

FRIENDS' MISCELLANY:

BEING A COLLECTION OF

ESSAYS AND FRAGMENTS,

**BIOGRAPHICAL, RELIGIOUS, EPISTOLARY, NARRATIVE,
AND HISTORICAL;**

**DESIGNED FOR THE PROMOTION OF PIETY AND VIRTUE, TO PRESERVE IN
REMEMBRANCE THE CHARACTERS AND VIEWS OF EXEMPLARY
INDIVIDUALS, AND TO RESCUE FROM OBLIVION
THOSE MANUSCRIPTS LEFT BY THEM,
WHICH MAY BE USEFUL TO
SURVIVORS.**



*The memory of the just is blessed.—Solomon.
Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
John, vi. 12.*



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NARRATIVE

*Of a Journey to Sandusky, Ohio, to visit the
Wyandot Indians residing there.*

PREFACE.

We are safe in asserting that the principles of righteousness, co-eval with society and the probationary state of man, will ever continue, unchangeable in their nature. Through the attention and obedience of minds enlightened to see, and hearts prepared to feel, the excellence of the fruits of goodness, justice, mercy, and truth, the principles of righteousness have been called into action, and human society has been benefitted and improved. Social order, friendship, and mutual confidence have increased, and the bands that unite man to his fellow-creatures have been strengthened, approximating to one great and general brotherhood, the state of the whole human family.

To record, for the encouragement of the present, and the advantage of succeeding generations, such instances and examples of the prevalence and increase of the effects of these immutable principles, as have come to their knowledge, is a duty devolving on some, in the performance of which, though no immediate effect should be manifest in others, they feel a secret satisfaction and peace, as the reward of their labours.

These reflections have been excited by the perusal of some of the accounts that have been preserved by individuals, exhibiting the labour, privations, fatigue and sufferings that have been sustained by benevolent persons, in the disinterested pursuit of promoting the comfort and happiness of their fellow-creatures. But while the heart glows with approbation of the persevering efforts of others in works of righteousness, mercy, and peace, let us not forget the obligation, within the sphere of which we are placed, and according to our ability, to "go and *do* likewise."

The Journals of several Friends who, in furtherance of the sympathetic, benevolent views and feelings of the society towards the

men of Indian elocution, it is considered worthy of preservation.

9th month, 1835.

Speech delivered by Tarhie, (*the crane*,) principal chief of the Wyandot nation of Indians, in behalf of the whole of the said nation, the 8th day of September, 1798.

Brethren, Quakers!—You remember that we once met at a certain place, and when we had there met, a great many good things were said, and much friendship was professed between us.

Brethren! You told us at that time, you not only took us by the hand, but that you held us fast by the arm—that you then formed a chain of friendship: You said it was not a chain of iron, but that it was a chain of precious metal—a chain of silver, which would never get rusty, and that this chain would bind us in brotherly affection forever.

Brethren! You told us that this chain of friendship would bind us together so fast, that we should never part:—It is our sincere wish that this chain may never be broken; no, not even by the efforts of the evil spirit himself.

Brethren! These are only a few words that I recollect of a great many that were said at that time; we have no records or place of security for our speeches as you have, nor can we write as you do; our belts of wampum are our only records. But if you examine your old books and papers, you will there find written all that passed between your forefathers and ours.*

*The chief is here believed to refer to the Treaties between William Penn and the Indians.

may never be felt or known by any of them—that our roads and paths may never more be stained with the blood of our young warriors, and that our helpless women and children may live in peace and happiness.

Delivered on a large belt and ten strings of white wampum, in behalf of the Wyandot and Delaware nations.

Signed { TARHIE, (the crane)
 SKA-HON-WAT,
 ADAM BROWN,
 MAI-I-RAI, or Walk on the Water.

Journal of a visit to the Indians.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Baltimore, having, in the year 1798, received the preceding speech and a belt of wampum from the Wyandot confederacy of Indians, with an invitation to visit them at their next grand council, in order, as they expressed it, to brighten the chain of friendship which then united them to us, and consult together upon the means the society of Friends might employ to be serviceable to them—it was concluded that a deputation from the committee on Indian concerns should be sent out for that purpose. Evan Thomas, George Ellicott, Joel Wright and Rees Cadwalader, were appointed for that purpose. This committee were joined by Gerard Brooke, Andrew Ellicott, and Philip E. Thomas, who, with the consent of these friends, accompanied them on the visit.

On third-day the 7th of the 5th mo., 1799, Evan Thomas, Andrew Ellicott, and Philip E. Thomas,