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IX.th Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders, answerable to this query.

Answers to the Annual Queries

1. Elizabeth Snowden an Elder and member of Indian Spring Monthly and particular meeting departed this life the 13th of the 2nd month last in the 44th year of her age.

Elizabeth Gillingham an Elder and member of the Monthly ^{and particular} Meeting of Baltimore for the Western District departed this life on the 22nd of the 1st month last in the 58th Year of her age.

Elizabeth Hughes an Elder and member of Pipe Creek Monthly and Bush Creek particular meeting departed this life on the 17th of the 12th month last in the 57th Year of her age.

Jonathan Wright, a Minister & member of Hopewell Monthly and Upper Ridge particular meeting departed this life on the 3rd day of the third month last in the 69th Year of his age.

2nd Ans. None.

3rd Several schools are taught by members of our society and there are four reported to be under the care of Monthly or Preparative meetings.

4th The Queries appear to have been read and answered nearly as directed.

Upon entering into the consideration of the state of Society as represented in the several answers

brought up from our Quarterly Meetings, a deep and exercising travail was felt on account of the various deficiencies which are apparent amongst us. The general complaint of a neglect on the part of many of our members in the attendance of religious meetings again awakened a tender solicitude and concern; and Friends were earnestly advised to enter into a solemn enquiry how far they may individually be the occasion of these sorrowful complaints; and Parents and masters, in an especial manner were not only exhorted to a faithful performance of this important duty themselves, but they were earnestly encouraged to be careful to take their tender offspring and those under their care with them: a fervent desire was also expressed that all such as are placed in this responsible station may often be engaged to enter into a close examination how far they are fulfilling the important duties which are confided to them in relation to those committed to their charge.

The preservation of brotherly harmony amongst us was also viewed to be of vital importance. This precious love was declared by our Lord to be the badge of true discipleship and was seen to be the only foundation upon which we can as a religious society stand. May we therefore labour to come under its precious influences.

The meeting having been engaged in the state of Society and having proceeded to the end of the Queries, concluded to adjourn to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Agreeably to adjournment Friends again assembled.