

Summary of Answers to Queries.

1st Answer. All our meetings for worship and Discipline have been held except some for Discipline in our monthly meetings where the members are very few. Those held on First-day Morning have been attended by our members generally, those in the evening and in the dead of the week have been neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior has been mostly avoided, and the course of meeting nearly observed.

2nd Answer. We believe Friends have maintained love towards each other becoming our Christian profession; tale-bearing and detraction have been discouraged, and when differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

3rd Answer. Good Friends have endeavored by example and precept to bring up their children, and those under their care, in the dutiful and admonition of the Lord, and in that plainness and simplicity of life which the Gospel enjoins. They have endeavored to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world and have encouraged them to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry has been generally maintained. 5th Answer. With a few exceptions, some of which are under care, our testimony against the use of intoxicating liquors has been maintained, and drinking houses, and frivolous and dissuading places of diversion have been avoided.

6th Answer. The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and relief and advice have been afforded.

7th Answer. Friends children have generally placed at school, and when practicable, in schools under the care of Friends.

8th Answer. We believe Friends have maintained a testimony against oaths,

military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and slavery.

9th Answer. Friends have appeared careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade.

We believe they have been just in their dealings and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

10th Answer. Care has generally been taken to deal with offenders seasonably, and when done it has been impartially, and in the spirit of meekness and love.

11th Answer. Pleasant Manning, a member and Elder of Hopewell Yearly Meeting, died 9th month 2nd, 1814, in the 87th year of his age.

Rebecca Blackburn, a member and Elder of Dunning Creek Monthly Meeting, died 5th month 6th, 1814, in the 79th year of her age.

Ann M. Hale, a member and Elder of Loure Monthly Meeting, Va., died 4th month 10th, 1814, in the 63rd year of her age.

Wm. C. Porter, a member and Elder of Loure Monthly Meeting, Va., died 10th month 16th, 1814, in the 50th year of his age.

12th Answer. None.

The reading of the Queries and Answers called forth much earnest entreaty and counsel that we might live up to our profession and privileges under the Gospel, and be witnesses for Christ in our homes, in our meetings and in the world.

Isolated Christian life may be kept bright under certain circumstances, but the Church cannot do its work as established and commanded by our Lord and his apostles, without being an associated body of believers. Organization to be effectual must have life and power, and there are promises by the Lord to all who walk in his name, even to the two or three.

Christianity was never intended to be merely a form. The early church was very simple and