

month last, in the 6th. year of her age. —

William Prestan an elder, & member, of Acton particular, and Nottingham Monthly Meeting departed this life on the 26th of the 5th. mo. last, in the 69th. year of his age. —

Jacob Shoemaker an elder, & member, of Osnard particular, and Little-Britain Monthly meeting, departed this life on the 21st. of the 6th. month last, in the 66th. year of his age.

Samuel Hopkins an elder, & member, of Deer-Creeks Monthly & particular meeting departed this life on the 4th. of the 5th. mo. 1839, in the 76th. year of his age. —

11th. Answer,

None.

12th. Answer,

We believe friends have been mostly careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition, under the care of suitable teachers in membership, with us. —

"In entering upon the consideration of the state of Society, as brought up in the answers to the several queries, the meeting was introduced into a deep exercise on account of the deficiencies that still exist amongst us. These are strikingly evidenced in the neglect of attending our religious meetings, especially those that are held near the middle of the week; and Friends were affectionately and earnestly encouraged, "not to neglect the assembling of themselves together," but to "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service." Those who had experienced its truth were convinced to testify, that the little mid-week meetings were very frequently blessed with the overshadowing wing of Divine goodness, verifying the promise of the blessed Saviour, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." An inordinate thirst for the things of this world, was shown to be one great cause that operates to prevent the attendance of our meetings. In the care for these gifts that are bestowed upon us by the Author of all good, we too often forget the giver. The privilege of attending meetings was viewed as one of the most important we possess, where we may join in social worship, and in sweet communion with the Father of Spirits, the blessed influence of which would be to free us from all entangling things, and enable us to say, "some brother, come sister, let us go up together to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

The right education of our children, was felt to be a matter of the highest importance. If the interesting principles of the society are to be maintained, they must soon be borne by them. Friends were therefore encouraged in regard to their children, to cultivate the spirit of the wise king, and petition our heavenly Father, not for riches nor honor, but for ability to go in and out before them, in order for their good. If such were constantly our righteous concern, how would both parents and children be blessed! This petition would be granted, and no temporal good would be withheld. It was felt to be an important truth, that the love of God is the only permanent foundation on which we can erect the building of our happiness. If we suffer the things of this world to take an undue share of our attention, they will be to us like the idols of the surrounding nations to the children of Israel; for, looking no longer to the Lord for support, we shall fall before our enemies. The prevalence of this Divine love in our hearts, would bring us into unity one with another, and induce us to be diligent and faithful in the support and advancement of all our christian testimonies. The necessity of maintaining our very important testimony in regard to advent spirits, has at this time been renewedly felt, and our members were most affectionately entreated to keep alive to this interesting concern. The subject of our christian testimony against war, was impressively brought before the view of this meeting, and an earnest desire was expressed, that we may faithfully maintain this testimony in that spirit of meekness and love, which was so strikingly manifested in the example of Jesus Christ.

the Captain of our salvation. "My kingdom," said he, "is not of this world, else would my servants fight;" and when the multitude desired to make him a king, he withdrew himself from them. The principles upon which the governments of the world are conducted, and the policy that too generally prevails in our own country, in regard to some of the subjects of our christian testimonies, were shown to render it difficult for friends to take an active part in political affairs, without being concerned in proceedings inconsistent with the peaceable principles we profess. A concern was also felt and expressed, that we may not relax in our righteous testimony against slavery, but that we may continue to labour in the same spirit which actuated our forefathers, when they went forth under the influence of gospel love, as mouthpieces for the dumb, pleading the cause of the oppressed. But while this remains to be our earnest concern, we have believed it right, affectionately to caution our members against entangling themselves in any manner with those associations which have sprung up in different parts of our country, in relation to this subject, and which we fear will retard, rather than promote, the progress of this work. Although there has, at this time, no way opened for us to act in a collective capacity, we believe that individual faithfulness, accompanied with Divine wisdom and meekness, and a consistent example, may do much to enlighten the minds of the people, and we feel assured that every exercise of the benevolent affections, under the guidance of the Spirit of Truth, will bring a revival of grace to our own minds, and prepare us for further usefulness.

The committee appointed last year to take into their care the Fair Hill Boarding School property, produced the following report, which was satisfactory to the meeting, and the committee were con-

vinced to the service in connection with a committee of women friends should they appoint me viz.

"To the Ready Meeting now sitting,

"The committee appointed last year to the charge of the Fair Hill property, Report; that in pursuance of the object of their appointment, and in conformity with the directions of our last Ready Meeting, they have leased the property to Phineas Paxson for the purpose of a boarding school, and in agreement with his engagement, with the committee a school was opened for girls, in the 7th. month last, and a number of scholars have been already obtained. Nearly all the committee have lately visited the Institution and are gratified in being able to state to the Ready Meeting, that in our judgement, the school is conducted in a manner, which fully entitles it to the liberal support and patronage of friends. — Of the money arising from the property, which was placed at our disposal \$567¹/₂ m have been expended for its improvement, the friends occupying the property have made additional expenditures upon their own accounts, and have further improvements yet in progress which are likely to render the buildings, as well as the farms more comfortable and productive than they have heretofore been. — The committee have believed it right to suggest to the Ready Meeting that as the school is exclusively for girls, whether there would not be a propriety in submitting a statement of the present situation of the establishment to Women Friends in order that, should they believe it right, an appointment may be made by them of a suitable number of female friends to unite with us in the concern