

Third.

Some Friends endeavor, by example and precept, to educate their 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, and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures; yet a more general care in these important particulars, it is acknowledged, would promote the best interest of Society.

Fourth.

Our testimony against the unnecessary use of distilled Spirituous liquors, appears to be generally maintained. Friends generally are careful to avoid frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion, though one Report acknowledges deficiency in this last particular. Moderation and temperance are mostly observed.

Fifth.

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.

Sixth.

Our testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, to be generally maintained, though one Report makes an abatement in relation to our testimony against a hireling ministry.

Seventh.

Friends appear to be careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. They are mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements, though an abatement in this particular is made in one of the Reports. When cause for fear in these respects has been given, some care has been extended.

Eighth.

Our testimony against Slavery appears to be generally maintained agreeable to our discipline. Some of the

African race in Friends' families are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth.

Undeavors are mostly used to deal with sinners offenders, seasonably and impartially, and to exhort to those who will not be reclaimed the Spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned.

Tenth.

Anno Sabao, an Elder, and member of Baltimore Preparative Meeting for the Western District, departed this life on the 14th of the 1st Month, 1855, in the 78th year of her age. Rachel Willard, an Elder, and member of Pipe Creek Monthly and District Meetings, departed this life the 24th day of the 1st Month, 1855, in the 79th year of her age. Eleventh.

No new Meetings have been settled the past year.

Twelfth.

Friends appear to be careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us.

The Standing Committee having charge of the Pasture Lot made a satisfactory Report, by which it appears there is a sum on hand, after paying the taxes and other expenses, of one hundred and sixty dollars, subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, which sum the Committee was directed to pay into the hands of the Treasurers of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to propose the names of suitable Friends, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, now produced the following list, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Friends therein named were appointed to the service, viz:

From Baltimore Quarterly.

Philip C. Thomas, Edward H. Stabler, Thomas P. Stabler, John Widdles, Benjamin P. Moore, Thomas Matthews, Samuel Townsend, David Parry, Daniel Pope, Israel S. Graham, James Baynes, Abel A. Hull, Edward Thomas, John Price, Joseph Carpenter, John D. Matthews,