

Answers to The Queries.

First

All our meetings have been held, except nine, within the verge of Baltimore Quarter, three of which were prevented by high water, three within the verge of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, prevented by military operations by which Friends there were surrounded, and all the meetings in Alexandria since the sixth month last, at which time the meeting house was taken possession of by the military authorities of the United States for hospital purposes, and six meetings for worship and two Preparative meetings within the verge of Nottingham Quarter, and one Meeting within the verge of Centre Quarter; and they have been attended by our members generally on Fast-day mornings. Deficiency still continues to exist in the attendance of those in the afternoons of that day, as well as those near the middle of the week, and for discipline unbecoming behavior while assembled, is generally avoided, and the hour of meeting is mostly observed, though two reports make some abatement in this latter particular.

Second

Friends generally appear to 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.

Third

Many Friends endeavor 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 corrupt conversation; and also to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures; but it is believed that the best interest of society would be promoted, by a more general concern and care respecting these important particulars.

Fourth

We believe our testimony in relation to distilled spirituous liquors is generally maintained, agreeably to our Discipline. Friends generally avoid frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion, and moderation and temperance are observed on most occasions.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded.

Sixth

Our testimony against a trading ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries, appears to be generally maintained, though three reports mention deviations, respecting military services, to some cases of which care has been extended.

Seventh

Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. They are mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements, and where there has been reasonable ground for fear in these respects, some care has been extended.

Eighth

Our testimony against Slavery appears to be maintained. Those of the African race in Friends families are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth

Friends appear careful to deal with known offenders seasonably and impartially, and to exhort to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love, before they are disowned, though one Report states that delays sometimes occur.

Tenth

Elizabeth Moore an Elder and member of West Branch Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 8th day of the 10th month 1861 aged sixty three years.

Thomas Bradway an Elder, and member of East Nottingham and Particular, and Nottingham Monthly Meeting, departed this life, the 5th day of the 11th month 1861 in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Sarah Warner a minister, and member of Deer Creek Particular, and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 17th day of 2^d month 1862 in the eighty-first year of her age.