have been lost. Especially our influence has been extended in the Sioux and Cheyenne agencies.

It is required all about to settle at these missions among the aboriginal Indians, but having access to the Cheyenne Agency, and the Sac & Fox schools.

Our house for home and meeting purposes is to be built at once, and we look to this as a future center of our educational and religious work.

The recent removal of Agent Harkin in charge of Indians in Kansas by the Government allowing a political nominee to be put in his place, shows a serious violation of political influence, which may be paid for the Government to stop, and may lead to the suspension of all the agencies to political nomination. In this case it has been most successful and Christian schools which Agent Harkin had organized

is for that they will be placed under inexperienced teachers. If we can retain the field of the Indians, Sac & Fox, and Cheyenne Agencies from Christian teaching, it will be a very desirable one for such an effort, especially if they are confined under agents who have been brought by us and then are a bigoted and able men, who will save the right for the Christian civilization of these Indians. Judging however, by the recent course of the Government, we do not believe that our position is likely to be continued to us long.

The approval of the resolutions made by the Associated Executive meeting to the President, and the case they have taken not to be hostile, but we do not hesitate, as members of the Committee of Baltimore Society Meeting, to express our conviction that the time has come for agents to withdraw from all political connection with the Indian Department of the Government, and concentrate their efforts upon religious and educational work.

Samuel S. Jones

James C. Troppel

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We append the following statement taken from the last report of the Board of Indian Commissioners, showing the progress of the peace policy in the past ten years

	1867	1877
Land occupied by Indians	7476	22,199
Schools	111	330
Teachers	134	430
Students	4718	11,577
Cultivated Acre	54,207	292,555
Wheat and corn	126,000	688,000
Corn	467,000	4,657,000
Vegetables	236,000	557,000
Hay tons	16,000	148,000
Wine	30,000	121,000
Cattle	42,000	217,000
Horses of various		200
Chickens		28,007

Out of 278,000 Indians, exclusive of those in Alaska, 112,403 are wearing citizen clothes.