

1882 and corrupt conversation, and encourage the reading of the Holy Scriptures. But more care in regard to these important particulars it is acknowledged, would be profitable.

Fourth.

Our testimony against intoxicating liquors is generally maintained, agreeable to our Discipline. One report mentions that a few of their members continue to sell liquors in connection with their other business. Frequenting taverns unnecessarily is mostly avoided, but not so clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance on other occasions is generally observed.

Answers to Queries. Friends, generally, discourage the cultivation and use of tobacco. All the reports (with one exception) state they are clear of its cultivation.

Fifth.

The circumstances of those of our members who appear to require aid are inspected, and relief is generally afforded.

Sixth.

Friends, generally, maintain our testimony in favor of a free Gospel ministry, resting upon Divine qualification alone.

Seventh.

Friends, generally, are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage; are generally just in their dealings and mostly punctual in complying with their engagements, where any have given grounds for fear in this respect, care has generally been extended. One report makes an abatement with regard to the last clause of the Query.

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Eighth.

Friends, generally, are careful to bear a testimony against oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries ^{and} also against oppression in all its various forms.

Ninth.

Care is generally taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to wince to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love, before they are disowned. One report acknowledges that delays sometimes occur.

Answers to Queries.

Tenth.

So far as appears, care is taken to keep a regular record of births, deaths and membership.

Eleventh.

No new meetings have been settled ^{during} the past year, and none discontinued. The time of holding the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, at Sandy Spring, has been changed to meet at the rise of the mid-week Meeting, previous to the Monthly Meeting, prior to the Quarterly Meeting. The times of holding Alexandria Monthly and mid-week Meetings have been changed from the 5th to the 4th days of the week, and the Preparative Meeting, at Running Creek, has been discontinued; the members thereof being the same as those of the Monthly Meeting.

The additions to membership have been as follows, viz.

	By Births	Certificates	Leaving Ministry Total by Convincement
Baltimore Quarter	7	2	2
Warrington "	4	1	0
Fairfax "	3	2	0
Nottingham "	9	1	2
Centre "	1	8	0
	24	14	4

Total increase for the year 42.