

trained: Friends are concerned to provide for those of the African race in their families who have had their freedom secured and some attention is paid to their school learning.

9th. Endeavors are used to deal with known offenders as Quenid.

Answers to the Annual Queries

1st. Ann Thomas an Elder and member of Sandy Spring preparative and Indian Spring Monthly meeting departed this life the 19th of the 5th month 1820 in ^{the} forty eighth year of her age.

Joseph Hubbard an Elder and a member of Sipe Creek monthly and particular Meeting departed this life the twenty ninth of the 1st month 1820 in the Eighty first year of his age.

Cassandra Ballinger an Elder and member of Sipe Creek Monthly & Bush Creek particular Meeting, departed this life the 12th of the 7th month 1820 in the Eighty eighth year of her age.

Rebecca Harris an Elder and a member of Monatliss Monthly and particular Meeting, departed this life the 5th of the 9th month 1819 in the Sixty ninth year of her age.

2nd. none.

3rd. There appears to be a number of Schools under the tuition of teachers in membership with us, one of which is reported to be under the care of a monthly meeting.

4th. They are nearly.

The state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, being brought into view, the minds of many Brethren were introduced into a close exercise, and Friends were affectionately counselled to a renewed consideration of the important Testimony which was given to our early predecessors in regard to plainness and mod-

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eration, both as related to their dress, address and manner of living, from which there is a manifest and lamentable departure. The more faithful attendance of our religious meetings was also viewed as of vital importance to the religious prosperity of our members individually and of the Society at large. It was believed that if Friends were duly impressed with the advantages which would result from the right performance of this duty, and sufficiently engaged for the welfare of their families, they would become more concerned to manifest an increased diligence in its discharge; they would consider the too active employment in the ordinary or temporal concerns of life on the early part of those days appointed for this important exercise as calculated to disqualify the mind by diverting its attention and disposing it to heaviness and insensibility. The general neglect of attending meetings which so extensively prevails it was also believed furnishes an evidence that we have departed from that rectitude of principle for which our predecessors were conspicuous, and are under the influence of indifference to the important object of these religious assemblies. — An impressive and feeling desire was also expressed that an increasing concern might generally prevail amongst Friends to endeavour to train up their tender offspring more in habits of sobriety and thoughtfulness and to avail themselves of such suitable occasions as might present of gathering them often into retirement and to accustom them when way opened to a more frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures and of the valuable writings which have been transmitted to us from our worthy predecessors. The calming, humbling influence of such opportunities, it was believed could not fail to have a powerful tendency towards leading them into serious reflection, and would become productive in various respects of much good to those who might often be engaged to lead their families into this practice. The frequent perusal of the wri-

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