

on. The chiefs of this band did not know that our white brethren even thought of us. We are very glad that our friends have been sent to this reservation.

"Our schools are of the lowest class, and when our children go to them they cannot learn much. We do not ask assistance to school all our children. Other tribes have assistance, but we have none. For this reason we are glad that our Friends from Philadelphia have come to see us—we believe you desire our welfare. From the remarks we have made you will see we are poor. We desire your help: We will do as other Indians do, and ask our white friends to help us educate our children properly. We shall be very glad and thankful if they will assist us to educate a few of our children, so that they can get a really good education. Our own schools as far as they go will prepare them for going into higher schools.

"Our chiefs are trying to get a law passed by the Legislature of New York, to establish a Boarding School on our reservation, so that our children may get a better education. If the Legislature grants it, the chiefs will appropriate some money out of the national fund to help support it. We state these things because we desire you to help us to carry the bill through. We have sent one petition to the Legislature, and we intend to send another; and we want your help, for which we shall be very thankful.

"I will make a few remarks on another subject. You say you want us to be good people. You desire us to look to eternity, and be good. On this reservation there is a denomination of Christians who want to go to Heaven, and there are a few here who do not look to such things, and they are strong heads. We understand that it will be our best policy to become a good people. I think our grand children will become Christians, and the old thing will be done away with. This is all I have to say."

The above abstract of this interesting speech conveys a good description of the present condition of this band of Indians. The attention given by the audience to the addresses of the deputation evinced a lively interest in the different subjects spoken of, and the council closed with kind and cordial feelings.

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