

Quarterly report showing the condition of the
Choctaw Academy in Scott County Kentucky
on the 15th of Nov 1833

During the quarter past ^{would} and since the cholera left this quarter, the health of the students has been unusually good not one for the last four months has been so much indisposed as to be entered on the sick list - Their winter clothing shoes socks and hats all of superior quality have been given them - Their boarding lodging & progress in ^{Genl. improvement & to} learning, as have been represented in my former reports, ^{The deep interest} which, almost daily ^{this institution} invited ^{visits} of spectators of every class; both foreigners and citizens, male & female, to witness the novelty of Indian reform: ~~But nothing~~ ~~department~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~arrangement~~ of the institution, has excited more admiration than ~~the recent~~ ~~introduction~~ of workshops ~~connecting~~ ~~practically~~ ~~arts~~ ~~and~~ ~~sciences~~ ~~together~~ in particularly for ^{that} race of the human family who have so long suffered for the want of both. The improvement of some of the youths in acquiring a knowledge of some of the mechan

steel arts has been rapid beyond calculation.

About the 1st of September last I had
the buildings ^{for the workshops} so nearly completed that I
purchased tools, employed suitable workmen
and commenced the operations.

The Wagon Shop is a large comfortable
frame ^{building} 35 by 21 with 7 twelve light
windows, with one large stove & six
work benches; calculated for 8 or 10 hands
if necessary - in this shop wagons carts
and stocking ploughs will be carried on.

The Shoe Shop is also a neat framed
building 21 by 20 with six 12 light windows
lathed and plastered with a large good stove
calculated to employ 10 or 15 hands - in ad-
dition we erected a lumber ^{or store} room 21 by 12 ^{to store away shoes}
and ~~with~~ a convenient cellar under it to keep iron etc
~~in which to store away leather & shoes~~

The Smith Shop is a ^{two} log buildings ^{one} 26 by
20 ~~with an addition 18 feet square~~ calculated
for ^{two} three furnaces and ^{four} six hands. & the
other 18 by 20 with one furnace & two hands.

The tools are all of the best quality &
although the buildings and tools have
cost ^{much} more than was anticipated, yet, I am

confident that for these ^{permanent} improvement of
and civilization of these people friends
were never more profitably expressed.

I at first contemplated more con-
tractes, and ordinary buildings for the work-
shops and ^{upon a moderate scale} tools, that would barely be
sufficient, ^{to carry on the work} but upon the advice of more
experienced and practical men I was
encouraged to put up buildings comfort-
able and large, and procure ^{a full supply of} tools of the
best quality, in order to insure the object
in view, that is to make good mechanics
in the shortest possible time of the youths
that might be put to ^{learn} trade.

I found it a very difficult task
to procure skilful workmen in the dif-
ferent ^{mechanical} branches of steady and labor habits
calculated to free their stations ⁱⁿ with
that dignity that the nature of the case
requires — but finally have succeeded
fully to entire satisfaction.

It requires three shoe & boot makers, three
blacksmiths and two wagon makers to

impact the instruction necessary for each
shop. — I shall do myself the pleasure of
~~making a~~ presenting two ~~of~~ pairs of shoes to the
Dept. as a specimen of the skill & mechanical
genius of two of the ^{students}, one pair for Gov. Cass
and the other for Mr. Sterling made by a ^{native} ~~charter~~

It affords great gratification to hear
it expressed as a universal sentiment, that
our institution exhibits, ^{under the present arrangement} the most flattering
prospects of introducing reformation among
the Indians, than any other plan heretofore
set on foot, uniting mechanical arts & habits
of industry with scientific knowledge.

I have the same ^{as} assistant teachers
mentioned in my last report; Mr. Isaac
Gardner, a classical scholar, Mr. M. Duvall
professor of mathematics and ^{Mr.} A. Buschatta
in the preparatory department. — These
^{assistants} ~~gentlemen~~ as have been stated before are of
high character as teachers and as gen-
tlemen — faithful & diligent in the
discharge of their several duties — both
regard and kind in exercising the discipline
of the institution, ~~both~~ beloved & feared by
the students. — So far as ~~Col. Johnson~~ is

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concerned ~~as to~~ the clothing boarding ~~the~~
 medical attention &c too much cannot
 be said — every want is supplied, every
 affliction with sympathy & tenderness is
 attended to, in a word, every comfort is
 afforded to make the students happy &
 render their situation pleasant & agreeable

In consequence of some students just gone home
~~We have at this time one hundred~~
 our number is now reduced to one hundred
 and thirteen Viz

Choctaws	52
Patawalames	19
Miamees	8
Seminols	6
Panueduchin	15
Quaupaws	4
Creeks	3
Cherokees	6
Total	113

all cheerful, and well contented in good
 health and fine spirits, performing their
 several tasks in each department with
 much delight