

instances, one of which is under care; frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion are avoided as far as we know, and moderation and temperance are generally observed.

5th Ans: The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasion requires relief is afforded.

6th Ans:

As far as appears our testimony against a hireling Ministry, Oaths, Military Service, Clandestine trade, prize goods and Lotteries is maintained. - One report states that a few of our young friends at times attend on a hireling Ministry.

7th Ans:

Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, and as far as appears they are just in their dealings and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

8th Ans:

Our testimony against Slavery appears to be maintained. Shows of the African race in Friends families we believe are suitably provided for and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Ans:

Endeavors are used to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially and to exhort to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned.

10th Ans:

Rebecca Ware an Elder - a member of Nottingham Particular - & Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly Meeting, deceased 12 Month 16th 1853 in the thirty first year of her age.

11th Ans: None.

12th Ans: We believe Friends are mostly careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the care of teachers in membership with us.

Minutes of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends 1853.

At a yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, Virginia and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania, by adjournment from the 22^d of the 10th month, to the 25th of the same inclusive 1853.

By Reports from the Quarterly Meetings and the Half year Meeting of Virginia it appears, that they have appointed the following Friends their Representatives: From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting. - John Scott, & Hugh Balderston, Thomas R. Matthews, Isaac Brooks, Jonah Sands, John Griffith, Joseph King Jr & Samuel B. Griffith. From Nottingham Quarterly Meeting. - George P. Cook, Isaac Moore, John W. Hopkins and John S. Williams. From Dummig Creek Quarterly Meeting, Lord Valentine William McVaul, William S. Thomas & Nathan Glover, From the Half Year Meeting of Virginia. - Nathaniel C. Gresham, Robert White and John B. Gresham, who are present except four.

The following Certificates and Minutes for brethren and Sisters in attendance at this Meeting, from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings were now presented and acceptably read:

One for Samuel Taylor Jr, a minister from Sydney Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, State of Maine.

One for Rebecca Updegraff, a minister from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio.

One for Edith Griffith a minister from Redstone Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Redstone Quarterly Meeting, Pennsylvania.

One for Elizabeth Gifford, a minister from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Massachusetts.

One for Amos Griffith, an Elder from Redstone Monthly Meeting, Companion to Edith Griffith.

One for David K. Hakin, an Elder from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts, Companion to Elizabeth Gifford.

One for David Updegraff, a member from Short Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, Companion to Rebecca Updegraff.

One for Moses Bailey, a member from Litchfield Monthly