

Christians should not be delegated to our alone. "Go ye into my vineyard & labor" is the command to all servants of the Lord Jesus, & as our faith is increased & our love grows stronger, we shall become a more earnest working church, & abiding in the love & living love, bear much fruit to the glory of the great Husbandman.

The great crying sin of our land, Intemperance, was feelingly brought to view, & our members exhorted to a faithful maintenance of our testimony against the use of all intoxicating drinks. Not only was a life of total abstinence recommended, but also that our influence should be used in our respective neighborhoods against the spread of this evil.

A can was felt, that the outward blessings, so richly bestowed upon us by our loving Father, may, in smaller degrees, weigh down our spiritual life. The Lord Jesus calls us to a higher life, to converse redemptively, to His service every gift He has given us. In this entire dedication of soul & body to Him our strength will be increased, & we shall be enabled to cast our every care, whether of business or of our families upon Him who careth for us, & find the promise realized in our own experience, "The fear of God, which giveth all understanding shall keep your hearts wiser through Jesus Christ."

Summary of Answers to the Queries

1st Ans. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held, with some exceptions at Cedar Creek, Virginia. Those on first day mornings were attended by our members generally; those in the evening were not so well attended; our reports state that our word days were very small. Unbecoming behavior is avoided except some cases of drunkenness mentioned in our reports. The hour of meeting is observed by most Friends, though our reports say, "that some are very remiss in this respect."

2^d Ans. Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Talk-baring & detraction are discouraged, & where differences arise endeavors are used to subvert them.

3^d Ans. We trust most Friends endeavor by example and precept, to bring up their children, & those under their care in the nurture & admonition of the Lord, in the plainness of speech, deportment & apparel, which the Gospel enjoins. They endeavor to guard them against reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the world, & encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Ans. We believe our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

is maintained, except the occasional attendance of some of our members on a paid ministry.

5th Ans. Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors is maintained except a few cases under care, mentioned in our reports. Forgetting tavern & attending places are mostly avoided, & moderation & temperance ab generally observed.

6th Ans. The morality of the press is inspected, when occasion requires or help is afforded.

7th Ans. We believe Friends maintain a faithful testimony against races, military service, clandestine trades, false goods, lotteries & slavery. Those of the African race under our care are suitably provided for, and they are instructed in useful learning.

8th Ans. Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, & to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous, or speculative trade, or expending the public revenue. They appear to be just in their dealings & generally punctual in complying with their engagements, when any give reasonable grounds for fear in their respects can be referred to them.

9th Ans. We are mostly taken to deal with offenders reasonably & impartially, & to win to those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness & love, before judgement is passed upon them.

10th Ans. None.

11th Ans. An indulged meeting held at the dwelling of our friend Mr. Scott, at Guilford, has been discontinued as contrary to his removal within the limits of our local meeting.

12th Ans. We are generally taken when practicable, to place children for tuition under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us.

This appointed to 3 1/2 o'clock tomorrow P.M.

The meeting on - appointed

19th The Friends appointed to name a Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, proposed Mr. Scott, Francis D. King, Jas. C. Thomas, Jas. Barry, Richd. W. Jarmy, Aaron H. Griffiths, Bro. L. Scott, Robt. P. Gifford, Egbert Lang, Isaac Miller, Mr. B. Blackburn, Jacob W. Paul, Mr. J. B. Shaw, Bowling H. Knutson, Mr. Portlow & Edwin White, which was united with & they were appointed to the service.

20th The Committee upon Endorsements presented an report of one which was united with, & the Acts were directed to endorse the Minutes of Friends in attendance accordingly.

21st The Committee upon the Treasurers accounts made the following report, which was united with.

We have examined the Treasurers accounts & find it correct, the