

on Friday Mornings: other meetings are frequently small: Unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly guarded against; and the hour of meeting is nearly observed.

Ans. 2. - Many Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian Profession: Vale-bearing and Cohesion are mostly discouraged; and when Differences have appeared, care has been generally used to ~~end~~ settle them.

Ans. 3. - A considerable number of Friends endeavour, by example and precept to educate their Children and those under their care, in plainness of Speech, Deportment & Apparel; to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world; and also to encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures: - Yet a more general attention to those important duties is believed to be necessary.

Ans. 4. - Our Testimony against Distilled Spiritous Liquors appears to be generally maintained: But one Report mentions that some of our Members continue to use them, particularly in time of Harvest. - Taverns, and Places of Dissension are avoided; Moderation & Temperance mostly observed.

Ans. 5. - The Necessities of the Poor are inspected and relieved; and the education of their Children has been generally attended to.

Ans. 6. - Our Testimony against an Unclerical Ministry, Oaths, Military Services, Olandestine Trade, Diver Goods, and Lotteries, appears to be generally maintained.

Ans. 7. - Friends appear to be generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances - to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage, and to observe justice in their dealings; yet more punctuality in complying with engagements is acknowledged to be desirable.

Ans. 8. - Our Testimony against Slavery appears to be maintained, except in two instances which are stated to be under care; such of the African Race as are in Friends' Families are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ans. 9. - Offenders are dealt with nearly as queried.

Ans. 10. - Jonathan Ellicott, an Elder and Member of Elk Ridge Preparative, and Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Western District, departed this life on the 26th of the Ninth Month 1825, in the 69th year of his age.

Joseph Hopkins, an Elder and member of Indian Spring Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 11th of the Ninth Month 1825, in the Eighty-first year of his age.

John Thomas, an Elder and member of Sandy Spring Particular, and Indian Spring Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 15th of the Second Month, 1826, in the ninety-third year of his age.

Wesley Wickersham, an Elder, and member of Newbury Particular and Warrington Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 4th of the Third Mo: 1826, in the Eightieth year of his age.

David Jones, an Elder and member of Newbury Particular & Warrington Monthly Meeting, departed this life 29th of Fourth Mo: 1825, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

Reuben Schooley, an Elder and member of Fairfax Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life 3rd of South Mo: 1825, in the Sixty-second year of his age.

James Moore, an Elder and member of Fairfax Particular and Monthly Meeting,

departed this life on the 3rd of the Fourth Mo: 1826, in the 70th year of his age.

Mary Hoque, an Elder and member of Goose Creek Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on 15th of 9th Mo: 1825, in the 79th year of her age.

Ann Butcher, an Elder and member of Alexandria Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 2nd of the 4th Mo: 1826, in the 77th year of her age.

Joseph Smith, an Elder and member of Drumore Particular and Little Britain Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 11th of the 9th Mo: 1825, in the 69th year of his age.

Ans. 11. - None.

Ans. 12. - Friends appear to be generally careful, as far as practicable, to place their Children for tuition under the charge of Teachers in membership with us.

The Meeting, upon a review of the State of Society, was introduced into an earnest and deep Exercise on account of the deviations which are becoming increasingly manifest amongst us, from that plainness and simplicity of Deportment and Language which so eminently distinguish our faithful Predecessors. And whilst it was admitted that Piety & Holiness does not consist in any outward Observances or Forms, it was at the same time clearly seen and believed to be a certain Truth, that a faithful dedication and obedience to the manifestations of Divine Light upon our minds would lead us out of an imitation of the vain fashions and customs of the world, into a moderation and simplicity becoming our high and holy profession, agreeably to the apostolick injunction, - "Be ye not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed, by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

The minds of Friends were also further excited to a close consideration of the wide departure of many of our members in these respects, by a communication now received
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