

our families, and the foundation laid for our more rapid improvements in the habits of civilized life, while the advice and counsel received from the men and women friends in relation to our social and domestic affairs as well as in regard to withdrawing of our females from field labor, and occupying themselves in the more appropriate duties of their household affairs, has not been without its beneficial influence in raising our standard in the scale of civilization, from which our people can never retrograde. The plume, the wampum, the paint, the Eagle's claws and all the other peculiarities of savage costume, - once laid aside from the Indian toilet, ~~and~~ being the effect of civilization, ~~and~~ can never be reinstated.

Brothers, - Many of the aged amongst you, must recollect our condition at the time you first commenced your labors amongst us, and by comparing our then condition, with our present improved state, it must be evident to you that your labors have not been in vain.

From the precarious mode of subsisting by the chase, we have become agriculturists, - our wigwams have been exchanged for fine frame and substantial log houses, - and by the diffusion of knowledge & education among our people, we have become intelligent and enlightened, so that we can clearly see our rights and understand them. Our improvements has not been limited to social relations only, but an important change has taken place in our political affairs. Instead of the aristocratic and irresponsible government by Chiefs, we have now a constitutional government, based upon republican and democratic principles.

Brothers, - It is with shame and sorrow that we acknowledge,

there are some persons among our people, who are disposed to censure the Society of Friends, because they refused to interfere in the late political controversy among our people. We wish you to understand that the leaders of the party, who are accusing you are the very men who, a few years since, sold every inch of land that belonged to our nation. They have not the confidence of the nation, and are, therefore, without influence among the masses generally. They are the enemies of our nation. We utterly denounce and condemn their actions and proceedings toward Friends.

Brothers, - We have now briefly enumerated a few of the acts of kindness, and some of the important services you have rendered our people, and it is with much pain and sorrow, we learn you are about to close your labors among us. We have, as associates, passed through many dangers, and severe trials and hardships. - In all these you have ever stood by us and been our support, have counselled us in our troubles, - consoled us in our misfortunes, - strengthened us when feeble, and often relieved our necessities: - all - all of these kind offices have endeared you to us. - To part, are words too severe <sup>(for)</sup> your sake.

Brothers, - Your labors among us are now about to be discontinued, but you have assured us that you are still our friends, and willing to assist us whenever it shall become necessary, - that you will continue to feel an ardent desire for our future welfare, and extend your fostering care over our people, - finally, that you have not abandoned us to become a prey to our heartless enemies, the land speculators.

Brothers, - We hope that you may teach your children to love and pity the red man, so that when the Master of Life and Light shall call you hence, your red brothers may still have friends