

In view of the change which has been made, may we not hope that the most trying period in their transition state has now passed, and that hereafter their progress will be accelerated by the effect of the examples among themselves of purity of life which vital Christianity produces, as well as that temporal prosperity which is induced by patient industry, guided by virtue and intelligence.

We think the foregoing pages clearly show that although the Indian is jealous of his rights, and resents any attempt to infringe upon them, or to deceive or defraud him; he is not only susceptible of the influence of kind, gentle and generous treatment, but long retains and transmits to his posterity a lively and grateful sense of disinterested benevolence.

The strict justice, the large philanthropy, and the Christian example which our forefathers endeavored to show forth in their intercourse with the natives procured for them the confidence and control which they used so advantageously for these down-trodden and injured people; and we see from their own speeches that this influence and control is not lost to the Society of Friends.

If we turn to the history of much of the public and more private dealings with the Indians, we shall find them stained by fraud and bloodshed; and as violence and coercion have signally failed to accomplish the desirable ends of civilizing and Christianizing them, as well as in securing peace and harmony, would it not be well for government and its officers to try the effect of just and pacific measures; to substitute for the sword the benign and winning persuasion which flows from the spirit of the Gospel, and teaches us to do to others as we would that they should do to us.