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Sixth Answer

Our testimony against a hireling ministry, (except in a few instances mentioned in our report) Oaths, Military Services, Clandestine trade, Prize goods, and Lotteries, appears to be maintained.

Seventh Answer

Friends generally appear careful to live within the bounds of their Circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, to be just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements.

Eighth Answer

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

Ninth Answer

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

Tenth Answer

Hannah Talbot, an elder and member of Baltimore Preparative and Monthly Meetings for the Eastern and Western Districts, departed this life on the 20th of 8th month 1857 in the 72nd year of her age.

Joel Cook, an elder and member of the Lower Monthly Meeting, Virginia, departed this life the 8th of 9th month 1857 in the 75th year of his age.

Eleventh Answer

None

Twelfth Answer

Most friends are careful as far as practicable to place their Children for tuition under the charge of teachers in membership with us.

Much concern was felt and expressed that we should faithfully maintain our testimony against the use of intoxicating drinks, both as a society and as individuals, and when any give ground for fear in this respect, they should be promptly dealt with in the spirit of restoring love, as enjoined by our discipline.

The following report from our Committee on Indian Concerns was produced and read. It was approved of and the sum of \$100 therein named,

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was directed to be raised by our subordinate meetings and paid to Joseph King, Jr. Treasurer of the Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are in receipt of the following report of the Committee on Indian Concerns of Indiana Yearly Meeting, by which we are pleased to find that the School has been resumed under favorable Circumstances; and, while no active duties have devolved upon us the past year, we continue to feel a lively interest in the Concern and would encourage our dear Friends of Indiana in their arduous labors.

We propose that our usual subscription of \$100 be raised for this purpose and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Committee.

"Soon after the close of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee engaged our Friend William H. Coffin, of Kansas, to visit the School, and make arrangements to prevent the premises being injured until suitable Friends could be found to take charge of the Establishment as Superintendents.

John Genny and his wife, who were left in charge of the premises by our former Superintendent, were engaged to reside at the school and take charge of the stock, put in the winter wheat, and perform such other labor about the premises as was necessary to keep them in order during the winter.

"Early last Spring, our dear Friends, Simon D. Harvey and his wife, Mary H. Harvey, feeling a deep interest in the welfare of the Indians, consented to go out and take charge of the Establishment, as Superintendents.

They left their homes early in the fourth month last, accompanied by Martha Townsend as Teacher, and our aged Friend, John Poole, who had kindly offered to accompany them and remain a few months:—his advice and labor while at the Establishment were very serviceable.

"The school was opened on the 20th of the 4th mo, with ten scholars, and increased next week to twenty-three, and from twenty to thirty Children have been in attendance during the past summer.

"In consequence of the Committee not being able to procure suitable assistance on the farm and in the house, our Superintendents have been under the necessity of laboring very hard, and have had to endure many privations;—but in speaking of these, they say, that some of the bitter cups which they have partaken of have been sweetened by affections.