

Query inclusive, when its further consideration was deferred to our next sitting.

Then adjourned to half past 3 o'clock the afternoon

Then the time adjourned to, Friends met

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and the following summary Observances adopted to represent our present condition —
It is always an important and instructive part of the business and exercise of the Early Meeting, and not much regret that many of our members are not able to be present with us and participate in it.

We trust, however, that the exactions and prayers of the Church for the growth and establishment of its members in the South and the spread of the Kingdom of Heaven, may not be lost in any of us, but be blessed by Him who was lifted up for us and is now drawing all men unto Himself by His Holy Spirit.

The public manifestation of our dependance upon our Heavenly Father, and of our love to our Holy Redeemer, was very graciously brought into view by reading of the first Query.

The assembling of ourselves together is not only our enjoined duty, but there is beautiful order and fitness in collectively waiting on Him, in reverent dependance and filial love, from whom all our spiritual and temporal blessings flow. — He such seasons he is often pleased to fulfil his gracious promises and be with those who are gathered in his name, even though they be but two or three.

We would particularly urge upon those who are permitted their attendance of afternoon and mid-week Meetings to more faithfulness in the respect — It no doubt requires some effort on the part of those who are pressed with family cares, and find great exertion necessary to provide for the support and education of their children, yet may they remember that all their labor will avail nothing without the blessing of Him who has said, "seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

To our young Friends, also, who have no such cares to plead, we would extend a very affectionate invitation to early for the habit of breaking in upon the business of the week to wait upon the Lord, believing that it will conduce largely to their spiritual and temporal welfare, and lead to daily retirement in the closet of their own hearts for self-examination and communion with their Heavenly Father.

Our numbers are small, but we are comforted in the belief that love and unity prevail throughout our borders — may the badge of discipline be more and more conspicuous —

love to God and "love one to another," as he gave us Commandment."

The Answers to the eleventh Query record the removal by death of an unusually large number of our aged friends the past year, the weight of whose spirits, instructive counsel and labors of love among us, have been brought into sweet remembrance. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yet saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their work do follow them."

First Answer

All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, with the exception of two small Meetings in Virginia which have not been regularly held, and generally attended by most of our members.

Second Answer

Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession — We believe calumniating and detraction are discouraged — No known differences amongst us —

Third Answer

Some Friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, and to guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world.

Fourth Answer

Our testimony against the use of distilled spirituous liquors appears to be maintained: frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion are avoided as far as appears, and masturbation and intemperance generally observed.

Fifth Answer

The circumstances of those likely to require aid, are inquired into, and when necessary, relief is afforded — There appears to be no children amongst us under the provisions of this query.

Sixth Answer

Our testimony against a Hired Ministry, Catholic Military Service, Christian Science, Pledge Cards and Lotteries, appears to be maintained, except the occasional attendance upon a hired ministry by some of our members.

Seventh Answer

Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves