

Ans⁸ Friends maintain a faithful testimony against oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and Slavery.

Ans⁹ We believe Friend mostly live within the bounds of their circumstances, and avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage: they do not engage in hazardous or speculative trade; and, as far as we know, are just in their dealings and punctual in complying with engagements.

Ans¹⁰ Care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially; we trust in the spirit of meekness and love.

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The important subjects, which came before our Meeting in the consideration of the Queries brought out many interesting and valuable thoughts. Our Meetings for worship should be regarded as blessed opportunities for united practical exercise. Our members may have much useful service in their individual work for the Lord, but an especial blessing seems to rest upon the Church, when it is gathered together to enter upon the work of united prayer for the conversion of those who do not pray for themselves, and for the out-pouring of the Spirit on the Church. If we are to share in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the world, we must share His work of intercession. Let none think that their prayers are of no avail, because they may not be called to vocal utterance. Our Saviour who was Himself the Great Intercessor, was often engaged all night in prayer, which was heard by no ear but the ear of the Father. The spirit of silent prayer which overspread a meeting, is most precious.

In a Friends' Meeting all are open to a call for service, and all should be willing to ask the Lord for a living testimony for Him. If we meet in His name, we shall meet with life, and with a faith that will find expression from some present.

He that offereth praise is acceptable to God. Our emotional nature should be consecrated as well as our intellectual faculties.

Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God. To love one another is possible for us, for God is love, and love is of Him, and flows out of Him into our hearts, that we may manifest it toward others.

To draw nigh unto God in private retirement, as well as in our meetings for worship, is a most blessed and helpful exercise of soul. Those who have been conspicuous for holiness, are those who have been much engaged in meditation and prayer.

We should impress upon our children that they too may enjoy the precious privilege of waiting on the Lord, and drawing nigh to Him in our meetings for worship; that He is really there ready to hear their prayers and to answer them. Very little children can understand and enjoy prayer. They are very tender plants and call for careful nurture. We should teach them that they may have some little work to do for the Master. "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."

In noticing the removal by death of the dear Friends who have been taken from their work here to the presence of the Lord, many testimonies were borne to their long and faithful service to their Master, and affectionate mention was made of their loving care over the flock.

34 An acceptable Minute was read for Rufus P. King, a Minister from Springfield Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Pope River Quarterly Meeting, North Carolina.

35 The following communication was received from Men's Meeting. The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, made a report which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and was continued, together with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to report to a future sitting of this Meeting, the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year and also to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve the Yearly Meeting as Treasurer.

The subject was referred to the Committee appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account.