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The meeting having resumed the consideration of the state of Society and having proceeded through the queries & answers, Summary answers were collected from those now received from the Quarterly Meetings. Much exercise & concern was felt to persuade the minds of many brethren on account of the deficiencies apparent within our limits, particularly in regard to the neglect of the attendance of meetings for Divine Worship, the departure of many from the simplicity of our holy profession, the inordinate pursuit of the things of this world; as also on account of the importance of a closer but faithful application of our Christian Discipline in reference to those who have placed themselves in the relation of offenders towards the Society; and for an increase of religious concern for the guarded literary education of Friends' Children; Under a sense of the exercise which has been felt in these subjects during the consideration of the state of Society at this time, The following names Friends were appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle to our subordinate meetings, and the Members Constituting them expreessive thereof, and of the deep interest & concern which has been manifested in relation thereto & produce it to a future sitting viz: John P. Balderston, Samuel Conner, John Scott Thomas, Worthington & David Ericson.

Summary Answers

First all our meetings for worship & discipline have been held. None report it is stated that the meetings on First Day Mornings are generally duly attended but that others are frequently neglected by many & that a more lively zeal in that important duty would be desirable. Unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided, & the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Second we believe friends generally maintain a good degree of Love towards each other becoming our Christian profession & that they are concerned to discourage tale-bearing and detraction, and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Third, Many friends endeavour by example & precept to educate their Children and those under their care in plainness of speech, Deportment, & Apparel, to guard them

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against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, also to encourage them frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, but more care in these respects would be profitable.

Fourth, we believe our Testimony against distilled Spirits & Liquors is generally maintained, although some defections is stated in one report, Friends generally avoid frequenting Taverns unbecomingly or attending places of Devotion; Moderation & Temperance are mostly observed.

Fifth; The necessities of the poor are inspected & relief appears to be generally afforded agreeably to the requisitions of the Query.

Sixth Friends appear careful generally to maintain a faithful testimony against an hiring Ministry, Oaths, Military Service, clandestine trade, prize goods, & Lotteries.

Seventh, Most friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. As far as appears they are just in their dealings & generally punctual in complying with their engagements, although some exception is noted in this last respect in one report, when any have given reasonable ground for fear herein some care has been extended to them.

Eighth; we believe friends are careful to bear a Testimony against Slavery, & that those of the African Race under their direction are generally suitably provided for and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth Care is generally taken to deal with offenders peaceably and impartially and to exhort to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness & Love before they are disowned; One report states with the exception of those who have joined in the separation to whom very little care has been extended.

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Twelfth, Some friends place their children for tuition under the charge