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At a meeting of the Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for the improvement and civilization of the Indian Natives, held Eighth month, 22nd, 1866 :

A brief sketch of the efforts of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to improve the condition of the Indians; and also of the present situation of the tribes in the State of New York, having been prepared and submitted to us, it was read, and being approved, it is directed to be printed for general circulation.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the aforesaid Committee ;

THOMAS WISTAR,

*Clerk.*

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NOTE.—The following pages have been drawn up chiefly with a view of conveying to the members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, the interesting information respecting the present condition of the Indians in the State of New York, derived from the Report of a deputation appointed to visit them by the Indian Committee of this Yearly Meeting. It is published in the hope that it may increase the interest of Friends in the welfare of this people, who have strong claims on our sympathy and kindness.

As it will be likely to come under the notice of persons not members of our Society, it seemed necessary to give a short sketch of the rise and progress of the concern in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, for the welfare of this people.

It is proper, however, to state that this concern was by no means limited to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. It pervaded the whole Society in England and America. Friends in England contributed a large amount to aid it; and we believe almost all the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent have Standing Committees engaged in the prosecution of this benevolent work, among different tribes of Indians; and carrying on their labors upon the same pacific and Christian principles.

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At a meeting of the Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for the improvement and civilization of the Indian Nations, held Twelfth month 20th, 1878.

The pamphlet entitled, "A Brief Sketch of the efforts of Friends," &c., published by this Committee in 1866, having been out of print for some years, and some inquiry continuing to be made for it, it is thought it may now be timely to reprint an edition of it.

Taken from the Minutes.

GEO. J. SCATTERGOOD, *Clerk.*