3rd ..... A considerable number of Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction to the due attendance of Meetings, in a good degree of Plainness of Speech, Behaviour & Apparel, in frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, to restrain them from reading pernicious Books, & the corrupt conversation of the World yet in these respects more Animated Exertions in many Places appears necessary.

4th ..... Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage. — Many are concerned to be just in their dealings, & punctual in fulfilling their Contracts: Yet complaint of deficiency in the latter is contained in several of the accounts, that in some instances Care has been extended.

5th ..... Our Testimony against an hireling Ministry, taking or Administring Oaths, Military Services, illicit Trade, Purchasing Prize goods & the encouragement of Lotteries, appears to be pretty generally maintained, and where instances of deficiency appear care is taken.

6th ..... The settling outward Estates & making Wills in time of health, does not appear to be attended to by Friends in as general a manner, as is necessary tho' some are careful in these respects — A good degree of Care is extended to the poor, and placing Friends Children among Friends; Yet in the latter some deficiency is noted by one of the Quarters.

7th ..... Most Friends are clear of importing, vending distilling & the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, frequenting Places of Diversion or Taverns unnecessarily, and careful to keep to a good degree of Moderation, and Temperance; yet apparent instances of deficiency in these Respects is mentioned in most of the accounts, and that in general, Care has been extended to those deficient.

8th ..... Friends are generally careful to maintain our Testimony against Slavery & provide for those under their direction who have had their Freedom secured — Some attention is also given

to their instruction in useful Learning, but in some places more is necessary.

9th ..... A good degree of care is generally taken to deal with offenders without partiality or unnecessary delay.

Answers to the Annual Queries.

1st ..... Our Friend Ann Coale, an Elder, a member of Deer Creek Monthly and Preparative Meeting, who departed this life on the 9th of the 11th Month 1793, having for several years past filled the Station to a good degree of satisfaction — And our Friend Jesse Pugh, a Minister, a member of Hopewell Mo: and Back Creek Preparative Meetings, who departed this life on the 25th of the 4th Month last in the 84th year of his age.

2nd. None — 3rd. Divers sober persons in different Quarters have been admitted into Memberships since last Year — 4th. They are.

Two of the Quarters report that attention has been paid to several of the subjects recommended to the care of Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings in the Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting last Year, and Labour extended which, it is hoped, may have some good effect.

Baltimore Quarter informs that a School has been opened and is now kept under the direction of a Monthly Meeting for the benefit of Black children of free Parents. — That Quarter also informs, that they have agreed to propose an alteration in the time of holding that Meeting — That the Meeting of Ministers and Elders may be held on the 1st 7th day in the usual Months & the Meeting for Discipline, on the second day succeeding, which being considered in this Meeting is concurred with.

The State of society as contained in the reports from the Quarters, coming at this time under consideration; and, notwithstanding the Labour and Travail of the body heretofore for the recovery and preservation of its different Members, the many deficiencies still obvious among us brought many minds into a close Exercise — And a more general attention to the Advices respecting