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Second.

Love towards each other, as becomes our Christian profession, is in a good degree maintained. Of tale-bearing and detraction we are not entirely clear. A concern exists to end differences when they become known.

Third.

The several requisitions of this Query, appear to be complied with, by most of our members; though greater faithfulness is urged in three of the reports in regard to the reading of the Scriptures of Truth.

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Fourth.

Our testimony against the use of intoxicating liquors appears to be generally maintained throughout our borders. Frequenting taverns unnecessarily is mostly guarded against, but some are not clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and Temperance generally observed. Three of the reports state that Tobacco is not cultivated, and most Friends discourage its production as well as its use. One report states that in one of its branches, in regard to dealing in and using intoxicating liquors and tobacco, there is still room for labor.

Fifth

The circumstances of those of our members requiring aid, have generally been provided for.

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Sixth.

The reports show that our testimony in favor of a free Gospel Ministry, resting upon Divine qualification alone, is generally maintained.

Seventh.

Our members generally, it would appear, live within the bounds of their circumstances, and avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. are just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements; though one report suggests more care in fulfilling engagements. Care is extended, when grounds for fear in these respects, arise.

Eighth.

The several answers received to this Query would indicate that its requirements are, in a good degree maintained.

Ninth.

Offenders, when they become known, are mostly dealt with seasonably and impartially, agreeably to our Discipline, and a kindly spirit is shown to those who will not be reclaimed, before they are disowned.

Tenth.

A regular and correct record of births, deaths and membership is reported to be kept.