

6th Our Testimony appears to be maintained against an Itinerant Ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and Lotteries. —

7th Friends appear generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, they appear to be just in their dealings, and mostly punctual in complying with their engagements, though in some instances due care has not been observed in these respects — the account mentions an obvious want of punctuality by some, and that some care has been extended. —

8th Friends appear careful to bear a Testimony against Slavery (except two instances which were under care) to provide in a suitable manner for those of the African race under their direction, who have had their freedom secured, and some attention paid to their School education.

9th Endeavours are generally used to deal with offenders nearly as queried.

Answers to the Annual Queries.

1st Two Ministers and Six Elders — viz.

James Wendenhall, a Minister, and Member of Hopewell monthly & Middle Creek particular meeting, departed this life the 25th of the 8th Month 1816 in the 65th year of his age, a Minister nearly 40 years. —

Joseph Mackney, an Elder, and Member of Hopewell monthly and particular meeting, departed this life in full unity with Friends the 16th of the 2nd Month 1817 aged nearly 74 years. —

Edward P. Benson, an Elder, and Member of Hopewell monthly & Middle Creek particular meeting, departed this life the 21st of the 5th Month 1817, aged nearly 78 years.

Charity Ridgway, an Elder, and member of Hopewell monthly & particular meeting, departed this life the 27th of the 5th Month 1817, aged nearly 76 years.

Ester Schooley, a Minister, and member of Fairfax monthly & particular meeting, departed this life the 1st day of the 1st Month 1817, in the 55th year of her age. —

Robert Vale, an Elder, and member of Warrington monthly & particular meeting, departed this life the 17th of the 2nd Month 1817, in the 67th year of his age.

Joseph Wright, an Elder, and member of Pipe Creek monthly and particular meeting, departed this life the 21st of the 11th Month 1816, in the 81st year of his age.

Benjamin Harris, an Elder, and member of Menallen monthly and particular meeting, departed this life the 3rd of the 3rd Month 1817.

2nd Ans. None.

3rd Several Schools taught by members of our Society, and are reported to be under the care of their respective monthly meetings. —

4th We believe they are nearly so.

Whilst engaged in considering the state of Society the meeting was very feelingly addressed on the various weaknesses and faults to which as a Society we remain to be subjected, and amongst other exercises was that of the necessity of subjecting our wills to the divine will. A desire was ardently expressed that when engaged in our religious meetings we may endeavour to dwell under the divine power, in this only can our meetings be rightly held. —

The Meeting was also concerned that in the management of Church affairs we may endeavour to have our minds raised above earthly views, feeling the duties we owe and the obligations we are under one to another. — It was seen to be of unspeakable importance that we maintain brotherly love keeping in remembrance these invaluable expressions if any man say I love God and hateth his brother the Truth is not in him "God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" — this would lead us to watchfulness against the spirit of detraction, and said against which have been called upon to guard, as sometimes making its appearance, even under the specious garb of religious concern for a brother.

A very lively and interesting view was also expressed in relation to the correct mode of educating our beloved children, it was seen that this greatly depends the health, preservation and future prosperity of the Society. Parents were affectionately solicited to submit to the power and love of God, in order that they may become qualified to fill up their stations in the discharge of this very important duty. Whilst this would turn the hearts of parents to their children it would also be likely to have an influence in turning the hearts of children to their parents, and thus open the way for opportunities to instil into their tender and susceptible minds correct principles, the child would then become familiar with the parent, and the parent would become the child's most intimate and bosom friend, his counsellor, his patron and his protector.

This meeting became exercised on account of the continuation of some of our members, in the improper use of ardent spirits, and concluded to appoint a committee to take the subject under solid consideration, who were directed to report the result of their