

1893 In accordance with the request of the retiring Committee, the sum of Three hundred dollars (\$300) was appropriated to the use of the Committee the ensuing year.

38 The consideration of the Queries was again resumed, as unfinished business from the session of yesterday afternoon.

The remaining Queries were read, considered, and summary answers adopted, as showing our condition at this time, as a religious Society.

Queries and Summary Answers as Adopted.

First Query—Are all of our Meetings for Worship and Discipline duly attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behavior therein?

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First Answer All of our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been duly attended, except those following, viz: Two for Worship at Bush Creek, within the limits of Warrington Quarter; one mid-week at The Ridge, Hopewell, in Fairfax Quarter; four mid-week and one Firstday at East Nottingham and one Preparative at Oxford, omitted on account of inclement weather, in Nottingham Quarter; one for Worship at Lunnings Creek on account of the burial of a Friend and one for Worship at West Branch both in Centre Quarter.

Baltimore Quarter reports a marked increase in the attendance upon Meetings for Worship and for Discipline at Park Avenue, Baltimore. Fairfax reports those on Firstday, and for Discipline as well attended. Both report other meetings as small. Unbecoming behavior when assembled is avoided. The hour for assembling is nearly observed.

Second Query—Do Friends maintain love toward each other becoming our Christian profession? Are tale bearing and detraction discouraged? And when differences arise, are endeavors used speedily to end them?

Second Answer—Love appears to be maintained in a good degree amongst our Members, becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are generally

1893 discouraged. Endeavors are used to end differences when they become known.

Third Query—Do Friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel? And are all other children in Friends' families suitably provided for? Do they guard them against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation? And are they encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures?

Third Answer—Our Members are generally concerned, by example and precept, to encourage plainness and simplicity in the education of their children. Other children under their care seem to be suitably provided for. Efforts are made to guard them from evil influences of pernicious literature and corrupt conversation and to encourage them in the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures.

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Fourth Query—Is our testimony against Intoxicating Liquors maintained agreeably to our Discipline? Do Friends avoid frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion? And do they observe moderation and temperance on all occasions? Are they careful to discourage the cultivation and use of tobacco?

Fourth Answer—Our testimony against the sale and use of Intoxicating Liquors is well maintained, with the exception of one report, Baltimore Monthly Meeting, which states that two of its members, in one firm, sell liquor in connection with their business. Frequenting taverns or places where liquor is sold is avoided and they are mostly clear of attending places of harmful diversion. Moderation and temperance appear to be generally observed on all occasions. Four of the reports state that none of their members cultivate tobacco. Nottingham reports that its cultivation is discouraged. It is still used however, by some of our members.