

don their former habits of living, and turn to the cultivation of their lands. Their progress in civilization has, since then, been much more rapid, than the most sanguine could have expected ; and on comparing the condition of these Indian tribes, at the time the last deputation from our committee visited them, with their present situation, we are of opinion, that there is great cause of encouragement for Friends to persevere in the benevolent work they have undertaken ; and strong ground to hope, that our labours will, in the end, be crowned with the desired success.

When we reflect on the gradual, but continued decrease of these people, from the time the Europeans first visited this continent, until the present ; and the many whole tribes, of which not any trace now remains, except their *names* ; there is every reason to believe, that should the Indians continue to pursue their former mode of life, a few centuries more, many other whole nations of them will become entirely extinct.

Impressed with this melancholy consideration, it must be a prospect truly gladdening to the enlightened Christian mind, to survey the hastening of that day, when this part of the human fa-