Answers to the annual queries.

1st Joseph Pierpoint, a Minister, deceased the 9th of the 4th month last, in the 85th year of his age, a member of Baltimore monthly meeting. Sarah Bentley, an elder, deceased the 9th of the 9th month 1805. — & Margaret Thomas, an elder, deceased the 16th of the 3rd month last, both members of Indian spring monthly meeting. — Rachel Grave, an elder, a member of Pike run particular meeting, departed this life, the 21st of the 6th month last: and Christianna Hall, a member of Short Creek particular meeting, departed this life, the 27th of the 1st month last.

2nd. & A meeting for worship settled on the west end of the city of Baltimore, known by the name of Lombard street Meeting. — & Also a meeting house built at Sandy Creek, where a meeting is held by indulgence of Redstone monthly meeting & A meeting for worship and a preparative meeting, established at the head water of Wheeling, within the limits of Concord monthly meeting, distinguished by the name of Flushing meeting:— The preparative meeting held the 4th day before the third seventh day in each month. — & A meeting for worship, and a preparative meeting at Cross Creek, within the limits of Short Creek monthly meeting, called Cross-creek meeting, the preparative meeting held the fifth day before the third seventh day in each month.

3rd. Several persons have been received into membership since last year.

4th. They are nearly.

The meeting proceeded to the consideration of the answers to the queries as brought up in the reports from the Quarterly Meetings. In a view of the state of society as contained in a summary of the reports, many departures from the obligations of religious rectitude, remain to be apparent: but amidst the occasions for lamenting the too visible traces of the work of the enemy of righteousness, evidence exists, of a lively concern, that Zion may arise and shake herself from the dust of the earth: and which has been manifested at the present season.

The benefits to be derived from a regard to that solemn duty, which we owe to him, to whom belong adoration and worship, in the attendance of religious meetings, was brought into view, with affectionate solicitude, that our members may be engaged to realize them, manifested by the attendance of those held both on the first and other days of the week; heads of families encouraging the dear youth herein by an example correspondent with our religious profession.

In relation to this precious part of the society, a lively exercise was felt and expressed, that in this day of temporal ease and prosperity, parents, who are in affluence, might recur to the example of our worthy ancestors, who, however circumstanced, evinced, by the simplicity of their lives, that our natural wants are few.

The evils attendant upon examples marked with superfluity and earthly splendor, more in their effects traced to the beloved youth, with apprehensions that many parents thus circumstanced, are not sufficiently aware of the consequences, but too likely to result to their offspring, as regard their well-being, both religious and civil.

For those who are in more limited circumstances, and particularly such as are embarking in temporal pursuits, a caution was feelingly expressed against an imitation of the manner of living of those whose means are more abundant. So that whilst their own peace will thereby be less liable to interruption, no reproach may be brought upon our religious profession.

Amongst other subjects of concern, the right exercise of the discipline in relation to offenders, was feelingly adverted to, with desires that friends may particularly regard the obligations of the gospel spirit, which, whilst it inculcates the painful necessity of placing judgment upon the obdurate and unrepenting, regards with affectionate sympathy every appearance of returning rectitude, and also calls upon us, to act with such propriety and circumspection, relative to those who have been disunited from the society, as that it may be obvious to them, that even though the causes of their separation continue to exist, yet we nevertheless retain towards