

Meetings, and the Half Yearly Meeting of Virginia, and the following was adopted as the summary of the answers.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1st Answer - Our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, except one week day Meeting. The Meeting on First day morning have been attended by our members generally; three in the evening and in the middle of the week are neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting is generally observed.

2nd Answer - As far as appears, Friends maintain true testimony each other bearing our Christian profession, with one exception. Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise, endeavours are used to end them.

3rd Answer - We trust most Friends endeavour by example and precept to bring up their children and those under their care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in the plainness of speech, deportment and apparel which the Gospel requires. They endeavour to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer - Most Friends maintain our testimony to a full Gospel Ministry.

5th Answer - We believe that our members, with a few exceptions maintain our testimony against distilled spirits, liquors, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion are generally avoided, and moderation and temperance are generally observed.

6th Answer - The necessities of the poor are inspected, and when occasion requires relief is afforded.

7th Answer - We believe Friends maintain a faithful testimony against oaths, military service, clamorous trade, prize goods, lotteries and slavery, three of the African race under our care are suitably provided for, and they are instructed in useful learning.

8th Answer - Friends appear to be careful and live within the bounds of their circumstances, and with an exception in one report, do not involve themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. They avoid engaging in hazardous or speculative trade, and defrauding the public revenue. They appear to be just in their dealings, with an exception in one report, which is under care. They are generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

9th Answer - Care is not always taken to deal with of

pendure seasonably, but when done, it is done impartially and in a spirit of meekness and love before judgment is placed upon them.

10th Answer - Richard M. Lamm, a member and Elder of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, died 12th month, 12th, 1874, in the 69th year of his age. Martha M. Carl, a member and Elder of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, died 7th month, 6th, 1875, in the 44th year of her age. Mary Smith, an Elder and member of Centre Monthly Meeting, died 12th month, 9th, 1874, in the 93rd year of her age. Jeremiah Wille, and Elder and member of Richmond Particular Meeting, departed this life on the 28th of 6th month last, in the 82nd year of his age.

11th Answer - None.

12th Answer - Care is generally taken to place children for tuition under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us. A school has recently been established under the care of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, and opened with fifty scholars.

It is difficult to convey to absent members in a minute the services of the Meeting while considering the Queries and Answers. We think that this may receive due notice as an evidence of our prayerful remembrance of them.

We are affectionately entreated to attend our Meetings for Worship and Discipline regularly not simply because it is a duty but from love to God. He has promised a special blessing to those who are gathered in His name, to meet with them, and be in their midst as a shepherd to feed them, as a teacher to teach them, and as a High Priest who has atoned for their sins and is ready to present their spiritual sacrifices to God. Let us all ever come together in a loving spirit to seek a blessing for one another as well as for ourselves and to pray for one another.

It is all important in a church constituted as ours is, that each member should fill the place and occupy the gifts which the Lord has designed for him, through his Holy Spirit he will give qualification for service, and he who is faithful over a few things will be made ruler over many things.

We want to be a live, working church and to be this we must have a live, working membership; is this our experience? have we been true again - have we given up ourselves wholly and completely to the Lord - have we consecrated ourselves to Him?

We believe that the power of our Lord is at times felt in our Meetings; have we on such occasions made an entire