

as there had never been a meeting of the kind in the place, tho' there was a soc^y of over 100 members, & a population of near 3000 souls,¹ I felt disposed to hold one, for the purpose of diffusing the Missionary Spirit, even tho' we got no collection. We found the Spirit of benevolence here, however, & as soon as the cause of Missions & the duty of Christians to support them was spread before their minds, the congregation, tho' small, contributed nobly, for their number & the notice they had received.

Sept. 12th. We passed over the ridge through which the Sandy & Beaver Canal is to pass by a tunnel about 90 feet below the road, near Hanover. In digging the Canal near this town (Hanover) the workman found most of the bones of a mammoth of the largest size ever yet found. The Rev. Alcimus Young measured the teeth, the Jaw & several other bones; and allowing the proportions to be the same as those of the ox or cow, this animal must have been [blank in MS.] feet long.

We passed down the beautiful valley of Sandy cr[ee]k now containing several thriving villages, growing upon the line of the Canal, & reached Judge [blank in MS.] at Sandyville, where we spent the Sabbath, each preaching once to the people.

Sept. 14th Monday: Passing through New Phil^a. we dined at Gnattenhuten. This place is rendered famous in the history of Missions, from its being the site of an old Moravian Indian Mission, & the place where 92 pious Indians were inhumanly murdered, by a marauding party of whites, under the command of Col. Williams, in March 1782.² After

¹ New Lisbon, a village (1830) of 2,278 souls (less than credited to it by the diarist, in 1835), is now the capital of Columbiana county, Ohio. It has 6 churches, a number of small mills and factories, and issues three weekly papers.—Ed.

² Gnadenhütten and Schönbrunn were two villages built for Christian Indians in 1772, by the Moravian missionaries Zeisberger and Heckewelder. They were both on the west bank of the Tuscarawas River, the former in the outskirts of the present white town of that name, in Clay township, and the latter higher up, about three miles southeast of the