

our dear friends have also been very instructive and helpful.

We part from them in a warm feeling of love, and with earnest desires that on their return to their native land, they may be abundantly refreshed by the descendings of the heavenly dew.

The clerk is directed to furnish our dear friends with a copy of this Minute.

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Clerk

At a Half Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at Richmond Virginia by adjournment on the 9th of 10th month 1896.

The Queries being read the following summary answers were agreed on, and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders in Baltimore. And as far as practicable, Ministers and Elders, are diligent in the attendance of meetings for worship and discipline and encourage their families in that religious duty.

Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders, in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for Divine ability and we believe them to be sound in the doctrines of the Christian religion.

Ans. 2. Ministers and Elders are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which they belong, and manifest a religious concern for the advancement of truth and the support of our discipline.

Ans. 3. Ministers and Elders, we believe are good examples in uprightness, temperance and moderation and endeavour to educate their families in plainness of dress and simplicity of manner becoming our religious profession.