

Nor did the Governor and his friends confine their efforts to improving the temporal condition of the Indians. In his petition to King Charles for the grant of the Province, William Penn states that "he had in view the glory of God by the civilization of the poor Indians, and the conversion of these Gentiles, by just and lenient measures, to Christ's kingdom." For this end he and many of his brethren labored among them in the ministry of the gospel, as they felt the Holy Spirit to lead them into the service.

George Fox writing to Friends in Pennsylvania and West Jersey, says,

"Let them, [the natives] know the principles of Truth, so that they may know the way of salvation, and the nature of true Christianity, and how Christ hath died for them."

Again, "All Friends everywhere who have Indians or Blacks are to preach the gospel to them, and to other servants, if you be true Christians." "And also you must instruct and teach your Indians and Negroes and all others, that Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man, and gave himself a ransom for all men, to be testified in due time, and is the propitiation, not for the sins of Christians only, but for the sins of the whole world."

In other of his Epistles he enjoins this care; and in 1685 it engaged the attention of the Yearly Meeting of Friends of Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and about the same time one of its constituent Quarterly Meetings appointed a number of Friends "to instruct the natives in the principles of Christianity and the practice of a true Christian life."

At different periods after this, the welfare and improvement of various tribes and bands of these people claimed the care of the meetings of Friends: Large sums of money were contributed for their benefit; at