4. Most friends appear to be careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances – to avoid involving in business beyond ability to manage, and to observe justice in their dealings; yet more care would have been profitable to some with respect to involving themselves in business beyond ability, and to punctuality in fulfilling contracts.

5. Our testimony appears to be in a good degree maintained against a hireling ministry, – taking or administering oaths – military services – clandestine trade – purchasing prize goods – or encouraging lotteries. Yet it is noted that a few instances have occurred of deficiencies with respect to administering oaths, and military services, which are said to be under care.

6. Some friends are careful to settle their outward affairs, & make their wills in time of health, tho' others are too remiss therein. The necessities of the poor are generally attended to. One account mentions more attention to the education of their children to be needful. A few instances have occurred since last year of children placed from amongst friends.

7. A few instances are noted of importing, vending, and distilling, and not all clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors. Attending taverns, or places of diversion unnecessarily mostly avoided – and in a good degree careful to observe moderation and temperance.

8. Our testimony against slavery appears to be in a good degree supported. Those under the care of friends, who have had their freedom secured, are provided for, and some attention paid to their school learning, yet more care in this respect is acknowledged to be necessary.

9. A good degree of care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders in the manner recommended.

Annual Queries.

Ans. 1. Our esteemed friend Mary England, a minister and member of Westland monthly meeting – concerning whom a memorial was prepared by that meeting – approved by Westland quarter and forwarded.

Four Elders, all members of Warrington monthly meeting (to wit) our friend Jesse Wickersham, who departed this life the 13th of the 9th month 1803 in the 62 year of his age. – Our friend Deborah Thomas who departed this life the 1st of the same month in the 83 year of her age. – Our friend Benjamin Underwood who departed this life the 9th of the 12th month last, in the 78th year of his age. – Also our friend Deborah Vale, who departed this life the 26th of the 7th mo. last in the 41 year of her age.

2. One new meeting house in the west end of the city of Baltimore. – A monthly meeting established at short-creek in the state of Ohio, to be held alternately at short-creek and Plymouth the third 7th day in each month, beginning at short-creek in the first month. Concord monthly meeting to be held alternately at Concord and Plainfield the third day after the 3rd 7th day in each month to be held at Concord in the even months – Also a preparative meeting distinguished by the name of Salem, a branch of Middleton monthly meeting, to be held on the fourth day preceding the 2d 7th day in each month. Meetings for worship to be held at the same place on the 1st and 4th days of the week.

3. Several sober persons received into membership since last year.

4. They are nearly.

After a time of exercise, and some progress made in the consideration of them – it was concluded to adjourn the meeting to the 9th hour to morrow morning.

17th of the month and 4th of the week

Friends met according to adjournment.

The answers to the queries having been again returned brought the minds of many friends under a renewed exercise and concern for the support and advancement of our precious testimonies. Under which engagement an ardent desire was expressed, that those who fill the higher and more active stations