

Meetings" were to consider all the qualifications—the business capabilities—moral & religious adaptation of all applicants for the important positions of Indian Agents, & only such as had the approbation of this committee were recommended to the President for appointment.

Applications were also usually made to this committee for the position of Teachers of the Agency schools, & few were employed who had not been approved by it. Thus great care was exercised that there should be no influence of a hurtful or deleterious nature, brought to bear upon the Indians that could be prevented by the Agent or the Executive Committee.

Among the wild tribes thus brought under the special oversight of the Orthodox Friends were the Southern Cheyennes & Arapahoes, the Warlike Kiowas & Comanches, a large band of Apaches besides several remnants of tribes called the Affiliated Bands, such as Caddoes, Wichitas, Keechis, Towacories, Wacoos &c.

It was with the approbation of this Executive Committee, representing nearly all the Yearly Meetings of the Orthodox Friends or Quakers in the United States that "Thomassy" was employed as a teacher among these Indians, & spent several years among the wild Kiowas & Comanches, living with them in their rude homes, moving as they moved & living upon their unwholesome

in the mysteries of its manufacture. True previous to his going among them government issued flour as well as other rations to them, but having no idea of the use of the "White Dust" they shook it out upon the ground, & cutting holes through the bottoms & corners of the sacks, through which to thrust head & arms, provided themselves with shirts, the bright colored letters & pictures of which were fully as ornamental in their estimation as they paints they applied to their naked bodies.

Though written in story form the actual occurrences as related in this book are strictly as represented even the conversations mentioned are correct in substance if not in exact words, being compiled or modified from a diary or daily record kept at the time.