

34. At Baltimore Preparative Meeting, for the Eastern & Western Districts (in unity with the ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends) held the 1st of the 9th month 1837

All of the Queries were read in this meeting, and the following answers thereto agreed on. Isaac Brooks and Joseph King, Jr were appointed to attend the ensuing monthly meeting, therewith as our representatives.

First Answer. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, and generally attended by most of our members, (with the exception of those who have joined in the seperation) unbecoming behaviour therein mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed. Yet a more diligent attendance by some of our members of weekday meetings and meetings for discipline is desirable.

Second answer. Those of our members who attend our meetings, appear to be carefull to maintain love towards each other becoming our christian profession. Talebearing and detraction are discouraged. We know of no differences amongst us, with the exception of that connected with the seperation.

Third Answer. Some Friends endeavour by example and precept to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparels; to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world; and they are encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures. More care in these respects we believe would be profitable.

Fourth Answer. Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained; frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion are mostly avoided, and moderation and temperance are generally observed.