

and Monthly Meeting for the Eastern & Western Districts departed this life on the 14th of the 9th month 1829. in the 73rd Year of his age.

Anna Balances a minister & member of Nottingham & Little Britain Monthly & Little Britain Particular Meeting departed this life on the 9th of the 7th month last in the 74th Year of her age.

Isaac Balderson an elder & member of Debu Creek Monthly and Preparative Meeting departed this life on the 14th of the 7th month last in the 82nd Year of his age.

Eleventh: Under the direction of the Yearly & Quarterly Meetings

Committee a monthly & Preparative Meeting and Meeting for Worship has been settled at Hopewell known & distinguished by the names of Hopewell Monthly & Preparative Meetings (in unity with the ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends) The Monthly Meeting is held on the first Fourth Day in each month & the Preparative Meeting the week preceding; Meetings for Worship have also been settled at South Fork & Goose Creek, that at South Fork is held on First & Fourth Days & at Goose Creek on First & Fifth Days, both of these Meetings are attached to & constitute a part of Hopewell Monthly & Preparative Meetings.

Twelfth: Some friends are careful to place their children for tuition under the charge of Teachers, in membership with us, but more care in this respect it is apprehended is needful:

The present state of our religious society as exhibited in the reports brought up to the meeting this Year has led to much affectionate feeling as has been evidenced by that warmth of expression which flowed in desire for the preservation & welfare of our members.

Friends were admonished to maintain a daily concern to dwell under the influence of those pious feelings which induce the mind to adoration & worship. Were this the case it was believed, that when met together in our assemblies they would prove times of divine favor & be crowned with the presence of the Holy Head of the Church.

A just view of the circumstances under which our society is now placed whether considered in reference to ourselves or to the world at large would it was likewise believed lead to a concern for a faithful discharge of this Christian obligation. Much tenderness & sympathy were felt for those meetings which have become reduced in numbers from the peculiar trials that have recently passed upon us; & friends were encouragingly reminded of the gracious declaration "where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them" The sustaining bread of life would be experienced to be their support, not only to their own consolation and rejoicing, but in which others would desire to partake with them, to the increase of their numbers, and the enlargement of their borders.

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The education of children both in relation to their literary and religious instruction was ^{deemed} to be of great importance; and a concern was weightily and ardently expressed, that the dear Youth might as far as practicable be placed for literary tuition under teachers and in schools where a guarded education may be more effectually encouraged & promoted - it being seen that exposure to mixed schools to habits, to manners & to fashions at variance with our plainness & simplicity in dress & address have had a powerful tendency even in very early life to draw the minds of youth into a desire of imitation; to oppose in degree parental restraint & to lessen ^{the} attachment to our religious society. Were friends sufficiently alive to the best interests of their children, it would lead them not only into a proper care for their preservation from those evils, but it would also excite them to a becoming liberality in providing the means for their improvement in useful learning, by placing them under the charge of suitable teachers, combined with due care on their part in training them up in purity & virtue. Thus the dear children would be likely to grow up consistent members, and become useful in their day.

As connected with a guarded religious education the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families was improperly recommended; the neglect of this ancient practice of our worthy predecessors has been amongst the occasions of that ignorance, & of that foolishness which have but too frequently been the result in the minds of our youth, leading first to an indifference to serious subjects & next to a libertinism but too manifest in our day. A deep concern to promote this practice would lead also to a desire, that as a part of education they might be made acquainted with the principles, doctrines, faith & testimonies of the Society.

In proportion as this becomes the case it was believed they will be likely to value our profession, to love frequent retirement, to spend the first day of the week with becoming sobriety, and in the due attendance of our religious meetings.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced & read, & satisfaction was expressed with their proceedings & that meeting continued.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning 20th

20th of the month & 4th of the week

According to adjournment the meeting again assembled.

The following paragraph was contained in the epistle received from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Virginia "By the emigration of many of our members to other States, & other causes, our numbers are much reduced & our minds have been brought into a deep & humbling consideration of the propriety or usefulness in promoting the general interest of Society, in continuing our Yearly Meeting much longer; & from the deep interest which Friends generally must feel on such an important occasion & more particularly our Yearly Meeting which ultimately may