

At Baltimore Preparative Meeting for the Eastern & Western Districts in unity with the ancient yearly meetings of Friends held the 29th of 8th mo. 1839

All the Queries were read in this meeting and the following Answer, 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 John Chadwick & Richard M. Tanny are appointed.

1st Ans^r. - All our meetings for worship and Discipline have been held. Those on first day mornings are generally well attended, but other meetings are frequently neglected by many - Unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends -

2nd Ans^r. - Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession - Talebearing & detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them. -

3rd Ans^r. - Most friends endeavour by example & precept to educate their Children & 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 - Departures are however apparent amongst us, from the plainness and simplicity of our religious profession.

4th Ans^r. - Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors is maintained, except in two instances which are under care. Frequenting taverns and attending places of diversions mostly avoided & moderation and temperance generally observed. -

5th Ans^r. - The necessities of the poor are inspected, and when occasion requires, relief is afforded.

6th Ans^r. Our testimony against an hireling ministry, Oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries appears to be maintained. -

7th Ans^r.