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7th Ans. Friends generally appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances & to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage; we believe they are just in their dealings & generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

8th Ans. Friends appear careful to bear a testimony against slavery & we believe those of the African race under their care are suitably provided for & some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Ans. Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders reasonably and impartially & to advise to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness & love before they are disowned. Unseasonable delay is expressed in one report in some cases.

10th Ans. Hannah Hopkins, a beloved minister & elder member of Baltimore Pres^y & Monthly meetings, departed this life on the 25th of 11th Month 1846, in the 72^d year of her age.

Ann Schofield an esteemed Elder & member of Hopewell Pres^y & Monthly meetings deceased on the 15th of the 5th Month 1847, in the 66th year of her age.

11th Ans. None.

12th Ans. As far as practicable Friends are careful in these respects.

And then adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow.

20th of the Month & 4th of the week

Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled. The joint Com^{tee} of men & women Friends continued last year to advise & assist our Subordinate Meetings, as may should open for it, made the following report, which was satisfactory to the meeting & the Com^{tee} was released.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Com^{tee} continued last year to extend such further care to our subordinate meetings as circumstances might appear to require & ability be received to perform, report; that part of our number attended Nottingham Quarterly Meeting in the 8th Month last. The business of the meeting was conducted with becoming propriety & we had the satisfaction to find that during the past year, care had been taken to administer the discipline in nearly all the remaining cases of those who had joined in the separation from our religious Society. Part of our number also attended the Half Years Meeting of Virginia held at Richmond on the 2^d & 4th of this month. Whilst attending to this service our minds were introduced into feelings of sympathy & concern under a view

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of the apparent reduced & weak state of this meeting, & the few remaining members there more excited & encouraged to greater dedication & faithfulness in transacting the weighty affairs of Society, in regard to the due support of our Christian testimonies & discipline.

The Com^{tee} on reviewing the present state of our religious Society particularly within the limits of the Half Years Meeting of Virginia feel bound to commend the subject to the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting; but at the same time they are willing to propose that the present Com^{tee} be released from the service.

Which we submit to the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Com^{tee}: Hugh Balderson
Jonah Sands
Sarah Sands
Hannah Talbot

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The meeting being again introduced into concern for the due support of our Discipline & the various Christian testimonies committed to us to bear & much sympathy being felt with the members constituting the several branches of this body especially for those of the Half years meeting of Virginia the following named Friends were appointed to unite with a similar Com^{tee} of Women Friends to extend as may may open for it such advice & assistance to that meeting or to any other of our Subordinate Meetings, as circumstances may appear to require & report to the meeting next year. Richard H. Thomas, Joseph King Jr, John Scott, Hugh Balderson, Sam^l Worthington & Jonah Sands.

The Com^{tee} appointed to prepare ^{essays &} endowments to be placed on the Certificates & Minutes of brethren & sisters attending this meeting from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings produced them. They were approved & the clerks were directed to endorse them accordingly.

The standing Com^{tee} on Indian Concerns produced the following report which being read was satisfactory; & our subordinate Meetings are directed to raise the sum of \$150 therein named & pay the same to the Treas^r of that Com^{tee} to be applied to the payment of the expenses of the Establishment the present year. The Com^{tee} was continued & encouraged to attend to the service & report to the meeting next year. W^m A Thomas is now added to the Committee.