

The educational interests of this tribe will soon be still better cared for by the opening of a boarding school. This has been delayed by the absence of the agent and principal chiefs under instructions from the Department to visit Mexico and persuade the Mexican Kickapoos to return to the Indian Territory. These Indians in company with Mexicans have long been engaged in raiding into Texas, and the Government is desirous of preventing this trouble by encouraging them with the offer of a home. But the Mexican authorities and people are exceedingly opposed to their removal, and the Indians themselves are very suspicious of the motives of our Government. Agent Miles and his delegation, after a tedious and toilsome journey, attended with no inconsiderable danger to health and life, succeeded only so far as to arrange for a delegation of the chiefs and head men of the Mexican Kickapoos to visit their brethren in Kansas, the ensuing autumn, and in company with their agent and chiefs, select a reservation in the Indian Territory. If their removal from Mexico be satisfactorily accomplished, there may ultimately be a consolidation of the tribe by the emigration of those in Kansas; the entire tribe would then number about 1000.

The *Shawnees* have mostly removed to the Indian Territory, but their unclosed business is still in the hands of agent Reuben L. Roberts. That of the *Miamis* has also been transferred to him; James Stanley's agency having been discontinued, on account of the removal of most of the Indians belonging to it to their new homes in the *Quapaw* special agency.

The *Pottawatomies*, under agent Joel H. Morris, number only 350, a considerable part of the tribe having become citizens, and received their allotments of land and their respective portions of tribal funds. "The *Prairie Band*" now constitutes the tribe proper, and is located upon a reservation 11 miles square, in Jackson County, Kansas.

Nearly one-half are blanket Indians, and nothing has yet been done for their educational or religious benefit. The residence of the agent is too far from the Indians for him to exercise much beneficial influence over them. Estimates for agency and school buildings, to be erected on the reservation, have been forwarded to the department and returned without approval, on the ground that the *Pottawatomies* will probably soon remove to the Indian Territory. Sanction is, however, given to the erection of cheap, temporary school-houses; but this will be useless without dwellings at which the teachers can board. The agent should by all means live upon the reservation. We shall continue our efforts for the inauguration of schools amongst this much-neglected people.

The *Kansas* or *Kaw* tribe, under agent Mahlon Stubbs, numbers 607, and owns a tract of over 30,000 acres of very valuable land in the valley of the *Neosho*, southward from Council Grove, Kansas. The remainder of their possessions has recently been sold under treaty provision. The whole number of children who have attended the *Kaw* mission school the present year is 35, with a very creditable average, under the circumstances, of 20.

Agent Stubbs has been holding religious meetings with these Indians on First-day afternoons and endeavoring to instruct them in the truths of divine revelation. They are mostly blanket Indians and full of superstitious notions, but when collected they manifest a willingness to hear the gospel. We trust that the exertions of the agent, and his fellow-workers in this direction, will not be fruitless of good. These Indians sent a delegation with their agent, last autumn, into the Indian Territory to select a reservation, but as Congress took no action last winter to authorize the sale of their lands, on the *Neosho*, they are much discouraged. We still think their interest might be promoted by removal, provided the Indian Territory be kept free from white settlers.

The business affairs of the agency devolve upon the superintendent. A building has been erected for a boarding school, and Caleb and Elizabeth Maris are expected to take charge of it very shortly as superintendent and matron, and Hettie Butler as teacher.

The *Kansas*, or *Kaw* tribe, under agent Mahlon Stubbs, number 593, and will probably in a few months remove to the Indian Territory. In accordance with a recent Act of Congress the Secretary of the Interior is now making arrangements for the sale of their reservation near Council Grove, Kansas. Provision has been made for them to occupy a portion of the lands recently assigned to the *Osages* between the 96th meridian and the *Arkansas* River. Since our last report there has been some improvement in the *Kaw* tribe in the direction of self-support, as indicated by a greater area of cultivated land, and an increased demand for seeds and agricultural implements. Their fields vary from half an acre to twenty-five acres, and their crops are uncommonly good. The agent and his co-workers continue to hold open-air religious meetings with these Indians, as they have no building adapted to the purpose. Good effects are apparent from these efforts to do them good. Their docility is increased, as well as their desire for the education of their children. The boarding school has been in continuous operation. The average attendance for the last quarter was 37. The whole enrolment is 44, of whom 33 are boys. The conduct of the children is very good, and they are fond of the school, so that instead of running away as was formerly their habit, there have been instances in which some who have been removed by their parents have abandoned their homes and returned to the school. Uriah and Mary Spray are superintendent and matron, and Jennie Staunton is the teacher. Meetings for worship on first and fourth days,

and a First-day school are held at the institution. The daily religious instruction of the children receives especial care. A portion of Scripture is read and explained to them every evening, after which a season of devotion is observed, in which the voice of prayer and praise is often heard. The minds of the children are stored with hymns which they love to sing. The agent writes, "We rejoice in believing that there are many praying children in the school."

Of the five reading classes, three are in 1st reader, one in 2d, and one in 3d. One of the arithmetic classes is nearly through common fractions. The boys receive practical instruction in farm labor, and the girls in the duties of housekeeping.

The *Great* and *Little Osages*, under agent Isaac T. Gibson, number 3956, and are now definitely located between the southern boundary of the State of Kansas and the *Creek* country, and immediately west of the 96th meridian, extending to the *Arkansas* River. In this reservation the *Kaws* are also to be located. The work of civilization has been suspended among the *Osages* for a year, on account of the uncertainty in reference to the boundaries of their territory; and the buildings for agency and school purposes that had already been erected, are now valueless for these ends, because the recent survey determines that they are situated upon *Cherokee* lands. The intrusion of white settlers upon the *Osage* reservation has also been a source of much annoyance and irritation to the Indians. Under orders from the President these settlers were removed in Fourth month last by the military.

The *Quapaw* Special Agency under agent Hiram W. Jones includes 1069 Indians, distributed amongst the following tribes: *Senecas*, *Wyandottes*, *Eastern Shaw-*