

for some years past.

In the early part of the 4th. month last, a communication was received from the Seneca chiefs, representing that a number of their friends, who had the summer before, been seduced from their homes and prevailed on to remove west of the river Mississippi, were in a condition of the greatest misery and distress - that more than half of these emigrants were already dead, and that the others were in a perishing condition. At the same time they forwarded to the ^{care of the} Committee, an application to the government of the United States for assistance to enable them to remove these deluded people back to their friends and relations in the State of New York.

Agreeably to their request, their application was forwarded to the Secretary of War, but although he appeared well disposed to have granted the aid desired, he was unable to do so, from there being no funds at the disposal of the Department, applicable to the removal of Indians from the West, into the white settlements of any of the States.

Under these circumstances several benevolent individuals in New York, Philadelphia, and elsewhere, were induced to raise, by voluntary subscriptions, a considerable amount of money, to assist in restoring the survivors of these suffering people back to their friends and former homes, and the committee advanced \$500., as the balance deemed necessary to effect the object.

Upon the agents that were sent to bring them back, arriving at the place of their residence, it appeared that, of the 219 reported to have been removed, only 94 could be found

alive - the rest having perished. The survivors were in a state of the most squalid wretchedness, and two of them died on their way home.

This disastrous issue, it is believed, has extinguished all intention, on the part of the Senecas, ever to remove from their present reservations.

The time for which the agent was engaged to take charge of the farm and school under the care of Friends, at Cattaraugus, expired on the first of the tenth month, 1847. It therefore became necessary that a committee should visit the Reservation, ascertain the wishes of the Indians in regard to the school, and endeavor to make the necessary arrangements, should it be then desired that the establishment should be continued.

It will be recollected, it was the opinion of the General Committee, that in the improved condition of the Senecas heretofore under the care of Friends, but little further aid would hereafter be necessary, except as regarded the instruction of their young women in the employment connected with the proper management of their domestic affairs - Some care in respect to this, seemed the more necessary, as upon our consideration recommendation, they had very generally withdrawn their females from out door labor. To this single object, therefore, the attention of Friends has for some time ^{been} past, directed.

The committee who lately visited them held a council with the chiefs on the 15th. of this month, when, with the exception of a very few individuals, it appeared that at no time heretofore, have these people been more anxious to maintain their connexion with Friends, nor more sensible of the benefits they have received from us. Of the whole number of the chiefs that attended,