

children, and those under their care in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world & to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures. —

2^d answer. Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession; tale-bearing and detraction are mostly discouraged, and when differences appear endeavours are used to end them.

4th answer. Our testimony against the improper use of distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion mostly avoided, — and moderation and temperance are generally observed. —

5th answer. The necessities of the poor, and the circumstances of those who appear likely to require aid, are inspected and relieved, they are advised and assisted in such employments as they are capable of, and care is taken to provide for the school-education of their children.

6th answer. Our testimonies against a licentious ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods & lotteries, appear to be generally maintained. —

7th answer. Friends generally are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage, are just in their dealing and punctual in complying with their engagements, and where any have given reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, care appears to have been taken. —

8th answer. Our testimony against slavery appears to be 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 and 10th. Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders in the manner required for. —

10th answer. Elizabeth Wright, an Elder & member of Monmouth Monthly and particular meeting, departed this life on the 8th of the 9th month 1839, in the 59th year of her age. —

Phoebe Coburn, an Elder & member of Hopewell particular & monthly meeting, departed this life on the 29th of the 4th month 1840. —

John Williams, an Elder & member of Fairfield monthly & particular meeting, departed this life on the 27th of the 2^d month last, in the 69th year of his age. —

Andrew Cleaver, a Minister & member of West Branch Monthly meeting, departed this life the 7th of the 10th month 1840, in the 57th year of his age. —

11th answer. None. —

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

By reading the answers to the several queries the meeting was again introduced into deep exercise on account of the many deficiencies still existing amongst us. The continued neglect in the attendance of our religious meetings, especially those near the middle of the week, has been renewedly a subject of interesting concern. One of the highest and most important of our Christian testimonies is that to the reality, and efficacy, of a purely spiritual worship. — the communion of the soul with its creator. By this blessed communion, we not only become able to see, with amazing clearness, what is required to secure our peace, but at the same time, receive the divine ability to perform the requisition. Friends were encouraged to be faithful in the maintenance of their meetings, even though small, and where there is no outward ministry, in full confi-