

The intellectual power¹⁸⁶ is there, & needs cultivation alone for its development & expansion. In this academy mechanical instruction is now combined with the usual course of tuition & is regarded as the most efficient step to the general introduction of Trades among the Indians, their young boys availing themselves of it with avidity & displaying an aptness indicative of eventual proficiency.

The plan agreed upon by the three committees for future operations for the benefit of the Shawnee Indians is as follows "That the active part of the business devolve on the Committee of Indiana with such assistance from the Committee of Ohio yearly Meeting as they may be enabled to give, that there be a suitable friend with a family placed among the Indians as Superintendent & school kept up with accommodations for twenty five scholars, who are to be taught the use of Letters and the domestic arts. That the Children of such friends as reside among the Indians be permitted to attend the school and that allowance be made by the parents of those Children for their schooling; The Superintendent to give such counsel & advice at all times to the Indians as in his opinion may be beneficial to them in their agricultural pursuits & That the care & management of the

school be assigned to them with the appointment of a Man friend a Mechanic to be employed for that & other purposes as the Superintendent may think best; That there be buildings erected suitable for such an establishment on the Indian lands if approved by them & by the Government and as soon as practicable to put a sufficient quantity of Ground under cultivation in order that the Indians may be employed part of their time working on the farm & that a woman friend be employed to assist in the family.

Impressed with the importance of connecting Christian instruction with our efforts for Indian Civilization & in order to promote this interesting object we propose if consistent with the views of Government that as a Blacksmith is to be employed & paid by the Government that a suitable friend with a family be recommended by the Committee to the head of the proper Department of the Government if approved by him, that he be appointed to that station and then there might be a number of friends sufficient to hold a Religious Meeting & that the Indians have an opportunity to attend & sit with them which we apprehend would not only be beneficial to the Indians themselves but a strength to our Members where lot it may be they be separated from the society of their friends with an important charge & responsibility resting upon them