

ful; and their practice, especially of late years, has approached more nearly to these principles than that of any other Missionaries. Another very remarkable illustration of these principles is to be found in the improvements lately effected among the Indians of the Ohio. Not many years ago, an association was formed among the Quakers of Philadelphia, for the purpose of promoting the civilization of these tribes; and through the patient and assiduous attention of the persons employed by them, a most important revolution has been effected in the ideas of the Indians respecting agriculture. Before this time they were not entirely ignorant of the art; but it was carried on among them in a very feeble manner by the women alone. They were possessed of no better implement than a hoe; and it was thought beneath the dignity of a man to attend to such an occupation. This prejudice has been removed. The cultivation of the ground is now the employment of the men; they manage the plough with dexterity, and have adopted other more elaborate refinements of mechanism. They have erected mills and saw mills; and in place of the rude huts, with which they were formerly content, they are possessed of comfortable houses. Hunting now forms, not their occupation, but their occasional amusement; and the women, no longer condemned to unceasing