

of wood their houses in winter are very comfortable. Their barns are also constructed of logs. They have a saw-mill and intend soon if not compelled to remove to build a grist-mill. The unsettled state which they have been in since they came to this country has prevented them from building framed houses or barns or a convenient place for public worship, & now they are under the necessity of meeting in a log-school-house. There is a small two story, framed house & barn attached to this Station in which the Mission family reside; these buildings are pleasantly situated on the banks of the Fox r[iver].

Most of the families have some stock either oxen or cows, some both, besides poultry & hogs. As a nation this tr[ibe] is very poor, in consequence of removal, the dissipated habits of many belonging to it, the difficulties in wh. they have been involved since they came and for the want of sufficient encouragement; so that as yet they have not raised enough in the nation for the supply of their wants, altho. there are no families but what raise something every year.

The climate is healthy, altho' there has been much sickness for a year past, and more deaths than in any year since their removal. The winters cold, the summers warm, not excessively hot & vegetation rapid. The soil clayey, and of a reddish cast, not remarkable for fertility, tho' sufficiently so to produce, with suitable cultivation, all of the necessaries of life.

It is now one year since my arrival amongst these Indians. I was on the first Sabbath struck with the stillness which prevailed in the Settlement as I proceeded to the place of worship and nothing which I witnessed was calculated to disturb the repose of the sacred day. I could at first hardly persuade myself that I was on Missionary ground when on my way to this place I had passed thro' many a white settlement where if their secular business was suspended (which was very often not the case) it seemed to be rather a holi-day than the holy Sab[bath]. I have since found that the Sab. here is generally observed, all kinds of labour are suspended, & many of them observe