

1804

The committee reported, that upon a pressing solicitation being received from the Chiefs of the Miami Confederacy of Indians, that some Friends would visit them in their country, and instruct them how to use the tools which had been forwarded to them, a deputation had been sent out for that purpose, and one Friend had remained amongst the Indians to instruct and aid them in their agricultural concerns, and that many of them had manifested a considerable disposition to become industrious, and had, in the interim of receiving instruction, removed and settled near the establishment formed by the committee on the Wabash. The Friends who had been deputed to visit them, as well as the one who remained amongst them, were uniformly treated with the most respectful attention and kindness.

1805

The committee reported, that the Friend who had been stationed amongst the Miami Indians last year had returned, having raised a good crop and secured it safely before he came away. The Indians

who were settled near him, were industrious and generally disposed to attend to his directions, and that some of the women had also been learned to spin and knit, and that there was a prospect of the village being considerably increased by many families from the neighbouring towns removing to settle at it, that the Indians had acquired a considerable stock of hogs, and some cattle, and that there was encouragement for Friends to persevere in this interesting concern.

1806

The committee reported that they had employed two young men to aid and instruct the Indians at the establishment formed by Friends on the Wabash River, and that with their assistance these Indians had raised a good crop of corn, and had also conducted themselves well. The village had been increased by many families of the Eel River and Miamis removing to it, and there was a prospect of still farther removals from several of the neighbouring towns. These Indians it appears have now many hundred head of hogs, and about twenty cows and are more comfortably fixed than any others in that country, and the