

At Baltimore Preparative Meeting for the Eastern & Western Districts in unity with ^{the} Ancient yearly meetings of Friends held the 31st of 8th m^o 1837

All the Queries were read in this meeting and the following Answers agreed to, as representing the State of this Preparative Meeting, to be forwarded in our Report to the monthly meeting to attend which as our Representatives, Tho^s S. Sheppard & Richard Janney are appointed -

1st Answer - All our meetings for worship & Discipline have been held, and on first day mornings generally attended by most of our members, but other meetings are small, unbecoming behaviour therein mostly avoided and the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends.

2nd Answer - Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession, Tale bearing & detraction are discouraged, & when differences appear endeavours are used to end them -

3rd Many Friends endeavour by example and precept to educate their Children and those under their care in plainness of speech deportment and apparel, To guard them against reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the world and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy scriptures; but we believe more care in these respects would be profitable.

4th Answer - Our testimony against distilled spiritous liquors appears to be generally maintained, Frequenting Taverns & attending places of diversion mostly avoided & moderation & temperance are generally observed.

5th Answer - The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasion requires relief afforded.

6th Answer - Our testimony against a hireling ministry, Oaths, military services, Clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries are generally maintained.

7th Answer - Most Friends appear careful to live within the