

Ans 3 Most Friends have endeavored, by example and precept, to bring up their children, and those under their care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in that plainness and simplicity of life which the Gospel enjoins. They have endeavored to guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they have been encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

Ans 4 Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry has been maintained, agreeably to our Discipline.

Ans 5 With a few exceptions, Friends have maintained their testimony against all intoxicating liquors, and have avoided drinking houses, and frivolous and demoralizing places of diversion.

Ans 6 The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and advice and relief have been extended when thought necessary.

Ans 7 Friends' children have generally been placed at school, and when practicable, in school under the care of friends.

Ans 8 Our testimony against oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and Slavery, has been maintained.

Ans 9 We believe that Friends have been careful to live 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, and that they have been just in their dealings, and endeavor to be punctual in complying with their engagements, and where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, care has been extended to them.

Ans 10 Care has not always been taken to deal with offenders seasonably, but when done it has been impartially, and in the spirit of meekness and love.

Ans 11 Ann H. Schofield, a member and elder of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, died 10th month 27th 1886, in the 72nd year of her age.
John S. Williamson, a member and elder of Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, died 10th month 18th 1886, aged 84.
John Scott, a member and minister of Deer Creek Monthly Meeting died 7th month 9th 1887, aged 89 years 1 month and 9 days.

Ans 2 Lincoln Monthly Meeting, Loudoun County, Va., was established 4th month 28th 1857, and Ashton Monthly Meeting, in Montgomery County Md., was established 5th month 2nd 1857.

Our meetings for worship again claimed the attention of the meeting. Thankful for the blessing they have been during the past year, we would earnestly counsel our members to appreciate their great importance to the Church and to souls. Worship is only through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and our meetings should manifest the united exercise of the Lord's Children. Taking our places at once when we arrive at the meeting, and entering into the service of the hour by waiting on the Lord, the heart prepared by prayer and earnest longing for a blessing, will keep the attitude of soul before Him which would preclude all unseemly outward behavior.

As waiting on the Lord is an essential part of worship, we should be careful not to interfere with it by diverting the mind from the united exercise, whether in silent or vocal prayer, labor shared and encouraged, will give practical assurance of how these Quakers love one another. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

The growth and development of the spiritual life of the Church is necessary for the spread of the Gospel. — other members beside the mouth are necessary in the body, and of the unobserved members that silently perform their functions are most important. On the other hand, disorder and disease, even in a small member, as a little finger, may injure all and cause the whole to suffer. Let us not only exhort one another, but