

Friends Shawnee School 9th mo 30th 1854
To the Committee on Indian Affairs of
Baltimore Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

The following is a summary of the
size of our school & the amount of labor
performed at the Establishment the past year.
Since the report for 1851, 46 Indian children
between the ages of 6 & 18 years have received
Literary & Religious instruction in our school (viz)
30 females & 16 males. The average number in
attendance being about 30.

Thirteen of these were included in the last
report & of this number 10 have left the school.
Five of those who have left are young women about
settling themselves in life, two others nearly grown
girls whose services are required at home, three
are attending other schools & three are absent without
suitable reasons & are receiving no instruction.

The four young women above mentioned are pretty
well qualified to assume the duties of life.

It will be seen that ten have been received
into school during the past year their ages
vary from 6 to 15 years none of them had any
previous knowledge of the English language.

Of the 24 now in actual attendance but six have
been two years in school & nineteen who had no
previous instruction have been here less than sixteen
months. Of the fifteen admitted last year whom
we still claim as pupils one reads in the 2^d

Reader & 8 reads in the 1st Reader & spell any class
of English words in & out of the book the other six
have been irregular in their attendance but spell
words of from 3 to 5 syllables.

Thirteen of these are learning to write - all speak
some English words & understand most of what is said
to them - None of those admitted this year have
been in attendance more than five months.

Of the 46 instructed the past year eleven read in
the 4th Reader & have studied Arithmetic & Geography
& write a legible hand - 14 read in the Testament -
3 read in the 3^d Reader 6 in the 2^d Reader & 5 in the
1st Reader - 16 are learning the first lessons of
Pennmanship.

The schools on the first day of the week are kept up
as huts for with exercises adapted to the attainments
of the children.

The number of Pupils & the different tribes are
as follows

Number of Shawnees	34
Delawares	3
Stockbridges	2
Muncies	1
Omahas	1
Saginaw	1
Total	46

There has been about 200 garments made 100 pairs of
socks stockings & mittens knit for the children &
several other pieces such as blankets window curtains
&c. made for house use the past year. Sixty lbs of wool
spun 30 yds of Linsey & 34 yds for blankets over.
About 700 lbs of butter a small quantity of cheese,
12 barrels of soap & 260 lbs of candles have been
made the past year. The Teacher & boys have cut
about 100 cords of wood for the use of the family -
tended the garden & done some other work on the
farm. For the encouragement of the boys I make
them some presents when they are taken out of
school to work on the farm.