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1st Answer.— The reports received show that all of our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held with the following exceptions: Three for Worship within Pipe Creek Monthly, Harrington Quarter; Three at The Bridge and two at Centre, Hopewell Monthly, and two at Woodlawn, Alexandria Monthly, and all in Fairfax Quarter; two on Firstday and three mid-week at East Nottingham, one mid-week at Little Britain, and two within the limits of Silver Creek, all in Nottingham Quarter; one for worship at West Branch and one at Centre, Centre Quarter.

Some of the reports state the attendance on Firstday to be satisfactory, but other Meetings not well attended. Fairfax states that the Meeting at Washington, H. Co., has largely increased in attendance during the year.

Unbecoming behavior when assembled is avoided, and with one exception, the hour of Meeting is reported to be generally observed.

2nd Answer.— Our members maintain love generally toward each other becoming our Christian profession and mostly discourage tale bearing and detraction.

With one exception, proper care is reported to be taken to end differences amongst our members, when they arise.

3rd Answer.— Three of the reports indicate that care is taken to educate our children in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel. Two of them, however, admit a weakness in this direction.

Other children in Friends families appear to be suitably provided for. Endeavors are used generally to guard our youth against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and they are encouraged to read the Scriptures of Truth, though a weakness in the latter injunction is reported from one Quarter.

4th Answer.— Our testimony against the sale and use of Intoxicating Liquors is maintained, with the exception of

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several violations in the sale thereof, reported from Baltimore Quarter. Friends appear to be clear of the unnecessary frequenting of public houses where liquor is sold, but not so clear of attending places of diversion of harmful tendencies.

With one exception, the reports state that our members are clear of the cultivation of Tobacco. Its use, in most cases, is discouraged.

5th Answer.— Relief is shown to have been given to those of our members, who have required pecuniary aid.

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6th Answer.— Our testimony in favor of a free Gospel Ministry, resting upon Divine qualification alone, appears to be well maintained.

7th Answer.— Friends are reported to be generally just in their dealings and punctual in complying with engagements, and mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, etc. Care is generally extended to those who may become involved in business.

8th Answer.— Our testimony against Lotteries, Oaths, Military Services, etc, and against the various forms of oppression are generally maintained, except in the case of Baltimore Monthly Monthly, wherein some of our members have participated in a new and delusive form of Investment Companies, in which impossible profits are promised, in speedy return for small investments.

9th Answer.— Offenders against the provisions of our Rules of Discipline, generally appear to be dealt with in a spirit of meekness and love, but a lack of promptness is admitted in two reports.

10th Answer.— Due care is reported to be taken to keep a regular record of Births, Deaths, and Memberships, though the report from Nottingham Quarter is not entirely full.

11th Answer.— No new Meetings have been established the past year. The mid-week Meeting at Woodlawn, Fairfax Quarter—