

1823

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The committee on Indian concerns report, that since the last Yearly Meeting they have not been called upon for any active services in relation to the duty assigned them.

By advice received from our brethren of this Yearly Meeting, with whom we are associated in this concern, the committee are informed that a recent visit has been made to the settlement of Indians at Waupah-Kannettas, that the family of Friends located there was in good health, and that the school which then consisted of twelve scholars, was found to be in a state of satisfactory organization; that the children appeared to be making considerable progress in learning, and it was expected the number of scholars would soon be increased to sixteen or eighteen children.

The farm was found to be in a tolerable state of cultivation, about eight acres being in corn, and most of remainder in grass. Four acres more were nearly cleared, and it was expected would be sown with wheat this fall.

The deputation had a conference with most of the chiefs, many other Indians being

present, they are appeared to be well satisfied with the manner in which the school had been conducted, and expressed a wish that their children might be taught to work as well as to read and write.

It was proposed by the deputation that several of the Indians, who were best qualified, should visit the school once a month, to confer with the superintendant and teacher respecting the order of the school, and to endeavor to impress on the minds of the children, the necessity of attending to the regulations that might be adopted. The Indians were pleased with the proposal and agreed to appoint four of their number for that purpose.

The Indians had experienced a scarcity of provisions in consequence of the failure of their former crop, their prospects were however now better, they having generally abstained from the use of spirituous liquors, and become more settled in their minds than heretofore; they had also wholly abandoned all intention of removing, and appeared very desirous that Friends should continue the school.

Signed on behalf of the committee

1824

No report made