

Scott County - Kentucky

Choctaw Academy

The undersigned Trustees of said Institution attended the examination of the students on the 17th July and were highly gratified at the rapid progress that is making for improvement and civilization by the children of the forest. The ill health of the Professor, the Rev. Mr. Henderson prevented a full examination upon all the branches of learning in which they are engaged; but they afforded entire satisfaction in performing with great facility in spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic & grammar.

On the following day the students exhibited on the stage to a highly respectable & crowded audience. Great emulation was displayed by the speakers, and they ~~speakers~~ acquitted themselves with great credit. Indeed we might say

that the most sanguine anticipations of the audience & the best friends of the institution, were more than realized. There was a fire, a zeal & ambition manifested that would have done honor to the best regulated Academy in these States. The ~~pasture~~ budding of genius & of intellect broke thro' the cloud in native eloquence & in a manner that reminded one of the ancient days of Greece & Rome. We are persuaded that Creators will go forth from this institution, who will at no distant day be an ornament to this Republic. The public feel great interest in the welfare of these unfortunate race of people & feel disposed to afford them all the aid necessary to their advancement.

The health & appearance of the students was unexceptionable

The accommodations are ample
& comfortable. The number of
lecturers 64 - benches 25 - and
11 Pattawattamies - In all 100 -
The students were treated by the
whites with a ~~downright~~ ^{degree} of
kindness becoming citizens of a
free government - The exhibition
was attended by a highly respect-
-able graduate from West Point
& he expressed high gratification
accompanied by a remark, "that
the Eastern people had no idea
that there was such a valuable
institution in the West - and
if they could be eye witnesses
of the facts, they would substitute
such schools for missionary enterprises.

All which is respectfully
submitted to the Parent Board -
NB. It may not be amiss to remark
that the students are regularly atten-
-ded for religious worship - and

are located in a neighborhood
where they can attend & are en-
couraged to go to preaching every
Sabbath.

John Payne being
present at the examination

J. J. Johnson
Wm. Dyer
A. H. Chambers

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The enclosed communication is
adopted as part of the report

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