

Summary

- Ans 1 Our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except seven, four of which were omitted on account of sickness and stormy weather. They have been generally well attended. One report states that three meetings for discipline have not been well attended, and another that the first day night meetings have been small. A want of punctuality is noted in one. Friends generally avoid unbecoming behavior.
- Ans 2 Friends endeavor to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Pale bearing and detraction not sufficiently discouraged. These differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.
- 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 in some degree in that plainness and simplicity of life enjoined by the Gospel. They guard them against pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and encourage them to frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures.
- Ans 4 We believe Friends maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry.
- Ans 5 Most Friends maintain our testimony against all intoxicating liquors, and avoid frivolous and demoralizing places of diversion.
- Ans 6 The necessities of the poor are to some extent inspected and relieved, and they are advised and assisted in such employment as they are capable of.
- Ans 7 Friends children mostly attend school, and with a few exceptions, those under the care of Friends.
- Ans 8 Friends are clear as regards this Query.
- Ans 9 We believe Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, so that they avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade. They endeavor to be just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements, and when there has been reasonable ground for fear in these respects, care has been extended. One report says more care is needed in all the requirements of the Query.
- Ans 10 When necessary, care is taken to deal with offenders, seasonably and impartially, and in the spirit of meekness and love. One report notes a want of care in dealing with offenders seasonably.

- Ans 11 Deborah C. Thomas, a member and minister of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, died 7th Month 9th 1889, in the 72nd year of her age. John B. Crenshaw, a member and minister of Richmond Monthly Meeting, deceased, 5th Month 10th 1889, aged 69 years.

Ans 12 None

The state of society was brought before us by the answers to the Queries, and much excellent counsel was given upon the various subjects contained in them.

If we would go to our meetings feeling that we do not have to be seek the Lord to meet with us, but that He is already there, waiting and longing to bless us, and to supply all our needs, nothing but impossibilities would prevent us from being in our proper places. We should avoid the temptation to consider merely our own case, remembering that our example may have great influence over others.

One favored meeting ours its present privileges to the faithfulness of a few friends who attended it for years under great discouragements.

The promise to the two or the three who unite in prayer puts unlimited possibilities before us. The Lord is no respecter of persons, but will use the smallest talent if dedicated to Him, and never requires a service which He does not give the ability to perform.

We read in the Scriptures how good used women - one to save a City, one a town - one her people.

Mothers were asked if they realized the privilege of reading and teaching their children the Bible. A Friend said she had recently met with the children of a Russian family whose parents are now banished to Siberia for translating the Bible into the Russian language.

Parents should teach their children the habit of implicit obedience to prepare them for ready obedience to their Heavenly Father.

If our hearts are filled with the love of God, it will be easy and natural to manifest it to all with whom we come in contact, and we will have seek to see only the good in every one, and will have no desire to say anything that would pain another, or detract from their character or influence. Remembering.

"The Lord is standing near, listening to each word thou speakest of the soul to Him so dear, Tell how firmly walk'st thy visits, All the good & brave deeds tell, Speak not of the past's dark errors Tell not that she tripped and fell."