

favorable report of the situation and condition of the Indians, and that they were satisfied with their location. A donation of \$200 had been received from friends in Philadelphia. The Com. of Ohio tells informs that they "understand there is a freedom in the Government to place a part of the fund for Indian civilization at our control. But before the Secretary of War can let us have it, the plan of operation we propose to adopt, must be exhibited to him, and approved by the Government. Such a plan was ¹⁸³⁴ presented, year proposed by the Indiana Com. and the next year ¹⁸³⁵ they report that a deputation had met at Mt Pleasant, O. with the Committee of Baltimore & Ohio and with some amendments the proposed plan had been adopted, laid before the Secretary of War, and by him approved, and then the Indiana Committee had sent a deputation to visit the Indians, and secure their consent, which was readily given. They then made contracts with two Shawnee Indians to erect suitable log houses for the residence of a family of friends and ^{for a school}. One clause in the plan proposed by Indiana & O. Com. was that the work "be carried on by the three year, meetings of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, and that the active part of the business, devolve on the committee of Ohio and Indiana jointly." Whether this was modified, or stood in the approved plan, does not appear from the reports in Indiana Minutes.

In 1834 the Com. reported that friends in England had subscribed nearly \$300 pounds sterling for the Indian work.

Another item of the proposed plan was "that the funds designed for carrying on the concern be lodged with the Treasurer of the Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting." So it is likely we have a pretty full report of the funds contributed and expended on the work in the reports of the Indiana Committee, as given in the minutes of Ind. Y.M.

In 1836 the report of the Com. says they "have been engaged in endeavoring to make arrangements for carrying into effect, the plan of establishing and supporting a school among the Shawnees; but for want of of the necessary funds we have been prevented from making arrangements with a family as Superintendents." They note that no funds had yet been received from England nor "the donation of Dr. Witham"; but "we have received from Baltimore Y.M., through their Com. the sum of \$76; and from our friends of Ohio \$404.10, the present year to aid us in prosecuting the concern." They say "On examining into the state of the funds now at our disposal, together with the donations of Dr. Witham, and from friends in England, we find that after discharging all the demands against the Committee, there will be a balance, when it shall come to hand, of \$4313.80, which sum we deem sufficient to justify our making the necessary arrangements, and employing a family as superintendents, and carrying on the concern for a while." They report the contract for the dwelling house completed, but the school house not yet finished.

In the report in 1837 the Com. say that early in the spring of that year they learned that the donations of Dr John Witham had been received and they immediately purchased "Household and Kitchen Furniture"