

of the 11th. month 1833, in the 83^d. year of her age. -

Robert Brown an elder and member of Nottingham monthly and particular meeting, departed this life on the 17th. of the 8th. month 1833, in the 76th. year of his age.

11th. answer. Three. 1st. West Branch monthly meeting held at West Branch in Clearfield County Penn^a, on the 5th. day following the last 2^d. day in each month. -

2^d. An indulged meeting is held at Ocoquan on the last first day in each month, under the care of a committee of Alex^a. monthly meeting.

3^d. A meeting for worship called Little Elk meeting, a branch of East Nottingham preparative meeting, held on the 1st. and 4th. days of the week except in the weeks of Quarters, Monthly, & preparative meetings. -

12th. answer. Friends are generally careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in membership with us. -

On reviewing the state of society, as reported from the several Quarters, the meeting was introduced into a fasting exercise on account of the deficiencies which still continued in the attendance of our meetings, especially those near the middle of the week and for discipline; and friends were encouraged to greater faithfulness in this important duty.

The considerations which first induced our ancestors to set apart these seasons for assembling together were brought before our views they were convinced that all days are equally holy; and that it is our duty at all times to "pray without

ceasing, and in every thing give thanks", and believing as they did that the first day of the week which is usually set apart for public worship is not sufficient for this purpose, they felt it their duty to assemble at other times in the week, and by thus withdrawing themselves from the pursuits of business in order to devote a portion of the day to religious worship they manifested their regard for the cause of righteousness and prevented the encumbrance of this life from engrossing their affections. -

An earnest desire was felt that parents might duly weigh the importance of this service; they profess that the attendance of meetings in a state of mind suitable to worship our Heavenly Father is a duty we owe to him, but if they are remiss in its performance they crime to their children in the forcible language of example, that this encumbrance is of less importance in their view than those with which they supercede it. -

. It has been a source of comfort and encouragement to our minds to believe that unity and love are generally maintained among friends. The love of God when it prevails in the mind will cast out every thing of a contrary nature and consequently the love of our fellow men becomes a prominent trait in the Christian character. It is obvious that he who is governed by that "charity or divine love" which thinketh no evil cannot take pleasure in discovering or in relating the faults of others, and consequently in such minds that sort of bitterness which displays itself in tale-bearing and detraction cannot exist.