

21st, 1886, in the 71st year of his age.

Ans 12th. Lincoln Meeting, Loudoun Co., Va., established 1st month, 1886, in the neighborhood where Goose Creek Meeting was held up to the time of the civil war. It is held a 11 A. M. 1st day. Corinth Meeting, Southampton County, Va., established 12th month, 1885, and is held on First and Fifth days at 11 A. M.

Julia Valentine very feelingly alluded to the removal by death, since the last Baltimore Quarterly Meeting of our beloved Friend, Ann A. Schopfield, an elder of that meeting. Many earnest testimonies were borne to the faithfulness of this dear Friend, and her loss to the Church was dwelt upon. Her end was full of peace.

The State of Society was brought before us by the answers to the Queries, and much earnest exercise was felt as to the various subjects contained in them.

The blessing of a faithful attendance at all our meetings, especially those in the middle of the week, was much dwelt upon, and very valuable advice was given us as to the right attitude of our hearts in regard to them. We were shown that it was of great importance for

us to settle into stillness as soon as we take our seats in the meeting house, in order that all who enter may know that the service has already begun, whether any one is in the gallery or not. Meetings are greatly helped when they can be preceded by prayer in the closet, that our Father which seeth in secret shall reward us openly in the meeting afterwards. The exercise in such meetings seems to flow from person to person, and we know something of what it is to have a free Gospel ministry.

The freedom of the Gospel ministry was felt to be something more than a ministry which is not under the bondage of pecuniary support. It can be realized no where so well perhaps as in a Friends' meeting, and only in a meeting where the members, recognizing their true position as kings and priests unto God, place themselves in an attitude of waiting upon the Lord, and are free to receive communications from Him, and hand them forth to the people.

We must realize the power of thought, and the vital importance of thinking God's thoughts. Open in silence we can influence one another, and help or hinder a meeting by our thoughts. If we find ourselves wandering we need not be