

Therein, even under the most trying circumstances, as individual faithfulness in this respect would be blessed, both to themselves and others.

The importance of keeping the dear young people near to us, and of early instilling into their tender minds a knowledge of the truth and a love for our testimony, were feelingly brought to view, and the youth among us were exhorted to improve the time now afforded them, of choosing that good portion which can never be taken away from them.

And then adjourned to 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock in the afternoon Friends assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the reading of the remaining Querie with the answers; during the consideration of which we were reminded of the claims of the poor upon us for sympathy and aid, not only from our own Society and neighborhood, but others also; and that a blessing is promised to him who doeth with the poor. We were exhorted to value very highly, and to maintain fully and faithfully our testimony in relation to a Free Gospel Ministry, believing that a steady attendance upon our own Religious Meetings, though they often small and held in silence, would tend more to edification and establishment in the truth, than any departure therefrom, be the temptation ever so great. "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers; and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left." The important subject of giving our children a guarded and religious education, and of preserving them from the mischiefs almost inseparable from mixed schools, was feelingly dwelt upon, and Friends were advised to use every exertion to give their children all the advantages of early training, both at home and at school, which were seen to be so conducive to their preservation. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

First Answer—All our Meetings for worship and discipline have (held) some of the particular Meetings of our monthly Meeting excepted, which are reported sometimes to have failed, and generally well attended by our members on first-day mornings, those in the afternoon and middle of the week are neglected by many—unbecoming behavior therein is mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting generally observed.

Second Answer.

Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our christian profession, tale bearing and detraction are mostly discouraged and when differences arise Endeavors are used to end them.

Third Answer.

Most friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children, and these consider their care in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they are encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures—A departure from the simplicity of our profession, in dress & address is apparent in many.

Fourth Answer.

Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be maintained, frequenting taverns and other places of diversion are avoided as far as known and moderation & temperance are generally observed.

Fifth Answer.

The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasion requires relief is afforded.

Sixth Answer.

As far as appears our testimony against a hiring, ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, & lotteries, is maintained, except the occasional attendance of some few members on a hiring ministry.

Seventh Answer.

Friends generally are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, and as far as appears, (with two exceptions under care) they are just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements.

Eighth Answer.

Friends bear a testimony against slavery, three of the African race under direction are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning, their school education however is believed to be too much neglected.

Ninth Answer.

Care is taken to deal with offenders sincerely, (with an exception in one report) and impartially, and to counsel those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned.