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At Baltimore Preparative meeting for the Eastern and Western Dis-
tricts in unity with the ancient Yearly meetings of Friends held
the 30th of 8th mo. 1838

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 Richard H Thomas &
John Brooks are appointed -

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

2nd answer Friends generally maintain love towards each other be-
coming our Christian profession - Tale bearing & detraction
are discouraged & when differences arise endeavours are
used to end them -

3rd answer Most Friends endeavour by example & precept to edu-
cate their Children & those under their care in plainness
of speech deportment & apparel, to guard them against
reading pernicious books and from the corruption con-
versation of the world also to encourage them frequently
to read the Holy Scriptures -

4th answer Our testimony against distilled spirituous Liquors is
generally maintained - Frequenting or attending places of
diversion mostly avoided & moderation & temperance are
generally observed -

5th answer The necessities of the Poor are inspected & when occasion
requires relief is afforded -

6th answer Our testimony against an hireling ministry, Oaths,
military services clandestine trade prize goods and
Lotteries, appears to ^{be} duly maintained -

7th answer Friends appear carefull to live within the bounds of
their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves
in Business beyond their ability to manage, to be
just in their dealings & generally punctual in com-
plying with ^{their} engagements -

8th answer Friends are careful to bear a testimony against
Slavery & we believe those of ^{the} African race under
their care are suitably provided for & instructed in
usefull learning -