

duty, to assist in obtaining relief for the Indians, and securing the best terms that under existing circumstances, could be gained for them: and it is greatly owing to his effective aid and co-operation, that a home is still preserved to these injured and oppressed people, and their helpless Women and Children saved from the horrors and sufferings that have attended the forcible expulsion of many of the other tribes.

It was not until after the deed and treaty had been executed by which the Senecas had alienated all their lands, that the attention of this Meeting was drawn to them: upon this situation being made known to the Yearly Meeting, the Committee were directed to unite with our friends of the other Yearly Meetings in endeavouring to afford such assistance to them as we might be able to render; the Committee accordingly have done so, and by the labours of the general Committee of the four Yearly Meetings, who have with great unity and harmony cooperated in the measures that were pursued, the results here stated, have been obtained — the expulsion of these Indians has been prevented, and they are secured in a home upon the lands descended to them from their forefathers, where they will perhaps be located under more favourable circumstances than they have heretofore been, for the education of their Children and for receiving benefit from the care and labours which their friends may extend, for the purpose of promoting their moral and social improvement. The position in which the Society of Friends now stand in relation to these Indians is a very responsible one. The Government in condescension to our wishes, has so far as relates to this nation waived its settled policy of removing as fast as it could be done the whole of the Red Men to the far west; on the other hand these Indians have long regarded us as the only friends in whom they may safely confide, and they are anxious to have our advice and appear to be

very generally disposed to follow it. At their Council in the 14th Month last, after they had agreed to accept the terms of compromise that had been obtained for them, the proceedings were closed with an expression of fervent gratitude to the Great Spirit, for his continued goodness in keeping the chain of friendship bright between their old friends the Quakers and the Seneca Nation, and an earnest desire that this friendship might never be dissolved until the Seneca Nation should cease to exist.

When we consider the long continued labours of the Society in behalf of these people, the Committee are aware that as much has not been accomplished as could have been desired in regard to them, and that many disappointments have attended the efforts ~~have~~ of Friends for their improvement; yet there has been much that should encourage us to persevere in our exertions for their benefit. Their condition when they were first taken under the care of the Society of Friends, was truly a deplorable one; — we found them destitute, ignorant and friendless, cut off from the means of subsistence upon which they had habitually had relied for support, and pressed on all sides by difficulties and dangers that seemed to threaten their early extermination: by the exertion of the Society of Friends a vast melioration of the condition of those under our care has been effected, and much severe suffering has, on various occasions, been averted from them; and even those tribes that were compelled to remove to the west, after having been under the care of Friends, have carried with them a knowledge of agriculture and some of the necessary mechanic arts, as well as intellectual cultivation and improvement that will no doubt, be of important and permanent benefit to them.

The improvement among the Senecas has been as great, if not greater than in any of the other Northern Tribes. Of the Chiefs who attended the