According to *The Palimpest*, a 1974 publication of the State Historical Society of Iowa, the 1896 Iowa General Assembly passed a bill to return responsibility for the Meskwaki tribe over to the United States Department of the Interior instead of overseeing the tribe themselves. This allowed Horace Rebok, US Indian Agent assigned to the territory, to form a group and secure the $35,000 needed to build “The Toledo Indian Training (Industrial) School.” The school’s mission was to educate students in the ways of the White. The building was built, but at the prodding of tribal leaders, few students attended. The building never really existed as a school and was later turned into a sanitarium.
Students and staff at the Toledo Indian Industrial School