

except that one account mentions that a slave has been hired, which is under care; persons of the African Race in friends families are provided for, and some care is taken to promote their school education.

Ans<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. Offenders are dealt with nearly as queried.

Ans<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary Pusey an Elder and member of Pipe-creek Monthly and particular Meeting, departed this life on the 23<sup>d</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1830 in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Sarah Wood an Elder and member of Pipe-creek Monthly and Bush-creek particular Meeting, departed this life on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1830 in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

Thomas Owen an Elder and member of York monthly and particular Meeting departed this life on the 3<sup>d</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1830 in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Anna Ballance a minister and member of Eastland particular and Little Britain Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1830 aged 74 years.

Jacob Walderston an Elder and member of Deer-creek Monthly & particular meeting, departed this life the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1830 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

Ans<sup>d</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. None.

Ans<sup>d</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. Friends appear to be generally careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the care of Teachers in membership with us.

X Upon engaging in the consideration of the state of our Religious Society and especially upon noticing the many deficiencies which were presented in the answers to the Queries, the Meeting was more than usually baptised into a solemn and affectionate exercise in relation to the causes of the existence & continuation of these deficiencies; and as it cannot be doubted that the design of Infinite goodness in all his requisitions is the preservation,

protection and happiness of his creature, it is evident that a dereliction of obedience to his righteous government must produce, as its necessary consequence, disappointment of his gracious intentions in respect to us.

The feeling of a precious covering of Divine love over the Meeting - the consciousness of its almighty power and beneficence and the effects which it produced in exciting a most earnest solicitude for our beloved brethren and sisters, afforded present evidence of its sufficiency and tendency to "put an end to sin, to finish transgression, and to bring in everlasting righteousness." When, therefore, it is mercifully presented to our acceptance, it is worthy of all our confidence and of every sacrifice which it may be necessary for us to make, in order that we may become partakers of its preserving power and of its blessed influences; for if we reject it for the sake of the world, all that the latter can afford us is a transient and unsatisfying gratification of the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eye, and the pride of life, which by universal experience and in every measure terminates in "vanity and vexation of spirit;" whereas the pure and heavenly influence of the love of God casts out all fear, exterminates every germ of enmity even to enemies and persecutors, preserves and reclaims from all manner of evil, and converts the kingdoms of this world into the kingdom of God and of his Christ" so that even as regards our abode in time it is the most excellent of all benefactions, and has moreover the promise of the world to come where joy unspeakable and full of glory will be its everlasting fruits. Under its holy patronage our dear friends would feel a strenuous and increasing engagement to be diligent in assembling with their beloved brethren and sisters for the purposes of worship and discipline - they would desire the ornaments of a meek and quiet spirit before the personal decorations of gold and apparel - and the treasures of the kingdom of Christ would be preferred to all the uncertain riches of time. O it was preciousely felt that these things were not cunningly devised fables - that they possessed a reality surpassing all other certainties, and that there were none amongst our