

Center Quarterly Meetings; and one within the limits of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meetings. They have generally been attended on First day mornings by most of our members. There were on the afternoon of that day and evening, near the middle of the week, and for discipline, are very much neglected. Unbecoming behavior, when assembled, is generally avoided, and the hour of meeting is usually observed by most friends. One of the reports, however, informs that the hour of meeting is not so well observed as would be desirable.

Second Answer.

Friends generally maintain love towards each other in a good degree, becoming our Christian profession. False hearing and detraction are mostly avoided; and where differences appear, care is taken to end them.

Third Answer.

Many friends endeavor by example and precept, to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, decent dress, and apparel, to guard them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation; also to encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures; but nearly all the Reports acknowledge that more care is required to these important particulars would be profitable.

Fourth Answer.

Our testimonies against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained, agreeably to our Discipline. One Report mentions there are cases of drinking, which are under care. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and attending places of diversion mostly avoided; but one report acknowledges, that places of diversion are not sufficiently guarded against. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on most occasions.

Fifth Answer.

The necessities of the poor, and the circumstances of those requiring aid, have been inspected and relief afforded. They are advised and assisted in such employments as they ^{appear to be} capable of, and the education of their children is provided for.

Sixth Answer.

Most Friends appear to maintain our testimony against a-bridging ministry, courts, military service, slave institutions, prize games and betting. Two of the Reports make an abatement with regard to the payment of a tax in lieu of military service.

Seventh Answer.

Most 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 engagements. Two Reports say, where there is ground for fear in these respects, care has been sustained.

Eighth Answer.

Our testimony against slavery appears to be maintained; those of the African race in Friends families are paid for and care is generally taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth Answer.

Care is generally taken to deal with known offenders seasonably and impartially, and to exhort to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love which they are discouraged one of the Reports states that delays sometimes occur, and that meekness is manifest in regard to this responsible and important duty.

Tenth Answer.

Daniel Pope, an Elder and Member of Little Falls Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life 10th day of 1st month — 1868 in the 85th year of his age.

Hugh Sidwell an Elder, and Member Center Preparative and Monthly Meeting departed this life the 14th day of the 12th Mo. 1868, in the 75th year of his age.

James Blackburn an Elder and Member of Munnings Creek Particular and Monthly Meeting departed this life on the 13th day of the 5th month 1869 in the 72nd year of his age.

Eleventh Answer.

A. Meeting for worship and (Ladies also a Preparative and Monthly Meeting has been settled at Marietta Marshall County Iowa within the limits of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meetings.

Twelfth Answer.

Most Friends appear careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in Membership with us.

The Meeting then adjourned to 3 O'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Twenty seven of the Friends and Friends of the week previous assembled upon the time adjourned to.

The reading and answering of the 12th Query brought before us the subject of schools and the education of our youth, and the Meeting decided that our Quarterly Meetings should in this respect to this Meeting next year, the number of schools under the care of Preparative