

OF THE INDIANS SITUATED IN, OR BORDERING UPON THE UNITED STATES.

It is stated, in documents presented some time since to the American Congress, that there are thirty different tribes residing west of the Mississippi, and connected by treaty with the United States; their number is estimated at 156,307. Thirty-nine tribes are mentioned with whom the States have made no treaties: the number of these Indians is stated at 156,300. At the time that these estimates were made, it was reckoned that 47,000 Indians remained to be removed from the States to the west; making an aggregate Indian population of about 350,000. In 1834 the number of Indians remaining in the United States, and who had not consented to emigrate was estimated at 30,000.

At a recent period, the number of the Shawnese tribe was estimated at 1,250. About one half of this tribe has at different periods been under the particular care of Friends.

From these data which the Committee has derived from papers furnished by the correspondence of some of the American Yearly Meetings, it appears that the Indians under the care of Friends, viz. the proportion of the Shawnese, under the care of Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana Yearly Meetings, and some of the remnants of the Six Nations under the notice of the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting, constitute a very inconsiderable portion of the United States Indians.

They have, however, for many years formed the subject of correspondence between the Yearly Meeting of Friends in England and of America. At intervals a lively interest has been excited in their behalf, and subscriptions have been raised, in aid of the fund devoted to their service.

The following extracts from the latest communications of the American correspondence in relation to these tribes, may therefore properly commence the chapter relating to the United States Indians.

The following is reprinted from the report of the "Committee for the Civilization of the Indians," published by direction of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia in the 4th Month, 1838.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE committee charged with the gradual civilization and improvement of the Indian Natives

Report,—

That the Friends who went, in the fall of 1836, to reside on the farm at Tunessassah, still continue there, and have received during the past year efficient aid from our friend Robert Scotten, who spent several months at the reservation. Under their superintendence the grist and saw mills have