

1873

Fourth

Our testimony against intoxicating liquors appears to be generally maintained, according to our Discipline. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns is mostly avoided, but not so clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance are mostly observed.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief afforded, and care is taken to provide for the education of their children, and to comply with the other particulars of this Duty.

Sixth

Friends generally appear to maintain our testimony against aniline ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries. One report makes an abatement in some cases of the payment of a military tax, and some instances of marriage by the assistance of a paid minister.

Seventh

Friends appear to be generally 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 careful in complying with their engagements, and where any have given cause for fear in these respects care has been extended.

Eighth

Friends appear to bear our testimony against slavery. Those of the African race in Friends' families are provided for, and care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth

Care is taken generally to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to cease to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned. One report admits that more care to reclaim in the spirit of meekness and love would be desirable.

Tenth

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Elizabeth Rogers, an Elder and Member of Baltimore Monthly and Eastern District Preparative Meeting, departed this life the 24th day of the Ninth Month, 1873, in the 97th year of her age.

Joseph Thomas, an Elder and Member of Little Britain Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 7th day of the First Month, 1873, in the 13^d year of his age.

Mary Key, an Elder and Member of West Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 28th day of the Second Month, 1873, in the 75th year of her age.

Vincent Stokes, an Elder and Member of Little Britain Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 5th day of the Fourth Month, 1873, in the 79th year of his age.

Mary B. Brookes, an Elder and Member of Sand Spring Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 18th day of the Fourth Month, 1873, in the 78th year of her age.

Margaret E. McMonell, an Elder and Member of Sand Spring Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 14th day of the Fifth Month, 1873, in the 77th year of her age.

Benjamin P. Moore, an Elder and Member of Little Falls Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 23rd day of the Sixth Month, 1873, in the 84th year of his age.

Eleventh

So far Meetings have transpired within our limits the past year.

Twelfth

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