

Summary of Answers to Queries

Ans. 1. — All of our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except one week-day meeting in Burrsville, Pa., and two in Lower Virginia.

Those on First day morning have been attended by our members generally. Those on First day evening, and in the middle of the week have been neglected by many. There is also some want of punctuality. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided.

Ans. 2. — With the exception of one case, mentioned in our report, Friends maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Slandering and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3. — Most Friends have endeavored by example and precept, to bring up their children and those under their care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in that plainness and simplicity of life, which the Gospel requires. They have endeavored to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they have been encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

Ans. 4. — Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry has been maintained, agreeably to our Discipline.

Ans. 5. — With a few exceptions mentioned in our report, Friends have maintained our testimony against all intoxicating liquors, and have avoided drinking houses and all frivolous and demoralizing places of diversion.

Ans. 6. — The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and advice and relief have been extended when though necessary.

Ans. 7. — Friends' Children have been placed at schools, and when practicable, in schools under the care of Friends.

Ans. 8. — Friends have maintained a faithful testimony against oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and slavery. A few exceptions to some parts of this query, are mentioned in our report.

Ans. 9. — We believe that Friends have been 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, and that they have been just in their dealings, and, we believe, punctual in complying with their engagements, and when any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, due care is extended to them.

Ans. 10. — Care has not always been taken to deal with offenders seasonably, but when done, it has been done impartially and in the spirit of meekness and love.

Ans. 11. — Alexander Miller, a member and Elder of Centre Monthly Meeting, died 2nd month 21st, 1856, in the 71st year of his age.

Ans. 12. — Lincoln Meeting, Loudon County, Va., established 1st month, 1856, in the neighborhood where Goose Creek Meeting was held up to the time of the civil war. It is held at 11 A.M. First day.

Corinth Meeting, Southampton County, Va., established 12th month, 1855, and is held on First and Fifth days at 11 A.M.

The value of the Queries lies in their bringing yearly before us, the importance of our duties as Christians. They are three fold in application, relating to our religious, our moral, and our business lives. All are queried after. As the strength and power of the Church depends on the individual lives of our members, so by these queries she lays hands on all, reminding them of their privileges, and responsibilities both in our meetings and elsewhere, and that these should be shared by all. The gifts of each member should be exercised in harmony with those of others. George Fox recognized the true relation between men and organized a helpful Christian