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Due care is not always taken to encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures.

Fourth Answer.

Our testimony against the sale and use of intoxicating Liquors as a beverage is well maintained, with the exception in one report, that several Friends in Baltimore Monthly Meeting continue to sell Liquor in connection with their other business.

We are mostly clear of attending taverns or places where Liquor is sold and also of attending places of harmful diversion. Moderation and temperance in living are generally observed.

A few of our members in one locality cultivate Tobacco, but its cultivation and use is elsewhere discouraged.

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Fifth Answer.

When any of our members are known to require pecuniary aid, relief has been given them.

Sixth Answer.

Our testimony in favor of a free Gospel Ministry, resting upon Divine qualification alone, is believed to be generally maintained.

Seventh Answer.

Friends are reported to be mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. They are also generally just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements. Care seems to be extended when deviations from a course of rectitude occur.

Eighth Answer.

Our testimony against the various forms of Lotteries, Oaths, Military Service, etc., is maintained. Two reports state that some are not entirely clear of oppression in its several forms.

Ninth Answer.

With one exception of weakness noted, offenders against the Discipline, when they become known, are treated with in a spirit of meekness and love, as enjoined by this Query.

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Tenth Query.

The reports all state that care is taken to keep a regular record of births, deaths, and membership throughout our borders.

Eleventh Query.

No new Meetings have been settled and none discontinued the past year. The time of holding Oxford Preparative Meeting (within the limits of Nottingham Quarter) has been changed to 7½ o'clock on the evening of the first Seventh-day in each month. No other changes in the time or places of holding meetings are reported.

The losses and gains in membership have been as follows:

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	Gains						Loss				
	Births	Baptisms	Consecration	Request of Parents	Request of Members	Total	Deaths	Resignations	Removals	Dissemination	Total
Baltimore	11	11	4	2	0	28	20	8	3	0	31
Warrington	2	1	6	0	0	9	5	4	0	0	9
Fairfax	6	4	2	0	0	12	14	2	4	0	20
Nottingham	9	3	8	5	0	25	20	8	4	0	32
Centre	2	2	3	0	0	7	7	0	1	0	8
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Twelfth Answer.

As far as is practicable, we believe, our members are careful to place their children for tuition with suitable teachers in membership in our Society.

In accordance with instructions issued by our last Yearly Meeting, our Quarterly Meetings have forwarded a census of the membership of their respective constituent Monthly Meetings, as of the first day of Sixth month last, which is as follows: