

past they have been involved in difficulties respecting their lands; a detail of which I shall not here attempt. Suffice it to say that these troubles have in a great measure paralyzed their efforts to improve their farms & erect framed buildings—have been very depressing to their spirits, consequently their progress in habits of civilisation has been much retarded. They sent a Delegation last winter to Washington in order to lay the subject before Congress, but I believe nothing was accomplished. Should they be compelled to remove again I fear it would entirely ruin the tribe; for it is reduced exceedingly low & has been very much scattered in consequence of its removal from the state of N. York.

About one hundred of the Oneida tribe which left the state of N. York last Summer have joined the Stockbridge Indians, settled down upon the Fox r. 2 or 3 miles above them, built convenient houses and some of them have begun to clear up farms in a business-like manner.

A few individuals amongst them appear to give evidence of piety; They hold meetings amongst themselves on the Sabbath & week days and half of the day on the Sabbath the school Teacher or myself meet with them and give them religious instruction and after meeting have a S. School for the children when from 20 to 25 attend.

Besides the Indians already mentioned who have emigrated from the State of N. York; there are about 300 of the Oneida tribe settled about 20 miles distant on what is called Duck Creek. They are of the Episcopal order and at present have no Missionary or religious Teacher, their Miss^{ry} the Rev Eleazer Williams¹ has been absent during the winter upon public business at the Seat of Government. There is a church amongst them; but for a year past they have had no schools (except about one month) nor S. Schools. Scarcely any either old or young can read

¹ The so-called "French dauphin." Williams's career has been fully outlined in numerous volumes of *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, and *Procs.*, q. v. See also, Wight's "Eleazer Williams," *Parkman Club Papers* (Milwaukee, 1896), i, pp. 133-203.—Ed.