

METHODIST COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWESTERN
KANSAS.

JUNE 12, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURNER, of Kansas, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8740.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8740) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell to the Methodist College Association of Southwestern Kansas certain lands in Kansas, report as follows :

The land described embraces about 140 acres, and is that part of the Fort Dodge Military Reservation upon which the fort buildings are situated. The fort has been abandoned by the Government as a military post, and that part of the reservation not embraced in this bill has been disposed of to actual settlers at \$1.25 per acre, in accordance with a ruling of the Secretary of the Interior, under existing law, relating to the Osage Indian trust lands. The land described in the bill has been reserved from sale for the reason that the fort buildings were situated thereon.

The bill provides that this land shall be sold to this association at \$1.25 per acre.

Your committee would recommend that after the word "west," in line 11, the following be added :

And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to cause the improvements on said land to be appraised and sold under such directions as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That said Methodist College Association shall, within five years after the passage of this act, begin in good faith the erection of buildings upon said land for the purposes herein set forth.

And, with the adoption of this amendment, recommend that this bill pass.