

1873 counsel was presented to us in relation to more fully maintaining the important subjects contained in these Queries.

During this sitting we have had an acceptable visit from our friend, Margaretta Waller.

As Public Meetings for Worship are held to-morrow morning, the meeting adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

— Twenty-ninth of the month and fourth of the week. —
Friends assembled near the time adjourned to.

The remaining Queries, with their answers, were read, and the following Summary was approved as nearly representing the substance of those received from the Quarterly Meetings.

During the consideration of the subjects embraced in these Queries, much instructive counsel and admonition was given forth, tending to our greater faithfulness in practically fulfilling these several obligations:

— Answers to Queries. —

— First. —

All of our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held as far as heard from, except eleven for Worship, within the limits of Warrington Quarter; one within the limits of Fairfax Quarter, six within the limits of Nottingham Quarter, and the Mid-Winter Meetings at Little Elk, within the limits of the same Quarterly Meeting.

They have been attended on first-day mornings by Friends generally. Those held on the afternoon and evening of that day, near the middle of the week, and for Discipline, are neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior when assembled has been generally avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends, though two of the Reports make an abatement in this latter particular.

— Second. —

Love becoming our Christian profession appears to be generally maintained. Tale-bearing and detraction are mostly discouraged, and when differences become known, care has been taken to end them.

— Third. —

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 against pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and they are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures; but most of the Reports acknowledge that more care in these important particulars would be profitable.

— Fourth. —

Our testimony against the use of Intoxicating Liquors appears to be generally maintained, agreeably to our Discipline.

The unnecessary frequenting of taverns is mostly avoided, but not entirely clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance are observed on most occasions.

— Fifth. —

The necessities of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded; and where further care has been needed it appears to have been extended.

— Sixth. —

Our testimony against an hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, appears to be generally maintained.

One Report excepts some instances of marriage, accomplished by the aid of a paid minister, and the payment of a tax imposed for military purposes.

— Seventh. —

Friends appear to be generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. Mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements, and where any have given reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, care has been extended to them.

— Eighth. —

Friends are careful to bear a testimony against slavery. Those of the African race under their direction appear to be suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

— Ninth. —

Care is generally taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned, though one answer states delays sometimes occur.

— Tenth. —

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