

First Answer — All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held, (except at South River, Virginia, where some Meetings have not been kept) and generally attended by most of our members. — Deficiencies appear in the attendance of mid-week Meetings for worship and Discipline, and afternoon Meetings where held. Unbecoming behaviour therein mostly avoided; one report excepted some instances of drunkenness, — The hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends.

Second Answer. — We believe Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession, Self bearing and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Third Answer

Many Friends endeavour by example and precept, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel. To guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to encourage the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures. — Deficiencies are however apparent amongst us, in regard to plainness of dress, and the simplicity of manners becoming our religious profession, and it is stated that more care in all the requisitions of this Leviticus, would be profitable.

Fourth Answer. — As far as appears our testimony against distilled Spirituous liquors is maintained, frequenting Taverns and attending places of diversion are mostly avoided, and moderation and temperance generally observed.

Fifth Answer.

The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasions required, relief is afforded as directed in the query.

Sixth Answer.

Our Testimony against a hireling Ministry, Oaths, military Services, clandestine trade, prize goods and Lotteries appears to be maintained. — except some instances of attending on a hireling Ministry.

Seventh Answer. —

Friends generally live within the bounds of their circumstances, and avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. — We believe they are just in their dealings (and with a few exceptions, to which care appears to have been extended) and punctual in complying with their engagements.

Eighth Answer.

Friends appear to bear a testimony against Slavery, though a few of some exceptions is expressed in one report. Those of the African race under the care of Friends, are in a good degree suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth Answer. — Endeavours are used to deal with offenders in the manner directed; Remission in this respect is stated in one report, and a few cases not so serious

ably as directed. Tenth Answer. — None. Eleventh Answer. — None. Twelfth Answer.

Friends are mostly careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the charge of persons in membership with us.

The reading of the Gurries and the answers from the several Meetings introduced the minds of many exercised Friends into a weighty concern for the removal of those things which hinder our advancement in the Truth, and for the establishment of that "faith which works by love," and purifies the heart, that thus the principles and doctrines of the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may be upheld in this portion of his heritage to the advancement of his righteous kingdom on earth, and to the praise of his excellent name.

The important duty of a diligent attendance of all our Meetings was impressively brought into view. We believe that "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in Truth," and Friends were earnestly advised to obey the injunction of the Apostle, "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together," where in the silence of all flesh and a solemn introversion of mind, his dependent Children may sit under the teachings of the true Minister of the Sanctuary, who has declared "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Those who sit alone in solitary places were encouraged to hold on their way believing that He who gathered our forefathers to this solemn engagement is ready to declare unto them, "I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go".

The subject of ^{the vineyard} that Christian Love which becomes our profession, also claimed the weighty review of the Meeting, and earnest desires were raised that Friends, every where may realize in their own experience the important truth, that "One is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren," and by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," and that through the efficacy of that divine principle which binds together the household of faith, we may become partakers of the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," and be refreshed by the waters of that "river the streams whereof make glad the city of God".

The subject of the more guarded education of our youth was brought to the serious consideration of the Meeting, and parents were tenderly advised to be more vigilant in endeavouring to withdraw their interesting and responsible charge from pursuing the customs and fashions of the world — from all vain and illusory amusements, and the reading of light and pernicious books, and by example and precept lead them to follow after