

fellow men will be crowned with success in good time in giving the creek people such institutions and laws as will be perfectly adopted to their civil social and moral wants.

An encouraging feature in our onward progress is the firm hold education has taken upon the minds of all classes of our people. Your Hon. body as heretofore will give this subject that careful and liberal legislation it imperitively demands and devise such means as shall make the available resources of the Nation for educational purposes productive of the greatest good.

While we are greatfull to the dispenser of all good for the bountifull harvest of this year yet our people have not recovered from the destitution occasioned by the unfafovable spring the drouth and the grasshoppers, of the previous year of 1874.

That failure compelled the poor to sell their stock to procure subsistance and a great portion of our people have now no resources except the fruits of the soil as produced from year to year by their imperfect agriculture and as favored by Providence by good seasons, The fall and winter of 1874 and the spring of 1875 witnessed great destitution among the Creeks and a cry for help came up in the spring from all parts of the Nation.

Various measures for releif were suggested but generally