

an Hiding Ministry, Oaths, Military Services, & clandestine trade
Prize goods & Lotteries.

7th. answer. Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds
of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business
beyond their ability to manage, are generally just in their dealings
and punctual in complying with their engagements, and
when ground has been given for fear in these respects, some
care has been extended.

8th. answer. Our testimony against slavery appears to generally
maintained, Those of the African race in Friends' families
are provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them
in useful learning.

9th. answer. - Endeavours are mostly used to deal with offenders accor-
ding to the Discipline.

10th. answer. Ruth Birdsall an elder and member of Sandy Spring
particular, and Indian Spring Monthly Meeting, departed this
life on the 31st. of 3 month 1836, in the 50. year of her age.

Rebecca Mone an elder and member of Fairfax particular
and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 14. of the 7th.
month 1836, in the 74th. year of her age.

Isabel Lupton, an elder and member of The Ridge par-
ticular, and Hopewell Preparative & Monthly Meeting, departed this
life on the 26th. of the 3mo. 1836 in the 84th. year of her age.

11th. answer. None.

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

On entering into the consideration of the State of Society as
shown by the answers to the Queries the minds of many friends
were affected with deep sorrow, on account of the very general
deficiency manifestly prevailing throughout our Yearly Meeting in
the important duty of attending meetings for worship & discipline.
We acknowledge that to our Heavenly Father we are indebted
for life and all our blessings, why then should ^(he) ~~it~~ be deemed a
hard or unreasonable thing to devote a portion of our time to a
service which we sincerely believe is required at our hands,
and in the faithful performance of which are involved our
dearest and highest interests.

It was ardently desired that Parents might endeavour to
bring up their children in the love of Divine Worship, labouring
in the ability which may be given by the shedding abroad of
the light of truth in their own minds to cultivate the pre-
cious seed in the hearts of their offspring, - were this more gen-
erally our concern we should oftener see children growing up
like tender plants in the Garden of the Lord, increasing in strength
as they advance in life, and becoming qualified to hold up
the standard of righteousness, when those on whom that service
now rests shall be no more.

A concern was felt that those amongst us who occupy con-
spicuous stations in our several meetings, and upon whom, the
more active concerns of the church have devolved may not grow
weary in the performance of the labours that rest upon them, but that
by diligently seeking for a right qualification for the service to which
they are called they may faithfully maintain their stations, fully