

settlement generally is going on under prosperous circumstances, the Indians having cleared during the last year a considerable quantity of land, and manifested an increasing disposition to turn their attention to agriculture. The committee had also received very urgent solicitations from some of the surrounding towns, to extend assistance to them.

1807

The committee reported, that the settlement continued to progress under favourable circumstances, two young men had been employed the last year to assist the Indians there, and the committee had furnished several more ploughs, and other implements of husbandry to them, and given them considerable assistance in rendering their homes more comfortable.

The committee also reported, that a considerable addition had been made to their funds, by a donation from our brethren of Great Britain, transmitted through the *Meeting for Sufferings of Philadelphia*.

1808

The committee reported, that they had

continued their attention and assistance at the settlement on the Wabash, and had also, by a deputation of a part of their number, visited the Indians there. This deputation reported that these Indians were making considerable progress in the cultivation of their lands, and generally manifested a grateful disposition for the aid and instruction which they had received. Some of them had learned to plough, and were much pleased with the introduction of this new mode of cultivation amongst them, and the settlement was going on prosperously.

1809.

The committee reported, that from the information which they had received through the young men who were stationed at the settlement on the Wabash, many of the Indians there continued industrious, and worked steadily, but that the corrupting and debasing influence of spirituous liquors upon them, (which articles had latterly been in large quantities again introduced amongst them) was found to be a great obstacle to their general improvement, and if it was not more effectually restricted from being brought into their country, it would lay waste all the efforts which Friends might be enabled to make for the improvement of this