

Seventh Query. - Are friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage? Are they just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements? And where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them?

Eighth. Are friends careful to bear a testimony against slavery? Do they provide, in a suitable manner, for those under their direction, who have had their freedom secured; and are they instructed in useful learning?

Ninth. Is care taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to endeavour to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love, before judgment is placed upon them.

It is also required that the following queries be read and answered once in the year, in each monthly and quarterly meeting, and a written report thereof forwarded to the Yearly meeting by the respective quarters.

Annual Queries.

First Query. - What ministers and elders deceased, and where?

Second Query. - What new meetings settled?

Third Query. - Are schools encouraged for education of our youth, under the tuition of teachers in membership with us?

Fourth Query. - Are the queries addressed to the quarterly, monthly & preparative meetings read and answered therein as directed.

General Advice.

It is further desired, that in the preparative meetings and monthly meetings, in which all the foregoing queries are read and answered, the following advice may also be read, with a suitable pause between them, as a mean of exciting those present to a consideration, whether there is any occasion for an extension of care in these respects, in relation either to themselves or others.

Friends are advised,

To observe due moderation in the furniture of their houses, and to avoid superfluity in their manner of living.

To attend to the limitations of truth in their temporal business. To be careful to place their children amongst friends, preferring those whose care and example will be most likely to conduce to their preservation.

To inspect the state of their temporal affairs once in the year, and make their wills whilst in health.

To apply for certificates, when about to remove, and to pay proper attention to those coming from other places, who appear as friends, without producing certificates.

It is further recommended, that when occasions of uneasiness appear in any, such may be treated with in privacy, and with tenderness, before the matter be communicated to another; thus the hands of those concerned in the further exercise of the discipline, will not be weakened by a consciousness on their part, of a departure from the true order of the gospel.

Also, that friends endeavour to manage the affairs of our meetings in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, with decency, forbearance, and love to each other; labouring to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Queries

For meetings of ministers and elders.

The yearly meeting requires, that of the following four queries, formed for the use of the meetings of ministers and elders, the first three be read and distinctly answered in writing, three times in the year, by each preparative meeting of that kind, to its respective quarterly meeting; and that all the said four queries shall be in like manner read and answered, by the preparative to their quarterly meetings, next preceding the yearly meeting of ministers and elders: in order, that the quarterly meetings may be enabled to transmit a clear and distinct statement of those answers to that meeting.