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Ans. 11. None.

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The 2nd Unanswered Query was read and seriously considered.

Our dear friend Rufus P. King of N. Carolina attended this meeting and informed us that a Minute had been granted him but had failed to reach him in time. His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us.

We record with thankfulness the holding of our meeting again at Hopewell, after so long an interval of time. Our last Quarterly Meeting held at this place was in 6th month 1863, within sound of the guns of contending armies which ^{were} then in battle array near the meeting house. The three Representatives from Baltimore, John Scott, Thos. R. Matthews ^{now deceased}, & Francis J. King, were obliged to make their way home, accompanied by R. D. Griffith & in his conveyance, by a circuitous route, in order to pass through the lines of the Confederate army. The summer Quarterly Meeting was then removed to Baltimore. Afterwards, owing to emigration and other causes, Hopewell Meeting became much reduced in numbers & interest.

During the past year or two, by the blessing of the Lord on the labors of the Pastoral Committee of the Yearly Meeting, a number of the younger members of the Meeting have received a great blessing & there has been an increase of interest in the maintenance of meetings for worship & discipline. Some members have been added to the

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church, & the Meeting is in a hopeful and encouraging condition. The attendance of the Quarterly Meeting has been large at this time, and much interest has been manifested. Representatives have attended from all the subordinate Meetings, & we have rejoiced in the blessing which has rested on our coming together.

A copy of this Minute was directed to be sent to John Scott, now living in California and to Francis J. King, in commemoration of the Lord's goodness in the restoration of peace to the Nation & prosperity to the Church.

Then concluded.

John C. Thomas, Clerk.

At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Baltimore 12th Mo. 17th 1883

By Reports from the Monthly Meetings the following Friends were the representatives, from { Thos. R. Matthews Jr., Joshua H. Worthington Baltimore } A. J. Lawrence & Chas. W. Davis Hopewell - George J. Joliffe & Robt. D. Griffith Deer Creek - Ed. S. Edge, J. H. Thompson & N. Newlin Smith Patuxent - Thos. Wetherald & Enoch Jones who were present except 7, for the absence of 1 of whom a reason was given.

Our dear friend John T. Dorland, Jr. of Canada attended this meeting; his presence & gospel services have been very acceptable to us.

The representatives to our late Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended.

The Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting were read, & this Quarterly Meeting is now,