

pray for one another, - especially for those who engage in preaching, that we may be one another's helpers in the Lord. Let us pray for the laborers already working in the harvest field, as well as pray for more laborers to be sent into the harvest. A root of bitterness springing up against a brother hinders the spiritual life of the individual. If not checked, it troubles the Church. Unfriendly criticism is like frost to blight the tender buds on the vine and destroy the fruit bearing of the branch. Much testimony was borne to the value of overcoming a spirit of criticism, as a preparation for successful work for Christ. Love in its fullness was shown by our Lord and Saviour. Let us walk in love as He walked, and seek to have the heart filled with the love of Christ, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. So ought we to love one another.

We want again to commend to all our members the daily reading of the Bible in the family. The Church in the house is blessed, and as we read and pray together the presence of the Lord is felt, and we go forth to the duties of life strengthened and refreshed. In an old document addressed to the Governor of Barbadoes, Sir Geo. declares "we do esteem it a duty incumbent on us to pray with and for, to teach, instruct, and admonish those in and belonging to our families, disobedience whereunto will provoke the Lord's displeasure."

The duty of purity of life and conversation was earnestly enforced, and Friends were encouraged to aid all efforts to promote social purity - not only by example, but by active efforts.

We would encourage our members to read our discipline and become familiar with our Church organization, and to inform themselves of their Scriptural foundation.

- 33 Monthly Meetings were directed to make enquiry amongst their members, how many are in the practice of reading the Holy Scripture daily in their families, with a time for united worship.

Women

At the hour adjourned to Friends assembled Susan B. Leary and Eliza T. Blanchard were appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account, and report to a future sitting.

The Queries were read and the Answers from the subordinate Meetings, and the following summaries were adopted as representing the condition of the Meeting at this time.

- Ans 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except two within the limits of Virginia. Half Yearly Meeting omitted on account of sickness. The reports show that the greater part of our members are faithful in attending our Meetings, although it is noted that there is delinquency on the part of some in attending First-day evening meetings, and some of the smaller Meetings. There appears to be some want of punctuality in assembling, and some behavior avoided.
- Ans 2. Most Friends appear to maintain love toward each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.
- Ans 3. We believe Friends generally endeavor by example and precept to bring up their children and those under their care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to some extent in that plainness and simplicity of life which the Gospel enjoins. They endeavor to guard them against pernicious reading and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.
- Ans 4. We believe Friends maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry, agreeably to our discipline.
- Ans 5. Friends maintain our testimony against the use of intoxicating liquors, and avoid drinking houses, and firehouses, and demoralizing places of diversion.
- Ans 6. The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and care generally extended to those requiring aid.
- Ans 7. Friends' children are placed at school, and when practicable at school under the care of Friends.