

At Balto. Preparative Meeting for the Eastern & Western
Districts in Unity with the ancient yearly Meetings of
friends held the 1st of 9th mo 1836

Overseers Present

All the Queries were read in this meeting and the
following answers agreed to as nearly representing the
state of this preparative Meeting - to be forwarded to
the ensuing Monthly Meeting to attend which as our
Representatives John Hopkins & Enin Williams are appointed

1st All our meetings for worship & discipline have
been held. These on first day mornings are
generally duly attended; but other meetings are
frequently neglected by many; unbecoming
behaviour therein is mostly avoided and
the hour of meeting nearly observed -
2nd We believe Friends generally, maintain
love towards each other becoming our Chris-
-tian profession & that they are concerned to
discourage tale bearing & detraction. And when
differences arise endeavours are used to
end them -

3rd Many friends endeavour by example & by
-apt to educate their children & those under
their care in plainness of speech deportment
& apparel & to guard them against reading perni-
-cious books & from the corrupt conversation of
the world also to encourage them frequently
reading the holy scriptures; but more care
in these respects would be profitable -

4th We believe our testimony against distilled
spirits & liquors is very generally maintained
& that Friends avoid frequenting taverns unbecom-
-ing, or attending places of dissipation - (Modest
& temperance are observed in most societies -
5th The necessities of the poor are inspected, and
relief afforded agreeably to the regulations
of the query -

6th Friends appear careful to maintain a faith-
ful testimony against an hireling ministry,
baths, military services, clandestine trade,
purgatory & Lotteries