

Sixth Our testimony against a hiring ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries, appears to be generally maintained.

Seventh Most 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 generally punctual in complying with their engagements. Where any have given cause for fear in these respects, care has been extended.

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

Ninth Endeavors are used to deal with offenders nearly as queried.

Tenth Jane Walw an Elder, and member of West Branch Monthly and Particular meeting, departed this life on the 10th of the 9th mo. 1856 aged 65 years.

Robert Wilson an Elder, and member of Centre Monthly and Preparative meetings departed this life on the 9th of the 10th mo. 1856 in the 74th year of his age.

William Cleaver a Minister and member of West Branch Monthly and Particular meetings, departed this life on the 30th of the 3rd mo. 1857 in the 46th year of his age.

Eliya Marsh an Elder and member of Baltimore Monthly and Western District Preparative meetings, departed this life on the 4th day of the 4th mo. 1857 in the 57th year of her age.

Jonathan Jessop an Elder of York Monthly meeting, departed this life on the 19th day of the 8th month 1857, in the 86th year of his age.

Eleventh There has been established during the past year a Particular, Preparative, and monthly meeting, as well as a Preparative meeting of ministers and Elders at Prairie Grove, Henry County State of Iowa, as a branch of Fairfax Quarterly meeting. The monthly meeting is called Prairie Grove Monthly meeting, and is held on the last 7th day in each month. The mid-week meeting is held on 5th day.

no meeting is held on 5th day of the week of the monthly meeting. the Preparative meeting being held the week preceding. All the meetings commence at 11 o'clock.

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

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were read.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

28th of the 2nd mo and 4th of the week.

The following minute of the exercises of this meeting was produced and read, and was satisfactory viz:

While engaged in the consideration of the interesting concerns connected with the welfare of our religious Society, we have been favoured with renewed evidence that God still aids all those, who in true humility of heart, are concerned to draw nigh unto him, and earnestly seek for that heavenly food which he alone can bestow.

The effects of true spiritual worship, are to bring the soul into union with God, to wear it from its attachment to the perishing things of time, and to fix the affections on those enduring riches which result from obedience to the "law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus". It is therefore not only our reasonable duty, but among our highest privileges, to assemble ourselves together for the purpose of acknowledging our allegiance to Him from whom are all our blessings, and the meeting was introduced into a feeling of deep exercise and travail that our members may become more and more alive to this duty, and thus be fuller partakers of the high and pure enjoyment which its performance affords to the truly devoted soul. A concern was also felt that those who regularly attend their meetings, and keep up the external appearances of religion, may show by their humble deportment, and sweetness of disposition, that on these occasions they have been with Christ. This will give the forcible invitation, "follow me as I follow Christ", and will tend to gather the Lambs to the same fold, so to mingle with them in their silent devotions.

We have at this time entered renewedly into sympathy with those of our members who may be under discouragement from their remoteness from meetings, or from the smallness of their numbers when assembled. Let these be encouraged by the remembrance