

In the Committee report for 1842 we find the following: 'Their Condition when first under the Care of the Society of Friends was truly a deplorable one. We found them destitute, ignorant and friendless - cut off from the means of ~~self~~ subsistence upon which they had habitually relied for support, and pressed on all sides by difficulties and dangers that seemed to threaten their early extermination.

By the exertion of the Society of Friends a vast amelioration of those under our care has resulted, and much severe suffering has on many occasions been averted; and even those tribes that were compelled to remove to the West after having been under the care of Friends, have carried with them a knowledge of Agriculture and some of the necessary Mechanic Arts, as well as intellectual cultivation and improvement, that no doubt will be of permanent benefit to them. The improvement among the Senecas has been as great, if not greater than of any other of the Northern tribes. Of the more than 70 chiefs who attended the late Council at Buffalo, most of them professed the Christian religion.

380 of their Children were attending school.

One of these schools at Cattaraugus was under the special care of Friends with about 28 scholars. In the same report they note there had been much less improvement among the women than the men, because less attention had been paid to them, and women Friends were encouraged to enlist themselves on their behalf.

In Committee report for 1845, referring to the advice of Friends for improving the Condition of the Indian women Fifty of their Chiefs in an address to Friends, state that they had been thus advised by the Friends, about their women, that they should no longer be compelled or allowed to work in the fields and woods, but should find employment about their houses in less laborious ~~work~~ efforts. They assented to the ~~correctness~~ wisdom of this advice and promised to comply so far as they could, if the women would consent; but they said their habits were fixed and it would not be easy to make the change.

~~In the report for 1845 and 1850 the Committee note~~