

and unsettle the minds of these people, in order to effect their removal, and having reason to believe that the government of the United States has become favourable to a plan, which had been arranged for the general concentration of them at one place, beyond the Mississippi, apprehend there is but little prospect of any considerable number of them remaining much longer at their present habitations. They, however, hope that the long, disinterested and arduous labour of Friends, for the improvement of their moral and social condition, will not be lost; many of them have been instructed in agriculture, and some of the more useful arts of civil life, and a few of them have been taught to read and write; - we may therefore hope that our labours have not been unavailing, and that even should they finally be removed, they will carry with them, the knowledge they have acquired, and as this becomes diffused amongst their people, they may long continue to reap advantage from the efforts that have been made for their benefit.

Signed on behalf of the committee
11th month 1st 1825.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.
The committee on Indian concerns report, that no opportunity has offered for any direct communication between them and the Indians since last year; the committee have however received information from friends of Ohio, with whom they are associated in this concern, that although some of the chiefs at Waukegan & Kankakee appear to be opposed to leaving that place, yet a considerable number of the Indians were preparing to emigrate to the country contemplated for their future residence, beyond the Mississippi, and there appears but little prospect that many of them will remain much longer there. Our brethren of Ohio further state, that even should they all remove, it was confidently hoped that the labour bestowed by friends would not be lost; the comforts and habits of civilized life, which had been gradually spreading amongst them, would, it was believed, follow them to their new habitation, as the benefits of these habits are beginning to be appreciated by many of them. In the mean time it is expected that a treaty will soon be held with them for the cession of their lands to the Government of the United States, and until the result of this treaty shall be known, our