

Ans 3. We believe most Friends 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 reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they are encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

Ans 4. Friends maintain our testimony to a free gospel Ministry.

Ans 5. We believe Friends maintain our testimony against the use of all intoxicating liquors. Our report makes some exceptions regarding the latter part of this query.

Ans 6. The necessities of the poor, and the circumstances of those who appear to require aid, are inspected and relief extended, when necessary.

Ans 7. Friends' Children generally attend school, and when practicable, schools in the care of Friends.

Ans 8. We believe Friends are clear as regards this query.

Ans 9. Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. We believe they are just and punctual in complying with their engagements.

Ans 10. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders, when necessary, in the spirit of meekness and love.

Ans 11. Same as in Men's Minutes.

Ans 12. Same as in Men's Minutes.

The state of society was brought before us by the answers to the queries, and much earnest exercise was expressed as to the various subjects contained in them.

Our object in coming is to wait upon Him, and every one of us, even those who do not know Him, can seek Him. Our need constitutes a stronger reason for coming to Him, just as we would eagerly consult a Physician, if we were sick. He can only hold our meetings in the power of the Lord by each other being filled with His fullness. So we shall have messages for others; for "When the

heart is full, the mouth overflows." The 18th, 19th and 20th verses of the Eighteenth Chapter of Matthew are closely connected, and have an important bearing on the work of the church. It is to those who agree on earth, and who gather in His name, with Christ in the midst, that He gives the power of binding and loosing. Has not the time come for us as meetings to consecrate ourselves to the Lord, that we may receive this power?

In regard to punctuality, we were reminded, that our professed object in coming to meetings, is to wait upon the Lord. We have devoted the hour to His service, and we have no right to withhold from Him even a part of that which we have given to Him.

The love becoming our Christian profession is a Christ-like love. The commandment under the law was, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," but Christ's new commandment is, "That ye love one another, even as I have loved you." The foundation of this love is in God. The measure of our love to one another is the proof of our love to Him.

In the training of our children, we must remember that our example, even more than our precept, is continually influencing them. A little boy crossing a mountain with his Father, called out, "Take a safe path, Father! I'm coming after." We should train our children to expect the admonition of the Lord. They may be taught whilst still very young to recognize and obey his voice in their hearts. We should teach them obedience to us, to prepare them for obedience to their Heavenly Father.

Nor should we forget our responsibility towards our servants, making it easy for them to attend their places of worship, letting them see that our religion is carried into our household arrangements.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not to be maintained negatively; but in a personal realization of the Lord's call to His children to yield themselves to Him for service in the church, and in the world.

Abundantly ye have received, abundantly give, should be the thought of each redeemed child of the Lord,