

including the making of clothing. The Superintendent states that "The children have made good progress in their studies, have increased in religious knowledge, and deepened in religious experience." Many of the children, large and small, are at times heard in prayer. In letters to their own people they tell them of their need of the help of Christ, and entreat them to seek the forgiveness of sins and to lead lives of dedication and prayer. The Committee have felt that it was very desirable that this school should have the benefit of all the property belonging to the Institute, as it makes good use of funds, and requires more means to become as efficient as it ought to be.

Both of these Institutions have suffered severely from the action of the Government in cutting down the yearly allowance for each pupil from \$167 to \$150. This will make it impossible to furnish the instruction in trades which the pupils ought to have, and checks improvements in methods of education. Both of these Institutes should have aid to adapt their buildings more adequately to their necessary uses, and to perfect the work in which their officers are engaged. They deserve hearty support, as very effective missionary agencies.

MEETINGS.

Four Friends with their wives have been directly engaged in missionary labors among the Indians; besides these James Osborn and wife have done valuable religious work at Bird Creek station while teaching among the Osages, and John Clinton and wife have been serviceable among the Mexican Kickapoo.

There are two Monthly Meetings for Indians—Grand River Monthly Meeting, in the Quapaw Agency, and Shawneetown Monthly Meeting in the Sac and Fox Agency. There are twelve places where Meetings for Worship are

held. The Indian membership at the latest report numbered 168, and there have been several additions since. The visit of Frank Modoc to his people and to the Klamaths in Oregon, referred to in our last report, was attended with much blessing, so that six of them sent applications to be received as members of Grand River Monthly Meeting.

Mahlon Stubbs and Jesse Hobson have since visited these bands of Indians and found among them evidences of substantial Christian character. In common with all branches of the church militant; this Monthly Meeting has suffered trials from within and without, but is gaining in faith, in numbers, and grace.

Shawneetown Monthly Meeting has completed the Meeting House referred to last year, and this has strengthened the cause there. After several years of effective and devoted labor at Shawneetown, Franklin Elliot and his wife find it necessary to seek a home more favorable for the education of their children, and it is expected that Dr. Charles W. Kirk and his wife will take their places.

The incorporation of the membership within the limits of the Sac and Fox Agency with the organization of the Society as part of Spring River Quarterly Meeting, Kansas, has been helpful. Friends of that Monthly Meeting deserve the encouragement of their brethren everywhere, for their sympathy with and labor for their Indian members.

Thomas H. Stanley, Dr. Charles W. Kirk, and Lawrie Tatum, have visited some or all of the Mission Stations in the Indian Territory, and other Friends have made visits to a few of them. We have every encouragement to press forward in this service.

Needs.—The Committee at its meeting in the Fifth Month last, decided to ask the Yearly Meetings to raise \$3500 for their use the current year, and to forward their