

and slavery; those of the African race under our care are suitably provided for, and they are instructed in useful learning. 8th Ans. Friends appear to live carefully within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade, or defrauding the public revenue; they appear to be just in their dealings, and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

9th Ans. Care is, with some exceptions, taken to deal with offenders reasonably, but when done, impartially; and to render to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before judgment is placed upon them.

10th Ans. John A. Hopkins a member and elder of Orr's Monthly Meeting died the 27th of 12 mo. 1873 in the 75 year of his age. Elizabeth Butler a member & elder of Jennings' Monthly Meeting died 9 mo. 29, 1873 in the 73 year of her age. Martha Ann Bates, a member & elder of Orr's Monthly Meeting died 6 mo. 16, 1874 in the 57 year of her age.

11 Ans. None.

12 Ans. Care is taken generally, when practicable, to place children for tuition, under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us.

In the reading of the Lurins & Annals we have manifested our abiding interest with prayerful interest, and much religious concern was felt, that as individuals, as a Church, we might "grow in Grace and the knowledge of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ."

Much depends upon the faithful attendance of our Meetings for worship & edification. These Meetings were especially designed for our edification & comfort, for communion & fellowship, not for this only, but as a united testimony to the world that we are our allegiance to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Our forefathers esteemed it a great privilege thus to meet, and they suffered much in bearing this testimony to the one Lord our faith and our baptism. These meetings were full of life, and power, because of the faithfulness & consecration of the attenders. May we also hold our meetings in the power of God, & show the same life & receive the same blessings.

I should be the engagement of every mind, when thus assembled to ask in simplicity faith - Lord what wilt thou have me to do. A congregation thus baptized together, will not only strengthen & edify believers, but their united prayers will draw in such as know not the truth

and they will find the living substance for which their souls longed. In a devoted life, a life of consecration, may we, as in the early days of our society, not look to a brother, but to Christ. He will lead us by His Holy Spirit into service that will bear the scars of life, the holy anointing, and that will edify the Church. There will our meetings grow in numbers & increase in interest - our ministry will not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of the Lord, and the simplest service of the worshiper will be in his power.

Parents are encouraged to make the way easy for their families to go to Meetings, and to consider all business as secondary to this duty.

We believe that a special blessing will rest on all such, & that the children will take the place of the fathers, and our love back with gratitude when their efforts to lead them into a religious life.

It was also stated that the power of our Meetings does not depend so much on the ministry as on the members. Meetings will be the expression of the individual lives of the membership; if these lives are well regulated - if indifferent to the interests of the Church, our Meetings will reflect just such a condition. May we each endeavor to realize that state of soul which will give our response in our daily walk, in our families, in the Church, that we are the Lord's.

The Lord is not calling for resolutions - it is for service and submission to His will. May we not say, I will do such a thing, I will be governed up, I will surrender myself to my Saviour - what He wants is for us to humbly do so - in simple, childlike faith & trust - The question is not, am I worthy, but is it the Lord's will - He will then bless & qualify and use us.

In considering the 2d Query, we are reminded that Love is the regulator of our lives, when we have the love of Christ in our hearts - a divine love that surpasses anything that is human - the love of God in Jesus Christ - that unites our hearts in the holy fellowship of the Spirit.

May we be careful of the reputation of each other, refraining from tale bearing and detraction, if there are no listeners there will be no tale bearers.

May we seek for the spirit of forgiveness under wrong. Let us have peace with our Saviour in our own souls, at any cost of prior or personal feeling. How merciful to the Church of Christ that its members should dwell together in unity, and exercise towards each other and their neighbors, the spirit of consecration and forbearance, even under provocation and injustice.

May we guard the literature that enters our families, for it will largely direct the future lives of our children. The parents