

1841 First of the Eleventh Month and Fourth of the Week.
Friends assembled about the time adjourned to.

The remaining Queries with their answers were read, and the following Summary was adopted as nearly comprising the substance of those received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz:

First Answer.

All of our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, except two within the limits of Warrington Quarterly Meeting, and nine within the limits of Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, several of the latter were prevented on account of inclement weather. Those held at York, within the limits of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, have not been reported for the past year. They have generally been attended on First Day mornings by most of the members. Those held in the afternoon and evening of that day, near the middle of the week, and for Discipline continue to be neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior therein is generally avoided, and the hour of Meeting nearly observed; in two of the Reports an abatement is made in this latter particular.

Second Answer.

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Slandering and detraction are mostly discouraged, and when differences arise, care has been extended.

Third Answer.

Some 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 from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures, but it is acknowledged in several of the Reports that more care in regard to these important particulars would be profitable.

Fourth Answer.

Our testimony against the use of distilled Spirituous Liquors appears to be generally maintained, agreeably to our Discipline. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns is mostly avoided, but not clear of attending places of dissipation. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on most occasions.

Fifth Answer.

The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief afforded; they are advised and assisted in such employments as they appear capable of, and care is taken to provide for the school education of their children.

Sixth Answer.

Friends generally appear to maintain our testimony against a hiring ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries.

Seventh Answer.

Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, to be just in their dealings, and mostly punctual in complying with their engagements.

Eighth Answer.

Friends are careful to bear our testimony against slavery. Those of the African Race under their care are provided for, and some instructions given them in useful learning.

Ninth Answer.

Care is mostly taken to deal with known offenders seasonably and impartially, and to win to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned, though two of the Reports admit - not so seasonably as would be best - with regard to some offences.

Tenth Answer.

Wm. Skatford, (of Thomas) an Elder and Member of Gunpowder Particular and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 12th day of the 9th month 1840, in the 94th year of his age.

Catharine M. Smith, an Elder and Member of the Western District Particular and Baltimore Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 23rd day of the 9th month, 1840, in the 81st year of her age.

Nathan Walker, an Elder and Member of Fairfax Particular, and Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 29th day of the 1st month 1841, in the 70th year of his age.

Samuel Coaman, an Elder and Member of Western District Particular, and Baltimore Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 7th day of the 4th month, 1841, in the 78th year of his age.