

people, and the loud thundering voices of the big iron gun of the pale faces, caused the ground to tremble beneath his feet, and his council house to shake to its very foundations, - when oppression crushed the Iroquois, and cruelty made his heart bleed, when murder and robbery committed upon the red man, brought bounty to the spoiler, committing the foul deed, - when the pale faces like hungry hounds chased the red man from his hunting grounds.

It was then the red man's sun was darkened, and the Great Spirit had drawn his sable garment before its shining face, and left his red children to roam in gloom & uncertainty. In looking around, the Iroquois saw none to assist him in his struggles for his liberty - his country, and his firesides, - he found no sympathy from the pale faced Christian, save from the Society of Friends, who with the true principle of the Spirit of Christianity implanted in their breasts, guided by the dictation of the Good Spirit, and following the council and mandates of Him who never errs, came to our relief: not with powder, bullets or arms, but with sympathy in their bosoms, pity in their hearts, and friendship in their hands.

Our friendless forefathers now felt inspired with the hope that the Great Spirit had not abandoned us altogether, and having learned that the Friends sought to promote the welfare and best interests of our people, readily entered into an alliance of peace and friendship with them; and our tradition informs us, that since the time this alliance

was established between the Society of Friends and our people, nothing has occurred to mar our mutual good understanding, or tarnish the chain of friendship that bound us together.

The Society of Friends were early impressed with the conviction, that in order to prepare our people to resist the assaults of our civilized white neighbors, they must be taught and made to understand the habits of civilized life. These Friends therefore, at an early day, introduced agricultural & the arts and sciences among us, and provided competent persons to instruct us in them, while by their council, advice & example, they enlightened, encouraged & assisted us in our progress towards civilization. (At this stage of our review, it may be proper to state, that subsequently, other religious societies took a deep interest in the welfare of our people, and have sent missionaries amongst us, the latter directing their efforts to our improvement in letters, and more particularly to our spiritual welfare.)

Brothers, - As time rolled on, and generation followed generation, we have been slowly yet steadily advancing in the habits of civilization. Our warriors gradually left the chase and followed the plough, - our aged men and women put off the garments made of their own manufacture and attired themselves in muslin, broadcloth and the variegated calico - the manufacture of our industrious and prosperous white neighbors. As the great improvement made by our people went forward, the war hatchet was buried, the tree of peace was planted, - the silver chain of friendship