

The time of holding Short Creek Monthly meeting has been altered to the 3^d day after the third 7th day in the month, and that of Concord is changed to the 5th day following.

The preparative meetings of ministers and elders are held on the days preceding each, - and the preparative meetings of business on the days of their midweek meetings in the week preceding. All within the verge of Short Creek Quarter.

And within the verge of Salem Quarter:

Two preparative meetings denominated Springfield & Sandy Creek.

3 The very interesting concern for the education of our youth appears to have received attention from friends in all the quarters, there being several schools taught by persons in membership; but, it is obvious that an increased attention to this truly important subject is necessary.

4. They are nearly.

The state of society in relation to the precious testimonies which we are persuaded it is our duty to maintain being at this time brought into view, by reports from the several quarterly meetings, in answer to the queries, the minds of many exercised brethren were impressed, with affectionate solicitude, that a renewed and increased engagement may prevail over our members, that causes of weakness may be removed, and that the church, relieved from those incumbrances which retard its progress may be enabled to advance. - Under these impressions, it was affectionately recommended to those who occupy the foremost stations in society, and whose minds are at seasons depressed with discouragements when they behold the indifference of some in regard to the important duty of assembling for the purpose of divine worship, that they endeavour in faith and patience to hold on their way, supported by the comforting assurance that times of refreshment will be afforded to such dedicated minds, and their strength renewed to labour successfully in brotherly affection with those who are deficient in this respect.

And, it is obvious to those who have known the excellent teachings of the spirit of truth, that its leadings are in great simplicity; Friends were collectively and individually recommended ^{carefully} to attend to its openings, which, it is believed would lead to a frequent labour with individuals and families, in seasons of its own appointing.

And, of those who have given cause for this exercise, it was ear-

nestly and affectionately desired that they may seriously consider whether a deficiency herein is not an unquestionable evidence of a want of that love without which it is impossible to accomplish the all-important purpose of the soul's salvation. The result of such deliberation, it is believed, would clearly discover to them the necessity of an increased attention to this duty, and also, that when assembled with their brethren, they should earnestly strive to cultivate such devotion of mind to the interesting occasion of meeting, as would lead them to resist every appearance of the very unbecoming disposition to drowsings, which has a tendency not only to prevent any spiritual refreshment to themselves, but will operate as a cause of stumbling to such as may come among us with this enquiry in their minds, "who shall shew us any good?"

An earnest travail was also experienced in the meeting that friends may be vigilant in guarding against the influence of an evil, which under the specious covering of a love for righteousness, often conceals a tendency promotive of the reverse; and that when the minds of any become painfully exercised with the knowledge of defects in others, they are intreated to be particular not to seek relief to themselves by a disclosure thereof to any other, but by dwelling under the impression, seek for ability to labour with the offenders only, - which would, not only prevent the dissipation of such exercise, but, by circumscribing, as much as possible, all evil reports, prepare the way for a more speedy removal of offences, remembering that as "Charity thinketh no evil," if its continual presence be cherished in our hearts it will shew forth its excellent nature by its proper fruits.

Friends were also advised to be duly watchful that they may not offend others, nor impede their own religious progress, by unnecessary attentions on first days to temporal concerns; for tho' it is acknowledged that the creator of time made all days equally holy, yet it is believed that offences would be obviated and advantages derived from employing the leisure afforded, by setting apart one day in seven not only as a season for religious devotion, but also for perusing the sacred writings, instead of devoting it either to visiting or temporal affairs - and when thus usefully engaged, parents and heads of families were earnestly exhorted to seek for ability, by a recurrence to the pure principle of light and life, to become teachers of their families, not only in the letter, but as it regards the spirit also. and parents were also particularly cautioned against permitting natural