

of ten thousand dollars is not yet all distributed. The Secretary will place a portion of it in the hands and at the disposal of the Society of Friends. He cannot at present say how much. He wishes the agents of the society to address him a letter, stating their views and plans, and how they propose applying the money, and the places where &c. and immediate attention will be paid to it.

In conformity to the suggestion contained in the foregoing extract, we may remark, in the first place, that till within a few years past, we have had a fund for Indian civilization. This fund, from causes not necessary at present to explain, is now in a situation not at our command, nor receiving any applications to the object for which it was provided. Our operations are now carried on by annual contributions from our members.

When we take into consideration, the present circumstances and future prospects of the Shawanese Indians, towards whom our attention has been incessantly directed, we are persuaded that increased exertions are demanded for their improvement in the scale of intelligent beings. It is desirable that their civilization, which has been successfully begun, may be advanced as far as possible, while

they remain on their present reservation. And every feeling of philanthropy would dictate that, should they be removed to some remote region to the West, they may not only carry with them the knowledge and habits of civilized life which they have acquired, but receive such assistance as may enable and encourage them in the pursuit of the same interesting and important objects in their new habitation, - and not again be plunged into all the miseries of savage life.

In regard to the labours which we have bestowed on the tribe of Indians, and the plan which we now have in operation for their improvement, it may be satisfactory to the Secretary to know that for a number of years previous to 1821, we had supported an agent with his family at Waupshannetta, to instruct and assist the Indians on this reservation, at Lewis Town and Hog Creek, in farming, building, and other things connected with civilized life. At Waupshannetta, we had, at our own expense, built them a grist mill, and a saw mill (now there). We had kept these in repair. We had furnished the Indians with ploughs and other necessary implements, - instructed them in the use of them, - and assisted them in various kinds of labour. We had furnished spinning wheels &c.