

of the Yearly meeting that, under every military requisition, friends may recur to and regard the obligations of this testimony, which will produce strength, and capacitate us to submit, with a conduct marked with christian meekness and fortitude in every trial.

The meeting was also deeply impressed, under a view of that precious testimony, which we believe we are called upon to hold up to the world, against the destructive use of spirituous liquors. A concern was renewedly felt, that our members may be engaged to examine, under the influence of that light by which a capacity is furnished to judge righteously, how far they are clear of iniquity, in the corrupting, debasing, and ruinous effects consequent upon the importation, distillation, retailing, and use of them, that thus this testimony may be exalted, and a blessing result, not only to our religious society, as the reward of a faithful adherence to the divine requisition, but that, through our righteous example, its influence may be extensive in the world. Under a covering of solemnity, it was affectionately desired, that quarterly meetings may become so deeply interested in this concern, as to appoint committees, in order to extend such care, in relation to subordinate meetings, as will be promotive of the views of the yearly meeting, and furnish accounts thereof to the meeting next year.

By the accounts received from the different quarters it appears
1.st That meetings for worship and discipline have been generally attended by the greater number of friends, except one meeting, which is said to be under care, but several accounts mention a deficiency in some members, in regard to the attendance of those held on week days. Unbecoming behaviour generally avoided, except some instances of a drowsy disposition, in which cases care is said to be taken. The hour of meeting mostly observed.

2.nd It appears that love is generally maintained amongst friends, tho' some deficiency in this important particular is noted. Tale bearing, and detraction, are mostly discouraged, but more care in this respect is necessary. Care appears to be generally extended in cases of apparent differences.

3.rd Many friends endeavour, by precept and example, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel, to guard them against the influence of pernicious publications, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to encourage them to peruse the holy scriptures; but a more general care, in regard to all these particulars, is acknowledged to be necessary.

4.th There yet appear instances of importing, and also some of vending, distilling, and the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors; frequenting taverns unnecessarily, and places of diversion generally avoided, and (except in the above noted instances) moderation and temperance are generally observed.

5.th The particulars of this query appear to have been generally attended to, but two accounts mention that more care in respect to advising, and assisting those in needy circumstances would be useful.

6.th Friends appear to have been generally careful in regard to the particulars of this query.

7.th Friends have been generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage; to be just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their contracts; yet several accounts mention, that more attention is necessary in regard to punctuality in fulfilling contracts.

8.th The testimony against slavery appears to have been supported, those who have had their freedom secured, and are under the care of friends, are provided for, as far as appears, tho' more attention is necessary in respect to their school education.

9.th Offenders have been generally dealt with nearly as guided

Answers to the annual queries.

1.st Two ministers. — Jane Brock a member of Red Stone Quarter, who departed this life on the 26th of the 2^d month 1805.