

and four Preparatory Meetings; one for Indians one for Senecas and others, one for Ottawas, and one for Senecas. "Steamboat Frank" among the Indians is a minister, and grows in grace and in his gift, while there are others who promise to make useful preachers among their people. Several have died during the past year, who, in life and death gave good evidence of their Christian faith.

Friends of Spring River Quarterly Meeting have been very devoted to the welfare of the Indians, and their course has been one to give us of this generation cause for thankfulness and hope.

We hope soon to build a "mission house" at the "Blue Jacket" Station, for a friend to occupy and labor among the Shawnees, and there is reason to believe that the number of members among these tribes will be considerably increased the coming year. At the Lac & Fox Agency, Franklin Elliott has continued his labors steadily amidst great opposition. At Pleasant Prairie he has a church of 28 members to which four more were added lately, after a series of meetings held by him with the aid of Jonathan Ogden, & from S. Taber. Franklin Elliott is a substantial man and has been very careful about the admission of membership, so that there is reason to believe that the work at Pleasant Prairie is a solidly religious one.

At the Osage Agency, Benjamin & Elizabeth Miles have labored for 3 years as Superintendents and Directors of Boarding Schools, and the fruits of their devoted Christian labors are sure to appear in the future of the pupils. Dr. Anderson and wife of Indiana, have succeeded them, and are likely to do well. The Agent is earnest in getting houses built for his ~~Savage~~ Indians, and all are likely to be housed at no distant day.

Jonathan Ogden and wife have steadily pursued in their work as missionaries here and among the bands especially have seen the fruit of their labors. A number of Kansa Indians were apparently changed in life but were gathered

during Jonathan's absence by a Presbyterian minister into a Presbyterian church. But Jonathan Ogden informs us that he is never weary among them, and thinks Friends have much to learn with their skill.

At the Agent of the Osage is now attacked by parties probably interested in the "Slave" claim for \$250,000, for lawyers fees. Friends should earnestly uphold the Agent and the Indian office, in withstanding this unjust charge.

At the Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency, John D. Miles has charge of about 5000 Indians, and is doing very well. The Indians steadily gain, in freighting their supplies, raising stock and doing a little farming, but the last is almost impossible from the want of rain. The two boarding schools have good Superintendents, and fair teachers, and are doing much good. Erwin D. Taber has gone thither to succeed Elkannah Beart, and promises to be an efficient missionary.

We feel an humble assurance that the Lord calls us as a people to continue in this work, and that he is richly blessing us in it, and that to fail in it would be a sad loss to us, so that we have urgent reason to persevere.

We feel any trouble arising

Wants:—The Associated Executive Committee asks for the usual appropriation, of which the quote of Baltimore Yearly Meeting would be one hundred dollars.

The Indians of the "Quapan" agency have suffered much from drought, and a box of clothing &c, sent to Jeremiah Hubbs, Baxter Springs Kansas

(and a letter to Grant Rice P. O., Indian Territory) would be very useful.

We need \$4.00, to build a mission house at Cheyenne Agency and \$300 for an Interpreter there.

Contributions for these purposes are solicited with much earnestness, by the Committee on Religious Interests, of the Associated Committee.

On behalf of the Committee. Francis S. King

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