

First of Warrington, six within that of Nottingham, and one within the verge of Centre Quarter (the holding of many of which was prevented by the inclemency of the weather during the past winter)

Meetings for worship on first day mornings appear to have been attended by the members generally. Those in the afternoon of that day, on other days of the week, and for discipline, continue to be much neglected by many Friends. Unbecoming behaviour when assembled is generally avoided, and the hour of meeting is nearly observed.

Second:—Most Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are generally discouraged, and care is mostly taken to end differences when they appear.

Third:—Many Friends endeavour, by example and precept to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to guard them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures: but it is acknowledged that a more general concern in regard to these important subjects would be profitable.

Fourth:—Our testimony against the use of distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained agreeably to our discipline. Mostly clear of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, though some abatement is made in two of the Reports, one of which mentions, that some care has been extended. Moderation are mostly observed.

Fifth:—The necessities of the poor appear to be inspected and relief afforded, and care is taken to provide for the school education of their children.

Sixth:—Our testimony against a hireling ministry, outdo military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, appears to be generally maintained, though an abatement is made in one of the Reports in regard

to the faithful support of our important testimony against military services.

Seventh:—Most Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. They are generally just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements. Where any have given cause for fear in these respects, some care has been extended.

Eighth:—Our testimony against slavery appears to be generally maintained. Those of the African race in Friends families are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth:—Endeavors are generally used to deal with known offenders seasonably and impartially, and to evince to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned. One Report states that delays sometimes occur.

Tenth:—William Moore, an Elder, and Member of Nottingham Monthly and West Nottingham Particular Meeting, departed this life on the 5th of the 9th Mo. 1855 in the 85th year of his age.

Dorothy Jones, an Elder and Member of Woodlawn Particular and Alexandria Preparative and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 5th day of the 10th Mo. 1855 in the 80th year of her age.

Isaac Ridgway an Elder and Member of Hopewell Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 30th day of the 11th Mo. 1855 in the 87th year of his age.

Mary S. Nicholls an Elder and Member of Goose Creek Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 7th day of 3rd Mo. 1856, in the 79th year of her age.

William Plimmer, an Elder of Bush Creek Preparative and Pipe Creek Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 19th day of the 5th Mo. 1856 in the 86th year of his age.

Eleventh:—None.

Twelfth:—Friends are mostly careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us.

The Clerks produced the following Minute, which was satisfactory viz: