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muckness and wisdom and not be stumbling blocks in the way of honest seekers after truth.

We were reminded that the testimonies which distinguish our religious society and at which so many stumble had not their origin with us but that they belong to Christ and that all who dwell in him will be led out of the world into simplicity and self denial. Though these testimonies cannot change the heart yet as it is renewed by grace they will appear as fruits of the Spirit.

Much concern was manifested that parents should make every effort to give their children a guarded religious and literary education and though it may involve some pecuniary sacrifice and trouble and at times be attended with discouragements yet we believe that a blessing will rest upon such labors whenever they are faithfully pursued and.

The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families and in private with hearts turned to the Lord is a paramount duty and we would affectionately urge it upon all our members. Many were expressed that too many of us were more concerned for the accumulation of the perishing riches of this world and too forgetful of that enduring treasure which no man and no thief can corrupt or thieves break through and steal.

May our testimonies against slavery and intemperance not be compromised at this enlightened day by any of our members through the specious temptations of the enemy.

Finally we desire that all our members may be encouraged to greater faithfulness and diligence in their several

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callings and allotments that there may be a growth and revival among us to the praise of the blessed Head of the Church and to the peace of our own souls.

First Answer

All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held except two in Virginia on account of the weather and sickness. Those on first day Mornings are well attended in the afternoon and middle of the week they are generally small one report except those who have joined in the separation unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided and the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Second Answer

Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession false bearing and detraction are discouraged and when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Third Answer

We trust most Friends endeavor 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 we believe they are generally encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures.

Fourth Answer

Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors and attending places of diversion is maintained with some exceptions of which is under care. Moderation and temperance are generally observed.

Fifth Answer

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