

the Holy Scriptures, yet deficiencies in these important particulars are acknowledged to be apparent.

Ans. to 4th query: Our testimony against distilled Spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained agreeably to our Discipline. Frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion, are generally avoided; and moderation and temperance are mostly observed.

Ans. to 5th query: The necessities of the poor are inspected, and relief afforded.

Ans. to 6th query: Our testimonies against a hireling ministry, Oaths, Military services, Clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, appear to be generally maintained.

Ans. to 7th query: Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage; are mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements, and where there have been reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, care has been extended.

Ans. to 8th query: Our testimony against Slavery appears to be generally maintained, except some cases mentioned in one report, of hiring Slaves, which are under care. Those of the African Race in Friends families, are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ans. to 9th query: Endeavors are used to deal with known offenders in accordance with the Spirit of this query.

Ans. to 10th query: Caleb Bentley, an Elder and member of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 14th day of the 7th month 1851, in the 90th year of his age.

Silas Heilberd, an Elder, and member of Pipe creek monthly and particular, deceased on the 18th of the 9th mo. 1850, in the 69th year of his age.

Ans. to 11th query: A meeting for worship within the verge of Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Western District, under the name of Diamond Ridge Meeting, held at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning.
Forrest preparative meeting within the verge of Little Falls

Monthly Meeting, held on the 4th day preceding the Monthly Meeting at the usual hour of Forrest particular Meeting.

An indulged meeting is held at the Locust Ridge School House, Pike Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, on First-days at 11 o'clock under the care of West Branch Monthly Meeting.

Ans. to 12th Query: Most Friends endeavor to place their children under the care of Teachers in membership with us, but we think a more general attention to this subject should claim our serious consideration.

The meeting then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon

29th of the month and 15th of the week. Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled.

The clerks now produced a minute embodying the exercises of the meeting while engaged in the consideration of the State of Society which was approved by the meeting, and is as follows, viz. -

While engaged in the consideration of the State of Society as exhibited by the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, we have been favoured with precious evidence of the Divine presence, under which much salutary counsel has been handed forth to our edification and encouragement, and desires were raised in many hearts, for improvement and amendment of life.

We were encouraged to draw nigh to the Fountain of light and life in the soul, in order that our hearts may be imbued with that brotherly love which is the surest badge of Christian discipleship.

It was said by the Divine Master "whoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." This holy relationship, which springs from the regenerating influence of Divine grace is the most endearing tie that can bind us to each other. When brought fully under its influence, we shall feel bound to assemble ourselves together for the worship of our heavenly Father, not merely as a duty incumbent on us, but as the source of our highest and purest enjoyment. While we acknowledge that Divine worship may be acceptably performed at our own firesides, or while our hands are employed about our usual avocations, - yet we know by blessed experience that strength is afforded by the presence & sympathy one of another when we meet together in the right spirit, for the public worship of God.

It is then the live coals that had been scattered, are brought into mutual influence, increasing the glow and warmth of devotion, - then the living stones