

covering of precious solemnity as far as the third query inclusive, adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

About the time adjourned to friends again assembled.

The consideration of the state of society being resumed and the meeting having proceeded through the remainder of the queries, the following summary was agreed upon as containing the substance of the answers received from the Quarterly Meetings viz:—

1st Answer: All our meetings for worship and Discipline have been held—except ten within the limits of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, resulting from inclemency of the weather—and attended by the members, generally, on first day mornings. Those in the afternoon of that day, near the middle of the week and for Discipline, are frequently small. Unbecoming behavior is generally avoided and the hours of meeting are nearly observed.

2nd Answer: Friends, generally, maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are mostly discouraged, and when differences appear, endeavors are used to end them.

3rd Answer: Some friends endeavour, by example and precept, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel; to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures. But two reports acknowledge that a more general care in these important particulars would be profitable.

4th Answer: Our testimony against the unnecessary use of distilled spirituous liquors, appears to be generally maintained agreeably to our Discipline. Of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, Friends are mostly clear. Moderation and temperance are generally ~~readily~~ observed.

5th Answer: The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief afforded.

6th Answer: Our testimony against a hiring ministry, Baths, Military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, appears to be generally maintained, though a deficiency in relation to our testimony against a hiring ministry is acknowledged in one of the reports.

7th Answer: Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage—they are mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements; and where reasonable grounds for fear in these respects have been given, care has generally been extended.

8th Answer: Friends are careful to bear our testimony against Slavery. Those of the African race in Friends' families are suitably provided for and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Answer: Known offenders are generally dealt with in accordance with the spirit of this Duty.

10th Answer: Mary Gillingham, an Elder, and member of Baltimore Reparatice and Monthly Meeting for the Western District, departed this life on the 13th of the 2nd month 1850, in the 66th year of her age.

Anna Grist, an Elder, and member of Warrington Monthly and particular meeting, departed this life on the 23rd of the 2nd month, 1850, in the 84th year of her age.

Jaron Hiltner, an Elder, and member of Hopewell particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 1st of the 6th mo, 1850, in the 81st year of his age.

William Hates, an Elder, and member of Alexandria Particular & Monthly Meeting departed this life on the 22nd of the 7th mo, 1849, in the 63rd year of his age.

Hannah K. Cleaver, an Elder, and member belonging to Centre Quarterly Meeting, departed this life on the 11th of 6th mo, 1850.

11th Answer: None.

12th Answer: Friends are mostly careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition, under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us.

On the important testimonies embraced in the queries a deep and solemn concern was felt, and though it was seen that deficiencies have long existed and still continue, yet there was encouraging evidence, in the advancement of many of our young people, that our labors of love have not been lost.