account of the Poor, and placing out children among Friends, tho' it is believed more attention, is in some places necessary respecting the Education of Poor children —

7th —— Friends are mostly clear of importing, vending & distilling Spirituous Liquors, yet some instances to the contrary appear, some of which are under care; & the unnecessary use of them in a good degree discouraged — Frequenting Taverns, & attending places of diversion generally avoided, yet one Quarter mentions a deficiency in the latter, respecting which care had been extended. —

8th —— Our Testimony against Slavery appears to be generally maintained except in one instance at one meeting, under care, those who have had their freedom secured, & remain under the direction of Friends, are generally provided for, and in some places, attention is paid to their instruction in useful Learning, tho' too great a neglect thereof is mentioned by one of the Quarters, as well as respecting their Spiritual & Temporal Welfare —

9th —— A good degree of Care is taken to deal with Offenders in the manner prescribed by the Query —

Answers to the annual Queries are as follows

1st —— One Minister Deceased Viz.t Mary Cox of Deer Creek for whom a memorial is forwarded — And two Elders Viz.t William Bull, who departed this life the 6th of the 11th Month 1790 in the 56th Year of his Age; & Philip Poale who departed this life in the 4th Month last in the 53d year of his age —

2nd —— One Meeting House rebuilt at Fawn, within the Verge of Deer Creek Monthly Meeting. —

3d —— Divers sober persons have been received into membership by request since last year. —

4th —— They generally are. —

The report from Baltimore Quarter informs that some accounts are forwarded concerning our friends James Rigby & Susanna Brown deceased. — That attention appears to have been paid by two of their Monthly Meetings to remedy the divers de-

ficiencies mentioned in the Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting last year, by the appointment of Committees to endeavour to impress the advices therein contained, whose labours, they hope, have had some good effect — That the School education of the Black People's Children appears backward — That one Monthly Meeting mentions much labour extended to provide suitable schools for them which is not yet effected. ——

The Quarterly & Monthly Meetings are desired to continue their attention to the former advices of this Meeting in respect to the spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the Black People, & the instruction of their Children in useful learning, & send accounts of their care therein to the Meeting next Year —

The report from Baltimore Quarter informs that they have agreed to propose an alteration in the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting that it may, in future be held as follows — The Meeting of Ministers & Elders on the 1st seventh day, & the Meeting of Business on the 2nd day following in the Usual Months. Which being considered it appears to be the sense of this Meeting, that it will be best for that Quarter to reconsider the subject, & if they think proper, to revive it at next Yearly Meeting —

Many deficiencies appearing in the accounts now produced from the several Quarterly Meetings, and this meeting being brought under an exercising concern that the causes of such continued complaints of deficiency may be removed from among us, have agreed to address our Quarterly & Monthly Meetings with an Epistle on this sorrowful occasion — The Committee on the Epistles of correspondence are directed to take the subject under their consideration, and produce an Essay to a future sitting of this Meeting.

Then adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

At the time adjourned to Friends met, & the Representatives being called, were present as at the former sittings —

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings for the last year were read & approved & that Meeting con-