

[left page]
[Sticker glued on inside of front cover]

100.422

Sandwich Mo. Mtg.

No.

1 Men Book of Discipline

~~140~~ Women

1762

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

[right page]

Christian and Brotherly
Advices
Given forth from time to time
By the
Yearly Meeting
In
London
Alphabetically Digested
under
Proper Heads.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 0, DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 1

[blank page]

1

Appeals

No:1 Concerning Appeals

1727

1727

*Committee
to be yearly
chosen to
judge all
appeals*

This Meeting Agrees That for the time to come, a Committe be yearly chosen at the open=
-ing thereof immediately after the clerk is chosen to Judge of the fitness of Receiving all appeals that shall be offered, and to hear all appeals which they shall Judge come duly before them; and report their Opinion thereof, in order for the Approbation Rejection or Amendment of this Meeting: and that no Deputy of any city or county from which an Appeal Shall come be Admitted a Member of that Committee in Relation to Such appeals

And whereas it is inconvenient that the time of

Time Limited Appeals[^] Should be unlimited. It is therefore Agreed by this Meeting. That if any Person or Persons Shall think him her or themselves, Injured or Aggrieved by the month=
from Month= =ly two week or other Meeting of which he she or they were a Mem=
=ly of Two =ber or members, Such Person or Persons may then appeal to
Weeks to Quar= the Quarterly Meeting to which the said Monthly two weeks
terly Meetings or other Meeting doth belong. Provided notice be given of Such Intentended appeal in three months after such Judg=
=ment given And [^]the appeal be Lodged in such Quarterly Meeting within Six months after such Notice.

From Quar= And if any Person or Persons be Dissatisfied with the
terly to Judgment of any Quarterly Meeting they may Appeal
Yearly from such Judgment to the Yearly Meeting he she or
Meetings they giving notice to the Said Quarterly Meeting of their Intention to appeal within Six months
After the Judgment of Such Quarterly Meeting be given; and such appeal be brought to the next Yearly Meeting if it may with Conveniency or to the next following after it.

And if any Monthly Two weeks or other Meeting Do not belong to any Quarterly Meeting
But

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 1; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 2

2

Appeals

1727 But are immediately Members of the Yearly Meeting
from month= Than then Persons appealing from the Judgment of
=ly or other Such Meeting, shall give notice to the said Meeting of
to the their Intentions to appeal within three months after
yearly meet= the Judgment given, and shall Lodge his her or their
=ing directly appeal in the succeeding yearly meeting if it may Conveniently be done if not the Yearly Meeting that shall next follow after it.

persons not And that all Persons Testified against not pur=
pursuing these =suing the Directions before given with respect to the time
Directions Excluded of giving notice and Lodging their appeals shall be ex=
=cluded from any Right of appealing afterwards

1728 In order to put the Directions of last Yearly Meeting
Method for into Practice, respecting appeals, it is now agreed that
Choosing Twelve Cities or Counties as they stand Alphabetically in
the Committee the Correspondent Book, do Each themselves name one of their Members, who[^] are to Constitute that committee for this year Except as before Excepted; and in Like man=
=ner next year: Twelve Cities or Counties as they Do stand next Alphabetically in the Correspondent Book

Appeals from coming to this Meeting which tend to prolong it and give Uneasiness to Friends:

And we Earnestly Desire all Friends who are proper Members of the Society Especially such as are Qualified for Service would be Careful to Attend all Meetings for the Discipline of the Church.

Whereas

See Arbitrations, Anno 1720, page 13

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 2, 3; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 3

4

Appeals

1745

Notice of Appeals to be given

Whereas it is Apprehended that the minute Concerning Appeals, made in 1727, may Leave room for some to Conclude, Than on due notice being once given by the Appealant or Appeallants to the Meeting against which he she or they may Appeal, that he she or they may be at Liberty, without any further notice to bring his her or their appeal either to the Yearly Meeting Succeeding or that which follows; This Meeting Orders to prevent Disputes that may arise on that head. That if any Appealant or Appeallants Do not bring His Her or their appeal to the Yearly Meeting Ensuing, Due notice once given, that then if he she or they Continue their Appeal notice shall be repeated in writing to the Meeting against which he she or they May Appeal at least three months proceeding the Yearly Meeting.

No appeals to be a Second time

And it is Agreed by this Meeting to prevent its being Troubled with a Repetition of Appeals, That no Appeals shall be Received a Second time which hath been once Determined here.

5

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 4,5; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 4

6

[blank page]

7

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 6, 7; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 5

8

[blank page]

9

Arbitrations

No 2 Concerning Arbitrations

1684

*in what
Cases Arbitrators are
to be Chosen* Agreed, That the choosing of Arbitrators is Proper
in Cases of Differences about a mans property;
But in Differences about Religious matters, as Schism & c
The rule of Christ is to be Observed, if Thy Brother
Shall Trespass against thee & c Matt:18,15,16,17
the Church being Judge.

1692

1692

*to Chose
Arbitrators
or to submit
to the Choice
of the Monthly
Meeting.* Advised that in all Cases of Controversie and
Difference, the Persons Concerned therein, Either spedily
compose the Differences between themselves Or make
Choice of some Faithful Unconcerned Friends to
Determine the same, and they to Stand to their Deter=
=mination; Or Otherwise if they cannot agree upon the
Choice, of Ordain Persons to Submit to the Monthly Meet=
=ings Choice of Certain Persons Meet to Inspect and De=
=termine the Controversy: And to stand to their award and
final Determination thereof: that such Controversys
may not be Continued to Cause a stink and Reproach,
for they are ^a great shame and Scandal. -- And that
care be taken for the speedy ending of all Controversys
and Differences among Friends; And all Friends to

*all Contro=
verseys to be
Speedily
Ended.*

*Such as
refuse are
to be dis=
owned*

take heed of being parties with one or another
for the prolonging thereof. And such persons as
refuse to submit to truths order, or the hear the
Church of Christ are to be Disowned and Testi=
=fied against, according to Christs Doctrine on that be=
=half.

1693

1693

*in a
Doubtful*

Advised, that all Differences happening in Perso=
=nal or Temporal Occasions be speedily Ended Accord=
=ing to the Advice given in our last Yearly Meeting
Epistle; And if any Doubtful point in Law be in

Point in Law the Case, then both parties may advise with some well knowing in the Law; for if any Lust to be Contentious we have no such Custom in the Churches of Christ for

Advised

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 8, 9; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 6

10

Arbitrations

1696

1696

not to Sue ano=ther at Law Advised that no Friends shall go from the Order of Truth and former advice, to sue one Another at Law; But by themselves or by Reference, that all Differences among friends be Speedily Ended; and not Prolonged or Delayed. --- And Dear Friends shun all Occassions to Strife and Discord, and take care to make a Speedy end of all Differences that are or may happen among your selves, as hath been often Advised, and that accord=
=ing to the holy Apostles Doctrine;
Read 1 Cor 6c vs.st to 8

1697

1697

Friends between whom any Difference happens to be advised to Choose Arbitrators Whereas, it some times happeneth to the hurt of Truth, and grief of many Friends that Differences do arise amongst some pro=
=fessing Truth about outward things, it is therefore by this Meeting thought Convenient, and advised; That when any Friend or Friends Shall hear of any such Differences betwixt any Friends in that Meeting to which they Do Belong, That they forthwith speak to & tenderly advise the Persons between whom the Difference is to make a speedy end thereof and if that Friend or Friends do not Comply with their advise that then they take to them one or two Friends more, And again Exhort them to End their Difference and if they or Either of them refuse then^{to} let them know that it is the advice & Counsel of Friends that they should each choose an Equal Num=
=ber of Indifferent impartial & Judicious Friends, to hear & Speedily Determine the Same, and that they do bind themselves to stand to their award & Determination, Or the award & Determination of the Major part of them, that shall be made and signed by the Arbitra=
=tors, or the award & arbitration made & signed by ^{the} Um=
=pire if there be one agreed unto.

Also this Meeting doth advice that if any

Arbitrations

1697 Person proressing the Truth among us, and Esteemed a Friend shall refuse speedily to end the Difference or refer it as before advised. Complaint be made of that Person or Persons unto the Monthly Meeting to which he doth belong: and if after admonition he shall refuse so to refer his case that then the Meeting Do Testify against such a Person and Disown him to be of our society; until he shall Comply with the Equal methods of agreements of our Society: and by such his Compliance doth Declare that he is for peace and Doth seek and desire it: and when any Person so refusing is Testified against by the Meeting and Disowned, the other person may have his Liberty to seek his Remedy against him at Law.

*such as re=
fuse to end
their Differen=
ces or to refer
it are to be
Dealt with*

*the person
Disowned
may be sued
at Law*

*arbitrators
not to Decline
acting after
they have
accepted it*

And if any Friends that shall be chosen to hear and Determine any such Difference as aforesaid after they have accepted thereof and the Parties Differing are become bound to stand to their Determination shall Decline and refuse to stand and act as Arbitrators that then such Person or Persons so refuseing be require=
=ed to give their Reasons of their Refusal unto the Monthly Meeting to which they belong and if that Meeting shall not Esteem those Reasons sufficient Justly to excuse them, then the Meeting to press them, to stand to what they have accepted.

*Continuing
to Decline standing;
To be Testi=
fied Against*

And if after such admonition they shall Continue to Refuse to stand as Arbitrators, That then the Meeting do Testofy against them or either of them as such as are not Subject to the Just rules of our Society neither ought to be admitted there=
=unto, until he or they Condemn & Retract the same.

And it is the Advice of this Meeting that persons Differing about outward things, do as little as may be trouble Publick Ministering Friends with being Arbitrators in such Cases

And

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 10, 11; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 7

Arbitrations

1697 And that all Persons Differing be Advised by the Monthly Meeting to which they belong when their cases are refered, and Judgment and award

*all persons
to perform
the award
made*

made, Signed and given thereupon as aforesaid; to Stand to and perform the said award, which they have bound themselves to perform ~~said award~~ and if any shall refuse so to do, That then the Monthly Meeting to which ~~they~~ Such Person doth belong, upon notice thereof to them given, shall Admonish him thereunto and if after admonition he persist to refuse, then the Monthly Meeting to Testify against him as before.

*No friend
to Sue
another
at Law*

To Conclude it is the Sense and Judgment of this Meeting that if any Person Professing Truth Shall arrest sue or Implead at Law any other Person Professing Truth before he hath Proceeded in the Methods herein Recommended. That such Person doth therein Depart from the Principle of Truth and the known way thereof and acts Contrary thereunto, and ought to be Dealt with by the Meeting he belongs to therefor; And is he shall not give satisfaction to the Meeting, for such his disorderly Proceeding by Condemning it and himself therein that then he be Disowned by the Meeting therefor.

1705

*1705
Meetings
to take
Care that
Differences
be speedily
Ended*

If any Difference is Depending or shall arise between any Persons Professing Truth among us it is Advised and Desired that Effectual Care in the Wisdom of God may be taken by Friends of the Meeting or Meetings to which such Persons belong to put a full and speedy end thereto as has been formerly Advised - particularly in the year, 1697

1720

*1720
Minute
of 1697
Explained*

The report of the Friends appointed on the Minute of 1697 Received with an Explanation Which was Several times Read & finally accepted by the Meeting;

The

13

Arbitrations

The report and Explanation aforesaid are as followeth.

*The
Report*

It is the Sense & Judgment of this Committee, that the minute of 1697 relating to Arbitrations, is Consistant with the practice of our Ancient Friends, and very fit for a General Rule for the Proceedure of Friends on such Occasions.

*none to be
Disowned
without
tender
Consideration*

Yet Since General Rules, commonly admit of Exceptions or Explanations, and divers Friends having Objected some particular Cases wherein they apprehended Difficulties may arise (which yet we apprehend is Sufficiently provided for by the Discretionary Power vested in the respective Monthly & Quarterly Meetings) Yet in Condescention to

*of the
Circumstance* those Friends, we Declare That as no Persons ought to be
Disowned^{without} tender Considerations of every Circumstance attend=
=ing such Cases and Due Admonition by the Monthly Meetings
to the Parties Concerned, So we tenderly advise that the Several
Meetings Proceed with the Utmost Circumspection therein.

*Liberty
to Appeal* And that if any Person so Denied by any Monthly
Meeting shall apprehend He is not Justly Dealt with,
He hath his Liberty, as in all other Cases, amongst us, to
Appeal to the Quarterly Meeting Who after through Exa=
-mination of the Case and all the Circumstances, And
Procedure Attending it, Shall proceed to Confirm or reverse
the Same, as they in the fear & Wisdom of God shall see
Cause.

And Whereas Sometimes it so happeneth
that Persons under our Profession have proved so base
and Unworthy, as when they have run themselves into
Debt, to Endeavour fraudulently & hastily to Remove
themselves, or their Effects, to prevent Justice, wherely
those Creditors who are Friends have been Deprived
of an oppertunity of the Common Method of Friends speci=
fied in the Minute aforesaid; it is hereby Declared,
that the last paragraph of the said Minute which
prohibits Friends to Sue or Arrest one another &c
Js

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 12, 13; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 8

14

Arbitrations

1720 Is not intended to prevent such evil Persons in
those practises from being Dealt with by a
Legal Process as the nature of the case may
require of which Circumstances the Monthly
& Quarterly Meetings are the proper Judges,
so it is not to be Doubted but they will do
Justice to the parties Concerned therein.

Whereas upon the Dissatisfaction of
Several Friends with some parts of this Minute
of this Meeting anno. 1697, relating to Arbitrations
of Differences about outward things there were
some Friends appointed to Read hear & Consider
the said minute, & the Dissatisfaction therewith &
make report; And Accordinly the greater part of
the Friends appointed for that Service did bring
in their Report which being Read did not prove so

generally to the Satisfaction of Friends as could have been Desired: Now this Meeting being Fervently Desirous that the universal Peace of the Church & every sincere Member thereof, may as much as possible be preserved, & all Occasion of Uneasiness as much as may be Removed, Doth accept & Receive the report above mentioned; With this further Explanation,

That so much of the minute of 1697, before mentioned as doth relate simply to the entering into Bonds, and so far as Arbitrations may be refused, on account of Disputed & Questions in Law relating to Executors or Trustees; in both these Cases that there be a particular & Special Regard had to the nature & Circumstances of things; It not being either now nor at the time of making the said minute, the intent of this Meeting to lay any unwarrantable Burthen upon any Brother, nor upon the Church of God.

Advised, that Due care be taken that all Offences Trespasses and Differences be Speedily ended and Composed;

in

15

Arbitrations

1720 In Gods Wisdom according to Gospel Order among us, either by mutual forgiveness, Christian Counsel or Just Arbitration as the case may require and Safely admits or allows; and the Choice of Arbitrators and Umpires, be of such Just Impartial men as neither party can Justly Acept against but both agree to their Choice.

1724

Speedy Ending of Differences by prudent and Just Arbitrations again Recommended.

1724

1725

all occasion of Difference to be Avoided
1725 Former Advice hath by this Meeting been given, With regard to the Honour of God, and his Truth, that the Religious Reputation of our Society might be Preserved from Blemish and all Just Occasion of Scandal; and which we now again Earnestly press & Desire, That all Friends avoid as much as possible Occasions of Difference one with Another; But if Notwithstanding such care any Difference shall happen to arise, that then the Friends of that Meeting in the Compass whereof any such shall happen, take timely care to put an end thereunto by advising and Exhorting those between whom Difference may happen to refer the matter of their Difference to Impartial and proper Arbitrators; Which may be a very likely means to avoid the Scandal of going to Law one with Another, which is a Distinguishing mark of
Friends to put an End to Difference to avoid y^e

Scandal of going to Law being Christs Disciples.
1737

And we do again remind you, that Friends may be every where careful to get all Differences about outward things Speedily Composed between themselves or by Arbitrators without Troubling Monthly or Quarterly Meetings with such affairs.

And it would be well that Friends were at all times ready to Submit their Differences even with Persons not of our Persuasion to Arbitrators rather than Contend at Law.

1744
See Law page 138

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 14, 15; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 9

16
[*blank page*]

17
[*blank page*]

Book of Discipline 1; Image 10; pp 16, 17; blank

18
[*blank page*]

19

[*inserted note*]
1775 8 mo then Receiv^d of
Hezekiah Smith for Subscription
the sum of £0-8-6
Jonathan Wilbur

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 16, 17, 18, 19; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 10, 11

20-23
[*missing*]

1672
Committee
to Correct
Books
No”3

Books

Concerning Books

1672

A Committee of ten Friends appointed to see that Books be Carefully Corrected and that none be Printed but by Friends Order.

The Printer to give three or more of them notice when any Book is to be Printed.

That no old Books be sent to the Counties un=
=sent for:

1673

That no second Edition be Printed without Order.
That the Printer send those Ordered to the Counties before any be sent abroad.

1673

1674

Agreed that ~~intentaen Book~~ the Quarterly Meetings return the Printer his money once a Quarter, for his further Encouragement & Assistance to carry on his Business.

1674

1679, to be given by the Meeting for Sufferings
Agreed that whatever Book is for time to come writ by any Friend in **Scotland**, and Printed here, they shall take off four hundred of each Book toward Defraying the Charge of Printing them.

ferings
p 26. 28; 29

1679

Books to be Delivered to the King and his counsel the Parliament and other Persons, Majestrates and Governors within this nation; as also in foreign parts beyond the Seas, as the Meeting for Sufferings shall from time to time Direct and appoint.

p26 &
p28. 1706

Agreed that the Meeting for Sufferings for the time being, Do for the future take care to the Inspecting Ordering and Regulating the press, and Printing of Books: --- And in whatever matter Relating to Printing of Books, the Country Friends find themselves aggrieved that they write to the Said Meeting; Who are to redress the same

1680

1680 Agreed that the matter of Books and
p25 Printing: and method of sending them as
well within this Nation as foreign parts, be
wholly left & refer'd to the Meetings for
Sufferings in **London**.

1691

1691 This meeting agrees for the taking off &
spreading Friends Books for the service of
Truth, That such a Number of Friends Books,
as shall be hereafter Printed by the Approbation
(excepting Collections of Books) be taken off by
two of a Each Quarterly Meeting, as will only amount to
Sort of two Books do not both exceed one Shilling in
Each and price and if any one Book be above six pence
one of a price then but one of that sort to Each Monthly
Sort above to Each Meeting who may send for ~~that~~ as many as
Monthly they have Occasion or Desire. -)
Meeting

We understand there are about one Hundred and
See page 27 fifty, one Monthly Meetings in **England & Wales**. –
151 month= And that the said Books, be sent [^]by the Several Corres=
ly Meetings= pondents in **London** or by their order to the Corres=
pondents of Each County, who are Desired to
send up the money for the Books when Receiv=
=ed; to the friends that are Correspondents in
London; and be Diligent in Spreading Friends
Books for Truth's Service

1692

Agreed that those that print for Friends
1692 deliver to the Meeting for Sufferings for the sever=
=ral Correspondents of the Counties in **England**
and **Wales** such a number of Books as [^]was agreed
see 1695 unto last Meeting within one month after
printed, which are two of a sort for Each Month=
=ly Meeting not exceeding six pence for Book,
and one of a sort above six pence per Book.
and

27

Books

1692 And it is Advised by the Meeting that one Book
Books to at Least of a Sort that shall be printed, (except Collections)
be kept in be kept in each Monthly or Quarterly Meeting for the
each Quar= Service of Friends and Truth, as there shall be occasion
=terly and Monthly for the future: and this to be recommended to the Quar=
Meeting= terly & Monthly Meetings.

1695

See 1695 This meeting Agrees, That [^]it may be Recommended
Two of a from this Meeting to each Monthly Meeting in the Counties
Sort under to take off two Books of a Sort newly Printed to each
2/6 one Monthly Meeting, under Two Shillings & Six pence, for one

of a Sort year from this time, and one to a Meeting that is above;
above to and that they be sent into the Counties Quarterly, about
each Month= two weeks before each Quarter Day, by those Printers
ly Meeting that Print them: And that one Book of a sort be kept
See 1697 in Each Quarterly Meeting in the Several Counties.

1697

1697 Friends in the Several Counties in **England** are Desired
spreading to be Diligent to spread Friends Books, which are Answers
friends to Adversaries, and to get them Expos'd to Publick where
Books Adversaries Books are sold, that the Service of them
may be answered; and the Printers are to be spoken to,
to Send Down the Books in Due time and not Delay
them till the Service be partly over.

This Meeting Understanding that the Minute
of 1695 expired in 1696 with respect to printed Books
of high price; Its Desired that all Books that are
writ by such that are in Unity with Friends that
Two of a was then agreed to be accepted by the Monthly Meetings
Sort not exceeding[^] to which they are sent & y^c Each m^o meeting
per Book 2/for the future Do accept of two Books of a Sort
that Do not Exceed Two Shillings per Book,
till this Meeting Doth order otherwise

1698

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 26, 27; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 13

28

Books

1698

1698 This Meeting Adviseth, That the Bookseler's
Printers Accounts be Cleared Yearly of such Books they=
Accounts send and Friends approve of; and that Each Quar=
*to be cleared=*terly Meeting, Preceeding the Yearly Meeting give
yearly Directions to such Members they make choice of
to Attend the Yearly Meeting, to see it Done; and
the Printers to give timely Notice thereof to Each
Quarterly Meeting preceeding the Yearly Meeting.

1702

1702 Agreed to Recommend it to the Quarterly and
Friends Monthly Meetings, in the several Counties to appoint
to read some Judicious Friends to read over ^{such} Books ~~in~~
Over Books Truths that are Published in vindication of Truths
in Answer and the Doctrine of Friends, against Adversaries;
to Adversaries; in order that they may Both Better Understand
the Controversies & be prepared to vindicate
the Doctrine of Friends and Obviate Objections.

1706

1706 Agreed, that when the Morning Meeting of

Ministering Friends Do see Cause or Necessity for to Dispose of Books in Truth's Service Gratis or freely that they acquaint the Meeting for Sufferings therewith, both as to Quantity and Charge, for their Compliance before Disposed of ^{for} that Service.

1709

¹⁷⁰⁹ Agreed that **North Brittain** be Desired
North Brittain to Send up an account to the Meeting for the Sufferings, how many Monthly Meetings they have; And its proposed that they take off two Books of a Sort in each Monthly Meeting.

1710

This Meeting Desires the Meeting for Sufferings to take Care that the Several Quarterly Meetings,

in

29

Books

¹⁷¹⁰ in **England** and **Wales** do take off and pay for all such Friends Books, sent Pursuant to the Yearly Meetings, Repeated Agreement.

1732

It is Agreed, That the Meeting for Sufferings Do Distribute in such manner and to such parts of the World, as they think proper the Writings of such Friends as have been Published by the Consent of the Morning Meeting.

1735

¹⁷³⁵ The Meeting for Sufferings have Invested **John Davis, Samuel Arnold, Richard How & Joseph Olive;**
Copies of Books with the Right of such copies of Friends Books as now are, or shall hereafter be, Printed for the Use of this Meeting; But this Meeting Desires that the Meeting for Sufferings, Do take care that the said Friends may not have it in their Power to possess the said Copies but only in Trust for this Meeting.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; Image 14; pp 28, 29; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 14

30

[blank page]

31

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 30, 31; blank

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 15

32

[blank page]

33

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 32, 33; blank

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 16

34

[blank page]

35

Certificates

Nº 4

Concernig Certificates

1694

Desired That all Friends who Remove from
1694any Part of England or Wales into Ireland, may
have Certificates ~~from~~ from their Respective Monthly
to have Meetings to which they Belong, That They may
Certificates, be Informed of what Repute they are, as to Truth,
on and Friends. Here And also that no Unnecessary
Removing into Charge be brought upon Friends there.
Ireland

Friends Removing from the Compass of one
or from one Monthly or Quarterly Meeting to Another to have
Monthly or Certificates. See poor, pages 235, 236, 238, 240, 241, 243.
Quarterly
Meeting to And see Removals & Settlements in 1737-----
another page 287, 288, 290.

1737

Friends that Travel in the Work of the Ministry,
To have Certificates. See Preachers. p 253, 254, 256.

1745

See Preachers page 259.

1745

1748

See Marriage, page, 155.

1748

1772

At our yearly Meeting of friends held at Newport
1772 on Rhod Island y^e 6^{m^o} 1772 - - - -

That any Person Coming from one Monthly Meeting to another, in order to propose their Intention of Marriage, that they bring a Certificate with them to the first Monthly Meeting, from the Monthly Meeting where they belong Signifying there Parents or Guardians Consent if they have any as well as their Conversation and Disentanglement with other Persons- - - - -

Traveling friends to have Certificates, see page 260

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 34, 35; R. Harding 12/4/2019

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 17

36-37

[*missing*]

38

[*blank page*]

39

No: 5

Concerning Children

1688

1688 We do Entreat and Desire you all, our dear Friends Brethren and Sisters, That are Parents & Governorurs of Famelies, That Ye Diligently lay to heart your work and Calling in your Generation for the Lord, and the Charge Committed to you, not only in becomeing good Examples to the Younger Sort, But also to use your Power in your own Famelies, in the Educating your children and Servants in Modesty, Sobriety and in the fear of God Curbing the Extravagant humors in the young ones when it doth appear, and not to Indulge it & allow of it For you are set in your Famelies as Judges for God, and it is you ^{that} must give an account of the Power Committed to you; And when you see a Libertine and Wanton Spirit appear in your Children and Servants that Lusteth after the vain Customs & Fashions of the World, either in Dressings Habits, or outward Adornings and Craves your Assist=
=ance and Allowance, without which it cannot get forward while they are under your Government.

Not to Indulge them

Oh! then look to your Selves and Discharge your Trust for God: and for the good of their Souls Exhorting in Meekness and Commanding in Wisdom, that so you may Minister and reach to the Witness, and help them over their Temptations, in the Authority of Gods Power And when they feel themselves helped and Delivered, Their Souls will Bless God for you, and you will reap the Comfort of your Labour.

1689

1689 And Dear Friends, for the Lords sake, Exercise your Christian care for the Education of your Children in the Fear of God, and Plainness and Simplicity of the Truth both in Language and Habits.

1690

Book; Book of Discipline 1; Image 18; pp 38, 39; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 18

40

Children

1690

This meeting Adviseth That Friends may be careful not to train up their Children in the Worlds ways, Names of days & months, and Language & Fashions, and that Friends may be Careful of Friends Children to Provide School-Masters & Mistresses that are Friends, where they are Capable, and not to send them to the Worlds Schools, to Corrupt them by Learning Heathen Authors, & the names of their gods But to take care that they may train ~~they may train~~ them up in the Language of Truth; and that plainness which Becomes the Truth; and to be good Examples to them, and not to Say you to their Children; Nor suffer their Substance to be bestowed on their Children to furnish them with such things that are not Becomeing our Profession.

And Dear Friends, it is our Christian & Earnest Advice & Counsel to all Friends Concerned so far as they are able or may be Capable, to provide School=Masters and Mistresses who are Faithful Friends, to teach & Instruct their Children, and not to Send them to Such Schools where they are taught the Corrupt Ways, Manners, Fashions & Language of the World, & of the Heathen in their Authors, and

names of the Heathenish Gods & Goddesses tending greatly to Corrupt and Alienate the minds of Children into an Averseness or Opposition against the Truth, and the Simplicity of it, But to take care that you train up your Children in the good nurture Admonition & fear of the Lord, in that Plainness & Language which Becomes Truth; And Parents Masters &c to be good Examples to them in a Sober & Godly Conversation & Plainness of speech, not to use the word you or ye, to a Child or Servant &c; nor suffer your Substance to be Bestowed on your Children to

41

Children

to furnish them with such things as tend to Pride, and to lift them up in Vanity, or affect them with the vain Fashions of the World.

1691

That Friends be Exemplary to their Children in Plainness of Language, Habit & Deportment & train them up therein that Modesty & Sobriety may be Countenanced, and the Fear of the Lord take place and Increase among them. See more in the same printed Epistle. ———

1692

See plainness, page 223.

1692

Being Sensible how Incident youth is to be Corrupted, & how liable to Corrupt & hurt one another by evil Example and Liberty; It is Earnestly Requested that all Parents among Friends take all Godly and Christian Care in the Education of their Children, and be good Examples to them, & not to allow them in any thing that may Gratefy a vain mind, in immodest Apparel or foolish garbs or other Extravagancies tending to their hurt, and the reproach of our holy Profession and incurring Gods Displeasure & Judgment which stands against the Pride of Life and haughtiness, But Sincerely to Use their best Endeavours to train them up in the nurture and Admonition of the Lord; in Sobriety, Modesty & Plainness of Apparel Language & Conversation as Becometh our holy Profession and Christian

1696 Religion.

1696

Agreed, That it be Recommended to Friends to be very Careful in the Education of their Children and to see that it be as much as possible by Honest Friends, that while Children are getting Learning by such that are not Friends they are often

hurt by having such things Instilled, or like seed Dropt
into them that have taken root to the hurt of Children,
And Should therefore be prevented.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 40, 41; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 19

42

Children

1696 We Recommend to you that are parents the
to be Plainness & holy Discipline of the Truth a=
trained among your Children that they may be trained
up in Truths up in Truths way, and with a Commendable
Way with Education According to your abilities; That
a Commend a peculiar People we may be in the Life of
=able Edu Righteousness in our Generation Diligently
=cation Improving that good understanding, and
those Heavenly Gifts, the Lord hath endued
you with, and made you stewards of; to the
Honour of him that hath Called you, and
the good & Cofort one of Another.

1697

1697 It being Consideration how
to be put Apprentices Friends Children might be Disposed of
to Friends that are trained up in the way of Truth
and fit to be put forth Apprentices; It's the
Advise & Counsel of Friends that special
Care be taken to put them Apprentices to
honest Friends, that they may be

1700 Preserved in the Way of Truth

1701 1700 }

1703 1701 } See plainness. p 223

1704 See 1703, in p: 50. 1704

And Parents are again Reminded to
Continue their Godly Care, & Exercise their Just
& Due Authority & Command over their Children
timely to Restrain them from the Worlds Corrup=
=tions & Extravagances both in habit & Lan=
=guage, Behaviour & Conversation, that they
may keep the Way of the Lord and walk upright=
=ly therein.

1706 1706

Advised to keep Children out of the
vain & foolish fashions & ways of the World
& in Plainness of Language habit & Behaviour

1709

43

heads of Families Advised, That all Heads of Families & Especially
& Elders such who are Elders in the Church of Christ, be all
to watch over the young &c Diligent and Careful to watch over the young Generation,
 that Sobriety Plainness & Virtue may be Encouraged
 and Promoted, and Exemplarily Recommended by
 you to them, That the Liberty too many of our youth
 take in following the Fashions & Customs of the World,
 which tend to the Dishonour & Reproach of the Testi=
 =mony of the Blessed Truth, may be Discouraged, and
 such as are found in the Same, Dealt with in the Fear wisdom
 and Love of God, that they may be Won, and brought into
 Humility and Subjection to the Lord & his Truth; ———
 1710 More in the same Epistle. — see plainness, p. 224.

Caution

1710

against Degeneacy The Lord knows we would not have any of our
 Dear Friends Children, who are Natural Branches of a good
 Stock Degenerate from that good seed and tender Plant
 that He has sown & planted in them, nor Corrupted from
 Truth's Simplicity or Innocency, by the Soci^aety or ill Exam=
 =ples of any other Children, Which Friends who are
 1715 Parents should take timely Care to Prevent.

Parents

1715

to watch over chil=dren That our Children may be preserved from the
 Wiles of Satan, as ^{much} as in Us lies, Let a Godly Care & Concern
 be upon the Minds of all Parents to Watch over them, with
 Supplications to the Lord, that they may not be Drawn
 away from the Innocency, Simplicity & Plainness of the
 way of Truth; and Labour in a sense of Truth to
 & Labour reach the Witness in them, that they may feel in
 with them their own spirits a Degree of Fear and Reverence
 towards God, and Instruct them to follow his
 p 47 Counsel, and obey his voice, as the Tribes of Israel
 were Required of God to teach his precepts
 Diligently unto their children. Deut. 6, v 7, And thou
 shalt teach them Diligently unto thy Children, and shalt
 talk of them, when thou sittest in thine house; and when
 thou walkest by the Way, & when thou lye^st Down &
 when thou risest up. ———

so

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 42, 43; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 20

to Another, in a Denial of the Worlds Corrupt
ways Language & Customs, which while We in
Disobedience to Him walked in, We could not
Enjoy true Peace, But as we bore the Cross and
bowed to his Will, We had an Evidence of Accep=
=tance with him, And be Careful that none
of you by a neglect herein, become Exam=
=ples unto them to Depart from the
Scripture Language, wherein is true
Propriety of Speech.

1717

1717 As touching the Education of Friends Chil=
=den for which this Meeting hath often found a
Concern, We think it our Duty to Recommend unto
you the Necessity that there is of a Care in preser=
=ving them in plainness of Speech and habit,
Suitable to our Holy Profession; and also that
no oppertunity be Omitted, nor any Endeavours
wanting to Instruct them in the Principle of
Truth, which we Profess; that thereby they be=
=ing Sensible of the Operation thereof in them=
=selves, may find their spirits not only soft=
=ned and tender'd, fit to receive the Impres=
=sion of the Divine Image, but may also
from thence find themselves under a Necessity
to appear Clear in the Several Branches
of our Christian Testimony: And as this will
be most beneficial to them, being the fruits of
Conviction so it is the most Effectual way of
propagateing the same throughout the Church^[?]
of Christ: And there being times & Seasons
wherein their Spirits are more than at
others

1717

45

Children

Others Disposed to have those things Impressed upon
them; so we Desire that all Parents and others Concerned
in the Oversight of Youth, might wait in the Fear
of God to know themselves Divinely Qualified for that
Service, that in his Wisdom they may make Use of
every such Oppertunity, which the Lord shall put
into their hands. And we hereby warn and advise
Friends in all places to flee every Appearance of
Evil, and keep out of Pride, and following the vain
fashions and Customs of the World, as Recommended
in the Epistle, 1715.

1723

1723

Advised & Exhorted That all Parents, Masters
and Mistr^es of Famelies and Guardians of minors
that they prevent as much as in them lies their Children,

Servants and youth under their Respective Care and Tuition; from the having or reading Books or papers that have any Tendency to prejudice the Profession of the Christian Religion, to Create in them the Least Doubt or Question Concerning the truth of the Holy Scriptures, or those Necessary and Saving Truths Declared in them, Lest their infant & feeble minds should be poisoned thereby, and a foundation laid for the greatest Evils.

1724
1724

The Circumstances of Our Youth having been again Under our Consideration, We Judge it Necessary to observe, That the undue Liberty too many of them take, both in their Conversation one with Another as well *to inspect their* as with those not of our Profession, hath been Cause *Conversa-* of Grief to know and hear, Wherefore We tenderly *tion* Recommend to all Parents, and such as may have Care of Children that they do as far as in them lies Carefully Inspect & Narrowly ^{to} Inquire into the Manner of their Conversation; That where counsel or Reproof may be wanting it may in the Spirit of Love and in Sound Judgment be given.

1725

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 44, 45; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 21

46

Children

1725

1725 And you who are Parents of Children Labour fervently in Spirit, with Supplication *to Labour* unto the Lord, that he may give them an *for an Inhe-* Inheritance in the Truth, wherein they may *ritance* be Enabled to Stand up in their Generation after *in y^e Truth* you, to his Praise and Glory, rather than La=
*rather than*bour to get great Inheritances for them in this *in this* World; which has proved a Snare & Temptation *World* to some to Shun the Cross, And Embrace the *p: 49* Glory of this present World, But that those to whom God hath given Riches, may take the Apostles advice that they be not high minded, *1 Tim^e 6:17* but fear, and trust not in Uncertain Riches, But therewith be Rich in good works, willing to Communicate, ready to Distribute. "And therein be a good Example to their Children.

1729

It ought to be the great care & Concern *1729* of Parents, as they value the welfare of their Children & Posterity, and others who have youth

under their Care, that they Endeavour by their
Company Example, as well as precept, to keep them from
bad Company, for many have found by sad
Experience, the truth of that Saying of the Apos=
=tle, Evil Communications doth Corrupt Good Manners
. — See Scriptures. p. 317.

1731

1731 Inasmuch as we have a Large body of youth
growing up, the Offspring of Friends, these Call
Advice to for our Special Care & Concern, that they may be
Parents & Guardians preserved in the way of Truth, in which our fore=
=fathers walked; & in order thereto, We tenderly
Recommend to all Parents & Guardians, first that
they take heed to themselves, that their own
Spirits be rightly seasoned & Directed for the
help & good Government of their Children
and

1731

47

Children

And then that they have a Constant watchful Eye in
Love, over them for their good & keep ^{them} as much as possible
within their notice and Observation for this we are sensi=
=ble of, that the Miscariages of Youth have very much
Proceeded from being Imprudently Indulged, or Left to
themselves, by which means they become Exposed to the
Danger of Evil Examples on the one hand, and vicious
Corrupt Principles on the other, with which the World too
much abounds: and therefore we Earnestly & tenderly Advise
all Parents & Guardians, to be watchfully Concerned in this
Respect, And that they take all proper Occasions both by
Example and Instruction to help their Children; And
that Mothers of Children as well as Fathers as they have
frequently the best oppertunities, would take Particular
care to Instruct them in the Knowledge of Religion and the
Holy Scriptures because it hath been found by Experience
p: 44 that good Impressions Early made on the tender minds of
Children, have proved Lasting means of preserving them in
a Religious Life & Conversation: This Practice was Enjoy[^]ed
Strongly upon the People of Israel by **Moses & Joshua** the
Servants of the Lord, who Required them to them to read or Repeat
the Law to their Children: And the Apostle **Paul** takes notice
of **Timothy**'s being well Instructed in the holy Scriptures
from a Child and of the Unfeigned Faith which Dwealt
monthly in his Grandmother **Lois**, & his mother **Eunice**; 2 Tim^o: 1:5 Who
Meetings no Doubt had a Religious Care of his Education.
to stir up But when Parents or Guardians are Deficient in Such
parents to their Care, We Recommend Monthly Meetings that they Stir
this Duty them up thereto Either by Visiting them in their Fame=
=lies, or in such manner, as in the Wisdom of God they
may see meet; that so the Doctrines of the Gospel, and a

Conversation agreeable thereunto may be maintained
1732 unto all Generations.

1732

See Scriptures. page. 818

1733

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 46, 47; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 22

48

Children

1733 See Scriptures. page. 319

1734 See the Same page 319

1735 See Plainness. p. 228

and See Scriptures, p 320

1736

1736 And Dear Friends, you who have Children
train them under your Care or Tuition, We Beseech ^{^you} to Accustom
up in the them early to the Reading of the holy Scriptures
way of the and to train them up in the way of the Cross, as
Cross soon as they are Capable of receiving Impressions
not to of good & evil, that parents be careful how they
Indulge Indulge them in any thing that has an evil
but restrain tendency, Endeavouring to restrain them from every
them hurtful thing, which their Natural Inclinations
may lead them to Desire after, this we think is the
p: 39 Indispensible Duty of all Parents and We cannot
see how they can answer the Omission of it in
the Sight of God; for such a neglect too often Oc=
=casions ill habits which afterwards are not to be
restrained without great Difficultiys, if at all.
We therefore earnestly Entreat our Young Friends
Yo^uth En= with all readiness of mind to receive, & give place
treated to to the Labour of Love and wholesome Admonitions
receive bestowed upon them by their Parents & others for
Admonition their Benefit & Instruction; And Carefully ~~to avoid~~
to avoid all evil Company, which corrupts good Manners
and leads into Disorders and Extravagancies;
p:39:40, And that the Endeavours of Parents may be Crowned
41,44,46, with Success, it behoveth them to Enforce their ad=
=vice by a Suitable Practice, and an Exemplary
walking in all Holyness & Godliness of Conversation.

1737

1737 And Dear Friends, it has been the Concern of
this our Annual Meeting from the Relation and
hopes given Us of Truth's spreading in Foreign
Countries

Children

to be instructed in Some Modern Languages Countries, That Friends, who are of abilities and have the Prosperity of Truth at heart, would in the Education of their Children, take care as Suitable Oppertunities and Occasions may offer, to let them be Instructed in some Modern Tongue, as French, High & Low Dutch, Danish, &c that so when they are grown up, they themselves if traders to Foreign Countries may reap the benefit thereof And as it shall please the Lord to Dispose & Incline them, may be of Service to the Church.

1751 See Famelies. page, 118.

1751

It has been matter of Affliction, to this Meeting to Understand by the Accounts received from divers Countries that Notwithstanding the repeated Ehortations, and tender Counsel given forth by this Meeting. to Parents & others Concerned for Youth, and that ought to be properly Engaged for their due Education, and the Forming their tender Minds to the Exercise of Piety & Religion, Yet too great a Deficiency appears in that Important Duty: Under a pressing Concern of Mind for the Revival of so Necessary a Care, early Enjoyed the Chosen people of God i.e: the Isralites, and the Concern of the Faithful in every age; We Communicate this Additional Counsel, and Intreat them to Consider that there Ought to be proper Limitations Assigned to their Anxiety after this World, and an hearty Engagement to Seek Primarily after that Blessing that makes truly Rich, and brings no Sorrow with it: The neglect of this weighty Obligation has produced fatal Effects to the Youth in many Places; The Life of Religion being lost by the Parents, they have been Disabled from Instructing their Children; and the most Excellent part of that near Relation has been entirely Lost; Their minds bent to the World, and Devoted to its pursuits has Center'd them in the Acquisition of Earthly Possessions as their Principal & only Good
and

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 48, 49; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 23

Children

1751 And a Jealous Righteous God has often Punished such in themselves or Offspring as he did the people of Old, Haggai. s, Ye looked for much & Lo it came to little, and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it, Why? Saith the Lord of Hosts; — Because of mine House that is wast,

and ye run every man into his own House.

There is great Reason to hope a Blessing would Attend the honest Endeavours of Parents, that the minds of Youth thus Seasoned, they might be render'd Useful in our Zion; and be brought up in Service According to the Will of God.

And Dearly Beloved youth, in an humble Sense of the Continued, Visitations of the Fathers Love and Experience of their Blessed Effects, We intreat you by the Mercies of God Receive its holy Impressions, Submit to its Discipline, This will preserve you from the Deplorable Effect of Satans Transformations Inspire you with holy Resolutions & Support to maintain them in all Godly Conversation, & purity of Faith and Life, adorning the Doctrine of the Gospel by a blameless Demeanour, True Peace will thus flow as a River in your own minds, and the fruits of the tree of Righteousness, brought forth to your Inexpressible Consolation in Christ, the Revival of Zions beauty, the Rebuilding her Desolations, that by & trough you She may yet appear beautiful to the Sincere hearted, But to her Enemies terrible as an Army with Banners.

1703

*[written vertically]
this is Omitted in
its proper place* 1703 Advised that all Parents be watchful over their Children & ^{careful} not to suffer them to get up into Pride & Excess, but to keep them to that Decent plainness which becomes the People of God,
That

51

Children

That the sin of the Children may not lie upon the ¹⁷⁰³Parents, nor they be exposed to Ruin by the Parents Neglect.

And that Friends of all Degrees take Due care ^{brought up} to breed up their Children in some Useful & Necessary ^{to Useful}Employments, that they may not Spend their precious ^{Employment}s Time in Idleness, which is of evil Example, and tends much to their hurt.

At a Yearly meeting held at **Newport on Rhodysand [Rhode Island]** ¹⁷⁷⁴the 6th month 1774

It is the Sense and Judgment of this Meeting, that the Children of Such Parents as are married among friends Shall be looked upon as members, And the Children of Such parents as becom members by Request and are born afterwards Shall likewise be looked upon as members, As also their Children born before if the Parents apply on their behalf, And the monthly meeting think they are Suitable, And that when but one of the parents

is a member either father or mother become So by application or otherwise their Children shall not be Looked upon as members unless their father or mother professing with us make application to the monthly meeting on Account of their Children and then the monthly Judge wheather Such Children be Suitable to be admited members or not and it is advised that when it So happens that but one of the parents are members of our Society that they Endeavour to bring up their Children agreeable to Truth as far as their power and not neglect to ask the care of friends in Behalf of their Children —

The following Explanation of the minute 1774 is Instutetnd in 1777

It is the Sense and judgment of this meeting that all Children that are born of parents while they

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 50, 51; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 24

52

Children ——

they are both members Shall be looked upon as members and no other unless parents who had Children before they were members apply on their behalf and the monthly meeting think they are Suitable, also where but one parent is a member ither father or mother Such parent professing with us, may make application to the monthly meeting on behalf of their Children and then the monthly meeting Judge wheather Such Children are Suitable to be admitted as members or not

And it is advised that where it So happens that but one of the parents are members of our Society that they Endeavour to Educate their Children agreeble to Truth as far as in their power, and not neglect to ask the Care of friend in behalf of them ——

53

[*blank page*]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 52, 53; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 25

54-57

[*missing*]

Conversation

No: 6 Concerning Conversation.

1675

It is much upon us to put Friends in Remembrance
 1675 to keep to the Ancient Testimony Truth begat in our
 hearts in the begining, against the Spirit of this World,
 to keep to for which many have Suffered Cruel Mockings, beatings,
 the Testimo= Stoneings, &c particularly as to the Corrupt Fashions,
 -ny. of. Truth Dealings, & Language, of the World, their Over=reachings,
 and vain jestings that the Cross of Christ in all things
 may be kept to, which preserves Friends, blameless,
 and honours the Lords Name & Truth in the Earth.

1676

See Covetuousness. page, 85.

1676 1688

Advised, That Friends every where be put in
 1688 mind to keep under the Leadings & Guidance of the Spirit
 of Truth, in their Outward Habits & Fashions thereof,
 not Suffering the Spirit of the World to get over them, in
 a Lust to be like unto them in things useless & Superfluous
 lest it prevail upon them from the Simplicity and
 plainness that becomes the Gospel, and so from one
 vain Liberty to another 'till they come to Loose
 the Blessed Liberty that is in Christ, into which
 they were in Measure Redeemed, and fall back into
 the Bondage of the Worlds Spirit and grow up into
 the Liberty of the Flesh with the Lust & Cocupisence
 thereof, and so Loose both their name and place in
 the Truth, as too many have Done.

1691 ~

1691 Advised in Gods holy Fear to watch against
 and keep out the Spirit & Corrupt Friendship of the
 to watch World; and that no Fellowship may be helørd or had
 against with the Unfruitful Works of Darkness nor there=
 the Spirit in with the Workers thereof.
 of the World

and

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 58, 59; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 26

And to avoid Unnecessary frequenting
1691 Taverns, Alehouses, all Looseness, Excess, and
unprofitable and Idle Discourses, mispending
their precious Time & Substance to the Dishonor
of Truth, and Scandal of Our holy Profession.

And See plainness, page, 223

1712

1712 See plainness, page 225

1725

Let us watch Diligently over our own
Spirits to See that we are Conformable to the
Spirit of Truth, whereby our Behaviour &
Conversation may be Such as becomes Godli=
=ness, and may adorn the Doctrine of Christ
Jesus our Lord Who mercifully hath Called
us to be a People Faithfully in bearing the Cross
and Despising the Shame, and Chearfully bearing
our Testimony to the great Truths of the Christian
Relegion, Which he hath Revealed, and against
every appearance of Anti-christ & Wickedness.

1731

It is the Care and Concern of this meeting to
1731 Recommend unto all Friends resorting to any
Caution to be Care=
of our Annuel Assemblies, either in this City or
ful of their Elsewhere to be very Careful at their Inns, or other
Converation place where they may Lodge or Converse, to be
at Inns prudent in all manner of Behaviour both in
&c Publick and private, — Avoiding all Intemper=
=ance in Eating and Drinking and likewise any
foolish jesting or Undue Liberty, Whatsoever,
That our Conversations Seasoned with the Fear of
God, may appear Correspondent to our Profession
and Answer the Witness of God in Others:

And

61

Conversation

1731 And we advise that the Quarterly Meetings in those
Counties where such Meetings are held take special
Care in this Respect with Regard to that Openness
and good Disposition which appears in the minds
of People to hear the Testimony of Truth, & some Con=
be careful =vincement in divers places; We earnestly advise
that no Friends, That they be Careful of their Conduct at all
Stumbling times & on all Occasions, That no Stumbling block be
block bet laid in the way of honest Enquirers nor offence given to
laid in tender Young Covinced Friends, Let your Light so shine
the way before men they may see your goods Works & glorify
of Enquirers your Father which is in Heaven. Let us walk wisely
&c towards those that are without, as well as those within,
Let our Moderation & Prudence, as well as Truth & Justice,

appear at all men, and in all things, in trading & Commerce
in speech & Communication, in Eating & Drinking, in Habit
and Furniture, & through all in a meek lowly Quiet Spirit
That as we profess to be a Spiritual minded People, We may
appear to be Such, as being Bounded by the Cross of Christ,
Shew forth the Power of that Divine Principle we make
Profession of, by a Conversation every way agreeable
thereunto.

1734 —————

1734 And Seeing it is very Evident, that evil Commu=
=nications Corrupt Good manners, We think proper to Recommend=
to avoid with much affection to our young Friends that they be very
light & Careful to avoid all such Company, as ~~that they be very~~
vain by a light & vain Conversation would tend to alienate
Company their minds from the Love of Virtue & Sobriety, for the Discourse
of Fools is irksome, and their Sport is in the Wantonness of
Sin, Ecclesiast^s 27:13 "If (therefore) thou be among the Indiscreet,
observe the time, tarry not there, but be Continually
among men of Understanding. Ver. 12. —

And See Scriptures, page, 319

1736

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 60, 61; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 27

62

Conversation

1736

1736 Tho' the accounts we have Received from some
Places in this & other Countries of the Prosperity of
Truth and of the Comeing forth of some among us
in a Publick Testimony thereunto, have been very
Declention acceptable unto Us; Yet it is very much Grief and
Observed Concern that We Observe in some a Declention from
the way of Righteousness & Truth, as well as from the
plainness of Habit & Simplicity of Speech & Beha=
=viour which were so Conspicuous in our Early
Friends & many of their Offspring:-- This De=
=clension We apprehend Arises from a Disregard
and from to the Divine Light & Truth they have often been
whence Recommended to, as the Regulator of their Words & Ac=
it ariseth =tions. __ By a Careful Conscientious Regard to this
the Holy men in all ages Obtained a good report, &
our Ancients & many of their Immediate Offspring
were Comely in the Eyes of the nation for their Solid
by what Department, & Religious regard to their words &
the holy Actions, a Godly Fear rested upon their minds,
obtained That the Precious Truth & Principle which they
a good Professed, & felt the Blessed Effects of, might not
Report

in alleges Suffer Reproach from their Misconduct: the like
holy Concern now would tend to Regulate our youth
and render them more comely in the Eyes of Behol=
ders, than any External Ornaments or Deckings
of the Body whatsoever; this would Instruct them
to avoid all Pride & Affectation & endue them with
Humility Modesty & virtue which Recommend to
the favour of God, & a good Esteem among men,
A Religious regard to the Principle of Light &
Truth, Gods witness in the mind & heart of man,
ever produces the most Beneficial Effects, as
well to Society in General as to every one in
Particular, This would Introduce Universal Love
Peace & Concord among mankind

This

63

Conversation

1736 This would Sweeten the Bitter Spirit, Mollifies & Asswage
the fierce & violent Dispositions of Men, Mutually endear
Relations & Friends, and bring all into the Unity &
Fellowship of the holy Spirit. The Fruits whereof the
Apostle Declareth, are, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Brother=
=ly kindness & Charity: We do therefore most Earnestly
Recommend a strict Attention to this holy & Divine
Principle to Friends everywhere, and in a particu=
=lar manner to the Youth of the Present Generation.

And Dear Friends in order that as we have
received Christ, so we may walk in him, in all holiness
and Godliness of Conversation, We Earnestly Exhort that ye
hold fast the Profession of the Faith in Our Lord Jesus
Christ, without wavering, both in Respect to his
outward Coming in the Flesh, His Sufferings, Death,
Resurrection, Ascension, Mediation and Intercession
at the Right hand of the Father; And to the inward
Manifestation of his Grace & holy Spirit in our hearts,
Powerfully workingⁱⁿ the Soul of man, to the Subduing
every evil Affection & Lust, and to the purifying of
our Consciences from dead works to Serve the Living
God; and that through the Virtue & Efficacy of this
most holy Faith, ye may become Strong in the Lord,
and in the Power of His Might, which will Enable
you to worship God in Spirit, with Acceptance, and
preserve you in a Lively frame of mind, from a Drowsy,
and Lukewarm Spirit, which in all our Religious
Assemblies ought to be guarded against with the
Utmost Care and Circumspection: ----
In this lively Faith & pure Life of Christ, you
will have Victory over the World, over your Desires
after the Grandeur & Perishing things thereof, and
over the Corrupt Customs & Fashions, which are

64

Conversation

1737

1737

*the like
in 1731
page 61*

For the sake of tender & young convinced
Friends, An Earnest Concern is on the minds
of many that no Occasion of Stumbling or of=
=fence be laid in the way; but that all such as
have made Longer Profession of the way of Truth,
may be careful to walk before them in all holiness
& uprightness of Conversation & in an humble
waiting upon the Lord, that their Example may
tend to the Encouragement & Strengthening of those
who have ^{been} more lately Visited to a Steady & Constant
perseverance in the path which the Lord hath
Directed their feet into.

*See
page. 59. 61,
62 and
underplain
=ness p.223
to p.229--*

*& under
Trading
p.391 to
p.397*

And Dear Friends, 'tis with much sorrow &
Grief of heart, We have still Occasion to Remind
you of the advice so Lately Delivered in our year=
=ly Epistle namely to keep out of Extravagant
Fashions & Customs of the World, and not to
Launch further into Trade & Business than you,
are Capable of managing & Carrying on with Repu=
=tation & Credit among men, & without prejudice Loss
or Detriment to any. We are fully Perswaded that
if Friends every where had a Due Respect and
Regard to this one precept of Christ, viz ^t Seek
ye first the Kingdom of God & his Righteousness;
which is the Indispensible Duty of all his follow=
=ers to observe we Should have little or no Occasi=
=on for the Repetition of Such Advices: Let therefore
We Earnestly beseech you that precept of our Bless=
=ed Lord & Master, and Holy head, be duly Consider=
=ed, & put in Practice; that by ordering our Conversa=
=tions agreeable to our Profession, We may shewforth
the Praise of Him that hath Called us so shall we
Witness the Promise to be fulfilled. Them that honour
me, saith the Lord I will honour.

65
Conversation

1738

1738 And foras much as we are called with an high & holy Calling, to all Holiness & purity of conversation; Let your Behaviour among men be unblameable & Such as may adorn the Gospel of Christ; Let not the vain and Foolish fashions of the World prevail over you; -- avoid Sports, Plays & all such Diversions, as tending to Alienate the mind from God; and to Deprive the Soul of His Comfortable Presence & Power; Be Temperate and Sober; Shun all Excess in Eating & Drinking; Let such of you as Deal in Spiritous Liquors, be Careful to Limit your Trade within the Bounds Prescribed by the Law of the Land; Beware Lest any of you suffer as an evil Doer. 1 Pet^r 4-5.

*against
vain fashi=
ons, Sports
Plays
&c
Be
temperate
&c*

1739

1739 The advice in 1738 renewed and Earnestly be=
=seech our Frieneds and Youth Especially, to avoid all such Conversations as tends to Draw out their minds into the foolish & Wicked Pastimes with which this age abounds Particularly Balls, Gameing places, Horse Races & Play houses, those Nurserys of Debauchery and Wickedness. -- the Burthen and Grief of the Sober part of other Societies, as well as of our own; – Practices wholly Unbecoming a People under the Christian Profession, &c the Printed Epistle.
1743

1743 See plainness page. 230

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 64, 65; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 29

66-73
[missing]

74
[blank page]

75
Correspondents

N^o 7” Concerning Correspondents

1682

1682 Agreed, that the persons to be Corresponded
See 1703 with here, be from time to time agreed and Directed by
1725 the meeting for Sufferings in **London**.
1747

1693

1693 Agreed that Each Quarterly Meeting take Care
Friends to Advise the Correspondents for the Counties, and
to write any others Concerned, to write only to the Correspondents
to Corres= in **London**, about their Sufferings and not to other Persons,
pondents lest their Suffering Case be Delayed.

1701

1701 This meeting Desires the City Correspondents, Do
write to the Several places beyond Sea, at Least once a
year.

1702

1702 Agreed after a Serious Consideration, that none
who are are proper Members of the Meeting for Sufferings,
proper But Publick Friends, and such as are appointed or
members approved by the Several Quarterly Meetings of the
of the meet^s Counties, and other Counties that Correspond with this
for sufferings Meeting in all Places, and are Entered as such in the
Correspond Book.

1703

1703 After a Consideration about the Correspondents
See 1725 in **London** it was agreed by this Meeting, That it was
of Right for the Deputies of the Counties to Diminish or
Add to their Correspondents, as they see meet.

1709

1709 It is agreed, that in the Epistles to Foreign Parts,
Friends be acquainted of Such Friends as are
named here for them to Correspond with upon
for foreign the Affairs of Truth; and inform them how they
parts may Direct to them, if the Friends there approve
see 1730, of them, Otherwise that they advice this Meeting,
p.77 .

who

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 74, 75; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 30

76

Correspondents

1709 Who they would have for their Correspondents
here, and that they let Friends here know
to whom & where they shall Direct to them there.

1713

1713 Recommended to the Meeting for Sufferings
to Enquire. whether the Epistles be Duly sent

by the Correspondents to the Foreign Plantations.

1717

1717
no place
to have
more than
four

Agreed, That the **London** Correspondents be no more than four for any one County or Place for the future, & that where the number at Present Exceeds four, as soon as any of them Decline or Dye, & they are reduced to four, the number in those places also shall be kept to a Number not Exceeding Four.

1720

1720
To give
attendance

The Meeting for Sufferings is Desired to Call upon the Members thereof to give the Service of their attendance ^{^n} therein & that if notwithstanding being so called upon any members shall neglect or ⁼refuse to ⁼assist ⁼on all Necessary Occasions, the Said meeting is Desired to acquaint there ⁼give their ⁼with the County for whom such Friends ⁼assistance ⁼neglecting to serve ^{^s} are Appointed, that they ^{^on} may name or appoint some other Friends who can or will attend the Service on all necessary Occasions.

1725

1725
Quartrly
Meetings to
appoint
Corresponden^{ts} =

Agreed, that the Quarterly meetings in the Country be Directed Expressly to give Instructions, to their Deputies who attend this Meeting, what Correspondents they shall Nominate in the City, in the room of any ~~of any~~ Friend Deceased or Removed; or else expressly leave them to their Liberty of Choice, &c

And

77

Correspondents

1725
Meeting for
sufferings
to give notice
of the Death
of any memb^r

And also that the Meeting for Sufferings within some Seasonable time after the Death of any of their Members Do give ^{^notice} to the County or Counties for whom the said Friend is appointed, in order that they may give Such Directions, the next yearly meeting.

1730

1730
Persons
not to be
Corresspond^{ts}

This meeting having had under their Consideration a Proposition made Relateing to persons Employed as Correspondents, Some of whom have failed in the payment of their Just Debts; "Tis Deemed that no Person under such Circumstance is fit to be Employed in that Station, till he hath given the Monthly Meeting he belongs to satisfaction; - And therefore hereby Recommends it to the Meeting for

Sufferings, That for the future they take Special Care, where any Such failure has or may happen, that they duly apprise, the Counties thereof, for which they Stand Correspondents, in order that a new choice may be made to Supply his Place. - A copy of this Minute to be ~~made~~ Sent down to the Several Counties, for Friends there also to act agreeable hereto with Respect to Correspondents in the Country Likewise.

*writeing
to foreign
parts*
*1709 & 1713}
in p. 76 }*
This Meeting Recommends it to the Meeting for Sufferings to take Due care to See that the Correspondents for Foreign Countries, Answer the Several Epistles Received from thence; and also Write to the several Distant places in the World; Wherewithall this Meeting hath heretofore Corresponded, where any Friends are, Notwithstanding at any time this meeting may not have any account from thence Either by Epistle or Otherwise: and that all such Answers allowed, be Signed by the Meeting for Sufferings in behalf of this yearly Meeting.

1734

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 76, 77; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 31

78

Correspondents

1734

*1734
attendance Required*
*See 1720
1736
1737*
It being taken notice of in this Meeting, that some Friends of the City whose names stand in the Correspondent Book, do very seldom attend the Meeting for Sufferings, This meeting are of Opinion that Such who do not attend the Said Meeting at least once in a Quarter of a year should be Discharged by this Meeting unless some sufficient Reason Should be Rendered.

1735

1735
A minute of the Like Purport

1736

*1736
attendance
&c
See 1737*
The Friends of the Meeting for Sufferings having laid before this Meeting, a minute Respecting some Difficulties in putting in Practice the Advices of this Meeting in the year 1734 & 1735 Relateing to the attendance of the Members of that Meeting in the Service thereof; and This Meeting taking the Same into their Consideration Approves what the Said meeting have done: And now agrees, that instead of being Obligated

to Attend once a Quarter, all such Members to At=
=tend at least Six times a year.

1737

1737 On perusing the minutes of the Meeting for
Sufferings Respecting the Attendance of its
Members, We find that a Considerable Defici=
not attending =ency appears in attending the Same altho
six times a for Several years past they have been Earnest=
year to be =ly Requested to do it: -- This Meetings being
Struck out Desirous they may Come up in their Service, Request
their Care & Diligence for the future; & do agree,
that such that dont attend at least six times in
the Year, pursuant to the Direction of a minute of
the last yearly Meeting, shall be struck out of
the Correspond Book unless they give Sufficient Rea=
=sons to the Contrary.

1743

79

Correspondents

1743

1743 See Representatives, page, 303

1747

1747 This Meeting having Considered the nature and
Importance of the affairs Transacted by the Meeting for
Sufferings, and the Continued necessity there is that they
Qualifications Should be Managed by grave & Weighty Friends, such as
to be Consi- are themselves men of Clean hands, and adorning the Doctrine
=dered: they Profess in their Lives and Conversations; it is become
See 1730 the Earnest Desire of this Meeting that for the future,
p.77 Friends every where will be Particularly Careful in
the Choice of such who are to Act as Correspondents either
in the City or the Counties, informing themselves, as much
as may be, of the Qualifications of those who are intended
for Such Services; And that such only may be nominated,
Who are Faithful in the Several Branches of our Christian
Testimony against Tithes, Bearing Arms & Swearing;
And who are also Exemplary in their Conduct and Con=
=versation amongst men; and coming up in that plain=
=ness of speech, Behaviour and apparel which highly
becomes those in an Especial manner who are Con=
=cerned in managing the Affairs of the Church.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 78, 79; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 32

[missing]

84

[blank page]

85

Covetuoussness

N^o 8^o Concerning Covetuoussness

1676

1676
*not Covet
to be rich*

And none strive nor covet to be rich in this World in these changable things that will pass away, But your Faith so Stand, in the Lord God, Who changes not, that created all and gives the Increase of all.

1697

1697
*beware of
covetuous=
ness &c*

We do in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Warn and Charge all that Profess the Truth among us, to take heed and Beware of Covetuoussness, Over=reaching, Oppressing & Defrauding of any; from whence Strife Contention and Lawsuits do often arise, & if any Difference about these things do happen among you, to stop & suppress it.

1699

1699
*abide un=
der the
Dayly Cross
&c*

Let all Friends be Exhorted to abide under the Daily Cross, whereby the Earthly mind may be Crucified, which hath its Delight & Ease in vanity, Pride & Covetuoussness! &c; That Friends being preserved out of those things wherein the Enemy hath had & has his Kingdom, and too plainly lays Snares to hinder their holy Progress may every where be more & more a Reti=
=red Serious Plain and Self=denying People, growing in the Grace & Knowledg of God, and our Lord Jesus Christ and exalting his Spiritual Kingdom in their Souls.

1720

1720
*Beware of
Covetuous
ness & has=
tening to
be rich*

As our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Exhorted and warned to beware & take heed of covetuous=
=ness, which is Idolatry, We are Concerned that all professing Christianity among us, may take heed of Pride, Covetousness & hastening to be Rich in the World which are pernicious & growing Evils, ~~Let~~ Let them be watched against, Resisted and Suppressed

in

86

Covetuousness

1720 in the Fear and Dread of Almighty God & have
no place or Countenance in His Camp. ---
O ye Grave Elders both men and Women: Pray
be Careful & Watchful against these Evils,
and over the Youth in these Cases.

1721

1721 The last years Caution Repeated.

1725

1725 See Children. page, 46.

87

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 86; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 34

88

[blank page]

89

Days

N^o9” Concerning Days

1690

1690 See Children, page, 40.

1691

1691 Advised that Friends keep to their Wonted
Example and Testimony against the Super=
stitious Observation of Days.

1697

1697 That all Friends keep to the Simplicity
of Truth, in Calling the Months and Days
by Scripture names, & not by Heathen.

1715

1715 See Plainness, page, 226.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 88, 89; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 35

90-91

[missing]

N^o 10th Concerning Defamation
1718

1718 It is the Advice of this Meeting, that any Person Charged with Defamation or Scandal, ought to be Proceeded against in the Manner, and by the Several Steps following.

the Defamed to deal prudently with the
afterward to take one or two more & the accused may bring or two also
may bring the Case before the Church
First, The Person Defamed or Supposed to be Defamed, in his own Person, or any other to whom the knowledge of the case shall come, to go to the Accused and tell him his fault or Supposed Fault, between them alone, and by the best method he is capable of to Labour to Convince him of it in order to his acknowledgement of the Truth & Repentance if he appears to be guilty, -- But if the Accused shall appear, either thro Ignorance not to apprehend the Validity of the Proof, or thro' Willfulness not to yield to it, Or being Convinced, shall refuse to make such Satisfaction as the nature of the Case Requires, (that being the Consequence of true Repentance) In such Case, the accuser to take with him one or two more, of the Monthly Meeting the accused belongs to, if it may Conveniently be done; & if the accused thinks fit, he may bring with him one or two ~~un~~ ~~Forefer~~ the Friends also, of the Same Monthly Meeting if it may ^{be} Conveniently done, & they together in the Wisdom of God, to Endeavor the true knowledge of the Case, by hearing Witnesses if there be Occasion, And if they all shall Judge him Guilty, & he doth not make Satisfaction, or if they do not all agree that he is Innocent in either of these Cases, happening, The Person Charging hath Liberty to bring the Matter before the Church, Who are the only Judges now Remaining, both of the Nature of the fact, and the Validity of the Proof of it; And they in the Wisdom of God, which we hope will not be wanting to his Church as they Humbly Wait on him for it,

to

Defamation

1728 to Deal with him for the food ends before mentioned and as they See Cause, upon a mature & Deliberate Consideration, to Justify or Condemn him; And if the Church shall see meet to Commit the Consideration of a Case of this nature for better Dispatch, to Certain Persons of their own body; We Recommend it as our tender advice, That in case the accused shall object against one or more of the Friends so Chosen, that the Church have a due Regard to such Objection, and lay aside the Person or Persons so objected against, And Substitute another or others in his or their Room, Provided such objection doth not extend to the major part of the Friends so Chosen: and in General, We Desire all tenderness and regard may be had to a Person under such Circumstances, and that Friends in a spirit of Love & Condesention, Should be ready to make him as easy as they can, Provided they keep up the authority of their Meetings

if a Case be Committed Regard is to be had to the objective of y^e accused

Nameless Books and Pamphlets Reflecting Darkly on Friends, are Testified against and its Desired, that no Such Books be written, Printed, Published, or privately handed about, by any under our Profession for the time to Come.

See Tale bearing & Back biteing, page, 357 to page, 359.

95

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 94; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 37

96-99

[missing]

100

Discipline

1698

1698

Friends to be appointed to

Advised, That in all Cases wherein the Testimony of Truth is Concerned, Faithful friends of the Respective monthly Meetings be Appointed to see how well those things be Observed and

oversee & admonish &c tenderly to Admonish such in Brotherly Love that Shall Decline the Same.

1701

1701 If any weakness, shortness, failure or Unfaithfulness appear in any professing the same Truth with us, We hope Faithful Friends & Brethren will Continue their ^{Christian} Care for their help Instruction & Admonition, in the Love & Power of the Lord, as in His Wisdom they shall See Cause, Still aiming at their good, their inward peace of Conscience, & Salvation in Christ Jesus.

1703

1703 to watch over the Flock the faulty to be Admonished Recommended unto Faithful Friends and Elders Especially to watch over the flock of Christ in their Respective places, that they Faithfully & Diligently walk up to the Testimony of the Blessed Truth, to which the Lord hath gathered us in this Latter Age of the World; that so where any are found short, weak or faulty, they may be admonished & sought in the Spirit of Love, which is that of the Gospel, That Divine Charity that Draws as with the Cords of a man, wherein Mercy is not only mixt with Judgment, but may appear over all our Works, that so it may be Seen to all, that Church Love abounds before Church Censure Comes, & that a Gospel Spirit is the Spring & Motive to all our Performances as well in Discipline as Worship.

1708

1708 Forasmuch as Some Persons who by their ill Conduct have Justly Deserved, & Come under the Censure of the Meetings to which they Belong have

101

Discipline

1708 Such who have come under & Given a paper of Condemnation &c yet not to be too Early Received have thought to get from under the weight of that Judgment by Signing a paper of Condemnation, and thereby suppose themselves Discharged: Tis therefore Recommended to Friends Consideration, That they be careful not to admit such Persons too early into Fellowship, or give them cause to think they they are accepted before the Meeting or Meetings are satisfied in their Repentance & Amendment, Notwithstanding such paper be given.

1718

See Defamation, page, 93, 94,

1718

1734

1734 watch over one another We Earnestly Exhort all Friends and Brethren, That under a Living Concern of Spirit for the Honour of God, and Welfare of his People, they Diligently watch over one another for good, and where any weakness or unfaithfulness

for Good =fulness touching any Branch of our Christian Testi=
=mony appears in Any making Profession with us,
Let such be timely & tenderly advised, & in the Wisdom
of Truth Stirred up to their Duty.

1735

1735

*keeping
up the
Discipline
a means
of preserva=
tion* And We do further Recommend, as a means very
Conducive to the Preservation of Friends a People
of one heart & one Way, for the good of themselves & their=
Children after them, That the Discipline of the Church,
in the Several Meetings Instituted for that purpose,
be kept up & managed in a Spirit of Love & Wisdom:
Let all things in those Meetings be done with Charity;
Let the Love of God in an Especial Manner Rule in
your hearts, and therein, tho' Sometimes different Sentiments
may arise yet will every member have the same thing
in view viz^t: the Glory of God & the good of his Church
& People, & in this Singleness of heart they will best
promote the great End & Service of those Meetings:
We advise therefore upon this Occasion that no=
thing be done thro' Strife and Contention,

nor

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 100, 101; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 38

102

Discipline

1735 nor from any private View, or the Influence of
Numbers; but in lowliness of mind let each
Esteem another better than himself; & where
any Debates arise, Endeavour in a Spirit of Meek=
=ness to Convince One another; and as you so Stand
mutually Engaged in Love, your Hearts will be
Enlarged, & all undue warmth and Discord will
be gradually Removed, and you will be Enabled
thro' Meekness, Humility, Long suffering & forbear=
=ance One of Another, to keep the Unity of the
Spirit in the Bond of Peace, always bearing in mind
that Excellent Caution of the Apostle, Gal: 5,26
“Let us not be Desirous of vain Glory provok=
=ing one another envying one another, knowing
“this that the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace,
“Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness,
“Temperance, against such there is no Law; and
“they that are Christs have crucified the Flesh
“with the Affections & Lusts, If we Live in the Spirit
“Let us also walk in the Spirit, ver, 22, 23, 24, 25.

See appeals page, 1 to 4

- Arbitrations p. 9 to 16
 Famelies ... p, 117 to 119
 Fighting - - p, 123 to 125
 Marriage - - p, 145 to 152
 1741
 1741 See Marriage, page, 152.
 1743
 1743 See Meetings for Discipline, p, 176.
 1744
 1744 See Law page, - 138.
 Marriage, p, - 153.
 Tale bearing, p, - 359.
 Fighting - - p, - 124.
 1745
 1745 See Appeals, page, 4.

103

Discipline

- 1747
 1747 Agreed, That where a Person Commits an Offence within a Monthly Meeting wherein he Resides, but is not Properly a Member by the Rules of Settlement, *offenders may be Dealt with by the Monthly Meeting where they Reside.* Shall by such Monthly Meeting where the Offence is committed be Dealt with, And if it be of such a Nature as Merits a Denial, the Said Meeting shall Disown him; and on his Repentance Receive him again into Unity, which shall not Intitle him to membership in the Monthly Meeting so having Dealt with him, but to the Meeting of which he was a member before such Dealing; And the Monthly Meeting who hath Disowned or Accepted such Friend Shall immediately give notice of such Denial or acceptance to the Monthly Meeting to which he Belongs.
 See Marriage, page, 154.
- 1748
 1748 See marriage, page, 155
- 1749
 1749 Advised, That Friends would be very careful to avoid & beware of that Spirit which *keep out of heats & Strife* Leadeth into heats & Strife; & which can Never work the Righteousness of God but treat such with tenderness & affection in whom there may be a Difference of Openion Endeavouring in the Love & Meekness of Truth to covince their Judgments, and Patiently to wait for the healing Influences of the Love of God, which will produce that Brotherly Regard and Condention, as may Unite their Spirits to him and one unto another.
- 1750
 1750 The want of Due Concern to Deal with such as Walk. Inconsistently with our holy Profession, and

are unfaithful in Respect to our Christian

Testimony

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 102, 103; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 40

104

Discipline

1750 Testimony being but too obvious; An early and Diligent care over such is Earnestly Recommended; And We Desire, that all who have at heart the Honour of God & the prosperity of Truth, would be stirred ^{up} to Discharge this Necessary part of Christian, Duty in their Respective Stations, timely Caution may often prevent Unhappy Effects; and a Brotherly care over such as are in Danger of Receiving hurt, may be Rewarded with the Secret Satisfaction of being made Instrumental in their Preservation.

{ Greatly would the Christian Discipline
{ Established amongst us, if thus Exerted in Divine Wisdom & Zeal, Contribute to prevent the
{ growing Evils & hurtful Liberties of various
{ kinds which appear in too many places, to the
{ Dishonour of God the Grief of good Men & the
{ Reproach of our Holy Profession.

But if Individuals neglect their Duty Grow Cool in their Love to God, & Loose that hunger after Divine Virtue & inward Support, to Live to his praise & their own comfort, which is the Certain Effect of his Visitation, wherever it is Embraced, how can a proper Concern for the good of others, & for Prosperity of Truth have Due place in their Minds? Or be properly Exerted by those who are not enough Engaged to feel after the Increase of its Blessed effects for themselves.

As this neglect of Steadily applying & waiting for Heavenly Virtue & ability to Discharge the duties Required of us is the source of Loss & Decay to particulars with Respect to a growth in Religion, so the same unhappy Effects are communicated to the Body; and where this is the Case, Evidently Discover themselves in disregard to Discipline, & the want of a proper Concern for the Good Order of the Church.

Let

Discipline

1750 Let all therefore be Excited to Labour, in a spirit of Love & fervent Charity, with such as may be in danger of falling into things Injurious to their Peace, and tending to the Dishonour of our Christian Profession, so that in thus Excercising a tender care & Watchfulness over one Another for mutual Edification, We may approve ourselves faithful Just & True in the Sight of God, & Examples of Temperance, Patience Purity & Holiness before Men, to the Praise of the Most-high, the Comfort of his People, and our own Eternal Happiness.

1751

The Answers to Our Queries brought in being plain & Explicit, have in that Respect given this Meeting good satisfaction, -- Thereby affording an oppertunity to this Meeting to impart the Necessary Advices, Which Care we Recommend to the Practice of every Quarterly Meeting.

And we Intreat the Elders amongst you, Rule with Diligence, abide in that Power that gives Dominion over all Corrupt spirits & in Meekness & Condescension, seek to Recover that which is strayed; that; that when the great Shepherd shall appear, You may Receive your Reward.

1760

Agreed & concluded at the Yearly Meeting held in **Newport on Rhoad-Island**, that for initiating convinced Persons into Membership, who have not had their Birth & Education among Friends.

That they first apply to a preparitive meeting & in Person Request to Come under the Care of Friends if the preparitive Meeting approve the Same that they Acquaint the Monthly Meeting thereof, & the Person so Requesting to attend at that time & signifie his or her Desire to be taken under their care,

Whereupon

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 104, 105; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 41

Discipline

1760 Whereupon the Monthly^{meeting} shall Appoint some Suitable Friends to Enquire into the Persons Life & Conversation & also to take a Solid opportunity of conference with the Petitioner in Order the better to Understand whether their

Motive for such Request be Sincere and from the Bottom of true Conviction & make report accordingly to the Monthly Meeting which if satisfactory to the Meeting, that a Minute be then made thereon Signifying their Accepting such a Person into Membership with us.

But in all such Cases Friends are Desired Carefully to Attend to the Advice of the Apostile viz^t

Lay hands Suddenly on no Man

See Removals, &c Page, 287.

1772

1772

The following matter were Concluded upon at a yearly meeting of friends held at **Newport** on **Rhod = Island** in the 6^{mo} 1772 ---

It is the Sence and Judgment of this Meeting that it is not Consistant with our Religious profession for the members of our Society to join themselves with those Called free Masons, And advise that Quarterly and Monthly meetings dissuade their members therefrom, and if any Continue therein, or others Join there with contrary to the advice herein. Contained that they be Dealt with as such who refuse the advice of Friends.

1772 The matter of friends undertaking to join people in marriage
See after the manner of the world -- See Marriage page 156
page 156

107

Discipline

It is agreed upon at a yearly^{meeting} of friend held at
1772 **Newport** on **Rhod Island** y^e 6^{mo} 1772

That subscriptions Collections and Donations for Publick Uses they be Received from the members of our Society only. - ----

1770

Friends to be Laboured withⁱⁿ love ~~and dealt with~~ for non attendance of meetings - - See page 191 under Meeting for Worship

What Children are Intitled to membership. See page 51

Disputes

N^o 12th

Concerning Disputes

1676

1676

Advised, That Friends be tender to the
Shun Vain tender Principle of God in all, and shun the Occasi=
Disputes on of vain Disputes & Tanglings, both among
 themselves and Others; for that many times is like
 a blustering wind that hurts and Bruises the
 tender Buds and Plants.

1699

Because our comfort as a People Depends
 upon our care to Maintain Peace & Fellowship
an humble among Brethren in all; that with Godly Fear Wisdom,
Condesend & Meekness: We may be so ordered in all our respec=
ing Spirit tive Services, that every high & rough thing may
Recommend be laid low, & all Occasions of Striving be prevented,
 =ed the Peace of the Church of Christ preserved & Augmented
to prevent among Us; And to that Purpose it is tenderly Advised,
all Occasions that we Diligently & Carefully Observe the comely &
of Strife Blessed Gospel Order so long known, & in prattice a=
 =mong us, in the Spirit of Meekness & of a Sound Mind
And Crush which is the way to crush all Differences in their In=
 all which is the way to crush all Differences in their In=
Differences =fancy, & Suppress the Rise, as well as stop the Pro=
 =gress of every thing that's Unseemly & Inconsistent
 with the Testimony of the Precious Truth.

1736

And it is the Earnest Desire of this Meeting
Seek Peace that a Spirit of Love & Humility may more & more
 & not be Diffuse it self among Us, & Influence the hearts
apt to of all, that so every one may come to seek Peace &
take Offence pursue it, & that none be apt to take apt to take offence, But
 each in his own Particular be more careful to rectify
 his own failings & Imperfections, than curious in
 Observing Censurings & Aggravating those of Others;

This

Disputes

1736 This will Lead to the Exercise of mutual For=
=bearance and Forgiveness one of another by
which the Occasion of contention will be
avoided and the Churches preserved in
a State of Peace & Tranquillity.

[blank page]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 110, 111; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 44

[blank page]

Epistles

N^o 13

Concerning Epistles.

1696

1696 Ordered, That all Epistles Directed to the
to be peru= Yearly Meeting, not already Read by the Second
sed before Days Morning Meeting be perused & Considered
Read in by Persons appointed by the Yearly Meeting, be=
the Yearly fore they are Publickly Read in the said Meeting.
Meeting=

1698

1698 Ordered, That the answers to the Several fo=
reign Epistles when ^{Drawn} be brought to the Second=
answers Days Morning Meeting before sent, and copies
left there.

1701

1701 See Correspondents, page, 75, & ~~76~~

1702

1702 Agreed, That when Answers are Drawn up
to the Several Epistles, they be shewn unto the
answers Second-Days Morning Meeting, & sent as former=
=ly and the Epistles left there.

1709} 1709 & 1713

1713} See Correspondents, page, 75, & 76.

1715

1715 This Meeting Desires the Correspondents
to be signed to make speedy Answers to the Epistles Delivered
at the month: them, and that the same, when prepared, be brought to the
meetn^s & Morning Meeting, and the Meeting for Sufferings in
meetn for Order to be Signed.

Whereas it is Observed, that in some Epistles
 1719 from foreign parts, mention is made that that they are
 Epistles Signed by Order & in behalf of the said Meetings,
 from foreign parts but no notice that they have been Read & approved
 there, it is therefore Desired that Due Care be taken

that

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 112, 113; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 45

114

Epistles

1719 That as often as may be, Such Epistles may be
 Read and approved in those Meetings, and
 Expressed in the Epistles they have been so:
 The Correspondents for foreign parts
 to give them notice hereof.

1728

1728 'Tis referred to the Meeting for Sufferings
 to be sent to all parts to take care to send Epistles to all A=
 where friends are American Islands & other Places abroad in
 the British or other Domenions where any
 Friends are Resident.

1730

1730 This meeting Recommends it to the Meet=
 The meeting for Sufferings to take due care to see that
 for Sufferings to see that the Correspondents for foreign
 to answer Countries, Answer the Several Epistles re=
 Epistles & received from thence; and also to write
 to write to the Several Distant places in the World.
 to all other places Wherewithall, this Meeting hath heretofore
 Corresponded, where any Friends are,
 where friends are Notwithstanding at any time this Meet=
 altho no ing may not have any account from
 Epistles thence either by Epistle or otherwise -
 be received and that all such Answers allowed, be
 Signed by the Meeting for Sufferings on,
 behalf of this yearly Meeting.

115

Epistles

[blank page]

116

[blank page]

117

Families

N^o 14th Concerning Visiting of Families
1708.

1708 Forasmuch as a Godly Care is growing among
Friends in many Places, that all things which are
Unsavory and hurtful might be Removed, that so

advice to all that Profess the Precious Truth with us, may come
visit Fame= up together in the good Order of the Gospel; for the
lies furthering of which and Encouraging thereunto. It is
See 1698 Recommended, That Weighty & Sensible Friends of Unblam=
P.100 =able Conversations, be Chosen in the Wisdom of God,
to Visit the Families of Friends in His Love; Who
are Desired to advise or Admonish in the Peace=
=able Spirit of Truth, as Occasion may be seen.

1710

We Esteem it very Necessary & Requisite, that
1710 young Convinced, & well inclined Persons & Friends,
to Visit be early Visited in the Love of God, by Faithful
young Friends, for their Encouragement, help and Fur=
Convinced =therance in the Truth. And that the Christian Duty
& of Visiting the Sick, be timely Remembred & Practised
the Sick; it having often left Comfort Ease and Sweetness
upon the Spirits of many to their very End.

1729

1729 And we would hope, if Friends in their
Monthly Meetings, Should pursuant to the Directions of
this Meeting in the Epistle, 1708, appoint proper
Sensible & honest Friends to Visit their Respective
Members, it may in great Measure prevent the Ne=
cessity of Repeating the Advices which have
been so frequently given.

1731

1731 See Children – page, 47.

1733

Families

1733

1733 We again Recommend to Friends in their Se=
 =veral Monthly Meetings, to take Especial Care
 to appoint proper Prudent & Judicious friends
 to Visit their Brethren in their Families, pursuant
 to former Advices, viz^t in the Epistles 1708 & 1729
 herewith sent; and that such Friends Labour Faith=
 =fully in a Spirit of Love & in the Meekness of Wis=
 =dom, to Convince the Judgment of their Respective
 Members of the Necessity of their Coming up with
 their Brethren in Practice agreeable to our Chris=
 =tian Testimony, which Truth hath given our
 Ancients & us to bear, may be Maintained
 Unviolated. See Meetings for Discipline p, 173.

1737

1737 And Dear Friends, having Received very
 Comfortable accounts from Divers Places, of the
 good Disposition raised in the Minds of young
 Persons to walk in that Plainness & Self Denial
 which have been often Recommended by this
 Meeting; We Earnestly Desire, that Parents &
 Guardians, & Friends every Where, would Watch
 over such, & Encourage & Cherish everything
 that may Contribute to their Growth & Pro=
 =gress in the Ways of Truth and Holiness: and
 for the Strength & Encouragement of every
 Such Well Disposed young Person, We earnest=
 =ly Exhort Masters & Mistresses of Families to be
 Exemplary, & to enforce their Advice by an
 agreeable Conversation or Practice and in
 no wise to discourage, but Encourage both
 their Children & Servants in that plainness of
 Speech & Behaviour, which the Truth Leads to.

Families

[rest of page is blank]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 118, 119; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 48

120-121

[missing]

Fighting

N^o 15^o Concerning Fighting
1693

1693 A Complaint being made abovt some Ship=
=Masters, Who Profess the Truth, and are Esteemed
aganst Quakers, their Carrying Guns in their Ships, —
Carrying Supposeing thereby to Defend & Secure themselves
Guns in and their Ships, Contrary to their former Practice
Ships & Principle & to the Endangering their own &
others Lives thereby; also giving Occasion of more
Severe hardships and Sufferings to be inflicted
on such Friends as are pressed into ships of War,
Who for Conscience sake cannot fight nor Destroy
Mens Lives; 'Tis therefore Recommended to the
Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, where^{un}to Such
Ship=masters Belong, to Deal with them in Gods
Wisdom & tender Love, to stir them up & awaken their Con=
=sciences, that they may Seriously Consider how they injure
their own Souls in So doing, and what Occasion they give
to make the Truth and Friends to Suffer by their
Declention and acting Contrary thereunto thro"
Disobedience and Unbelief, placing their Security
in that which is Altogether insecure & Dangerous:
which we are really Sorry for, and Sincerely Desire
their Recovery, and safety from Destruction, that
their Faith and Confidence may be in the arm &
Power of God. — See more in the same Printed Epistle

1709

1709 The foregoing still Recommended

1730

1730 It hath been a Weighty Concern on this Meeting
aganst That our Ancient & Honourable Testimony Against
bearing Arms Friends being Concerned in bearing Arms or fight=
Arms or =ing may be Maintained it being a Doctrine and
fighting Testimony, agreeable to the Nature & Design of the
Christian Religion;

and

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 122, 123; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 49

Fighting

1730 And to the Universal Love and Grace of God,

this Testimony we Desire may be Strictly and Carefully Maintained by a Godly care and Concern in all to Stand Single and Clear therein; so shall we Strengthen and Comfort one Another.

1742

1742

See Questions, page, 272.

1744

1744

*Testimony
against War*

It having been in pressing terms Represented and Complained of to this Meeting, that notwithstanding. We have, as a People, Looked upon Ourselves as well as the Primitive Christians, to be Included in that notable Prophecy, **Isaiah** 2nd: They Shall beat their swords into Plowshears, and their Spears into pruning hooks, and Learn War no more: Agreeable to the Doctrine of our Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, and his Apostles, to which our Ancient Friends abundantly bore Testimony, both in Doctrine and Practice & Suffered Deeply for, and Confirmed & Ratefied by Several of our Yearly Meetings, particularly in the year 1693, 1709 & 1730, by their Express Declarations & Testimonys against Carrying Guns for Defending our Ships Persons & Goods: and being under many Strong Engagements to Observe the Same, from the particular Care of Providence over such as have been Faithful to this our Testimony, particularly. Those of Our friends In **Pensilvania** [**Pennsylvania**].——

*privatering
&c*

Nevertheless some Professing to be of our Society have of late Slighted and neglected this our Ancient and Christian Testimony to that Degree; as to be Concerned in Privateering, Or as Owners in Ships going with Letters of Marque; which is a flagrant and Lamentable Departure from our Peaceable Principle which hath always been to Confide in the Protection and Providence of Almighty God & not in weapons of War;

which

125

1744

Fighting

Which Practice of theirs may be attended with Injustice, Barbarity and Bloodshed.

This Meeting therefore having taken this Sorrowful and Afflicting Case, and Breach of our Ancient Testimony, into our Serious Consideration, Have thought it our Incumbent Duty, to bear our Testimony against such Practises: and 'tis the Unanimous Sense of this Meeting, That all Quarterly and Monthly Meetings ought Speedily to Deal with every Person found in the Practice of Such things, in the Spirit

that are Innocent, & Singly Desire the Preservation
Safety & Peace of all Friends in Truth & Innocency
towards all Men.

1692

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 126, 127; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 51

128

Kings & Governours

1692

1692

*thankful
Acknowledg
=ment of the
favour of
the Government*

*to live
Peaceably
under it*

This Meeting was well satisfied and very
Glad in the Sence they had of the Innocency and
peaceableness of the Body of our Friends in Ge=
=neral towards the Civil Government, under which
we live & Enjoy our Present Liberty in the Peace=
=able Exercise of tender Consciences toward Almighty
God to whom we are humbly thankful for the Same
being Oblidged to Demean ourselves not only as a
grateful People, but a Christian Society to Live peace=
ably & Inoffensively under the Present Government,
as we have always Done under the various Revoluti=
=ons of Government, ever since we were a People,
According to our ancient Christian Principle and
Practise in which, we hope, we Shall ever persevere
to the End of our Days, according as we are Enjoined by
our Peaceable Saviour Christ Jesus, and the Christian
Advice of his Faithful Servants & Ministers among us;
We being a People Clear in the Sight of God from all
evil Designs Plots & Conspiracies Whatsoever; & hope
in God that We Shall Continue a People always Quiet
in the Land having nothing but Love & Good Will to
all Men, for which End we Earnestly Desire and hope
that a Christian care may not be wanting among you
for the Preservation of Our Whole Society in that Inno=
=cent Life & Peaceable Conversation which is agreeable
to our Christian Principle & Profession wherein we
have from the Begining found our Safety, and peace
with God, & Him to be our Defence, being fully Perwa=
=ded, this Our Ancient Christian Testimony Publickly
Owned among us, None can gainsay, Nor any Faith=
=ful Friends to God & Christ can ever Decline it:
being Assured our God will in his own Due time
remove all Offences & Causeless Jealousies and
Reproaches tending to Cloud our Innocency, &
will Set his own Power and Peaceable King=
=dom of his Dear Son over all.

1695

Kings & Governours
1695

1695 See Parliment, page, 215

1698

1698 This Meeting Understanding that some in
the Government have Reported, that some Persons who
are Called Quakers have used Secret and indirect ways
Testimony against Defrauding the Government to take ~~up their~~ up their Goods without paying the Cus=
=toms and Duties which the Law hath laid upon them,
whereby the King is Defrauded of his Right.

This Meeting thereupon Declares it to be
the Judgment of Truth and Friends, that all
such practises are evil; and if any Person who
Professeth Truth should be Guilty thereof, Such
Persons would thereby go out of the Truth, and
Act Contrary thereunto.

1703

1703 Advised, to avoid all indirect and unwar=
=rantable Methods both in trade & Merchandize,
not to Defraud the Government by which the Government may be Defrauded of
its Due, that so no Reproach may be brought
upon our holy Profession by Such Things.

1705

1705 Since the Lord's Good Providence has so far
Blessed Friends as to Give them Favour with
the Government, It is Desired that Friends would
Continue with all Humility to Walk worthy of that
to walk worthy of the favour of the Government Mercy; and Improve the Same by a Gentle and
peaceable Conversation towards all men, in their
Respective places of abode.

1709

1709 Advised, not to put any abuse on the Gover=
=ment by Endeavouring to Diminish any of the
not to Diminish Customs &c Customs, Excise, or any other Publick Civil Dues.——
Yet if any going under our Profession should
happen to be so far Tempted thro' Covetuousness

and

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 128, 129; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 52

Kings & Governours

1709 And the Love of Unrighteous gain, as to be
to Deal with the drawn into any such Evil; We Desire you will
Deal with such Persons to make them Sen=

Guilty against being Concerned in prohibited goods and Wrecks =Sible of Such Corrupt and pernicious Practises, that Our holy Profession may not be Blemished thereby: nor any offence given nor Injury done by being Concerned in prohibited goods; or Wrecks Unrighteously taken away from the Just Owners.

1715

1715 As the Blessed Truth we Profess teacheth Us to do justly unto all men in all things, even so more Especially in a Faithful Subjection to the Government in all Godliness & Honesty, Continuing to render ^{unto} to the King what is his Due in Taxes & Customs payable to him according to Law.

1719

1719 against Defrauding the King & Exporting Wool or other goods prohibited by Law
offenders to be Testified against
As our Testimony hath been, & Still is against the Defrauding the King of any of his Customs, Duties, or Excise Buying Goods Reasonably Suspected, ^{to be Run} Exporting Wool, or any other Goods prohibited by Law, or doing any other thing whatsoever to the Injury of the Kings Revenues, or of the Common Good, or to the hurt of the fair Trader; So if any Person or Persons under our name & Profession, shall be known to be guilty of these or any such Crimes and offences; We do Earnestly Advise the Respective Monthly Meetings to which such offenders belong that they Severally reprehend & Testify against such Offenders & their unwarrantable Clandestine & Unlawful Actions, & Admonish them to make Restitution for the wrong done to the Government And the Holy Truth Professed by us.

1721

1721 The Advice of 1719 repeated

1723

131

Kings & Governors

1723

1723 See Questions, page 271.

1730

1730 Advised, That Friends behave with all Dutiffulness & Gratitude, and Especially to Discountenance every the least appearance of indecent freedom or mark of Dissatisfaction in word or Writeing Relateing to the Government.

1732

1732 It is very acceptable to us to find by the accounts from the Several parts of the Kingdom; that according to former Exhortations of this Meeting, Friends Continue Generally careful not to Defraud the King of his Customs Duties or Excise; And so far to Discourage such Practises,

as to avoid Dealing in goods Reasonably suspected to be Run, this is a Care highly Commendable & no Doubt Incumbent on every honest Subject; But as the Government hath Signally favoured Us, in Our Religious Liberties, We are under the greater Obligations of Gratitude as well as Duty, to Manifest that we are as truly Conscientious to render to Cesar the thing that are Cesars as to Support any other Branch of our Christian Testimony.

1733

1733 The last Years advice again Recommended.

1734

1734 We are glad to hear by the accounts received that Friends are Generally found in the Practice of their Christian Duty of rendering to Caesar the things that are Cesars; & do Earnestly recommend a Strict care for the Continuance of the Same in every ~~in every~~ Branch of the Kings Revenue.

1735

1735 The Advices we have Received of the General care of Friends to keep clear from Defrauding the King any Branch of his revenue, are very acceptable to us, who hold it our Indispensible Duty with

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 130, 131; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 53

132

Kings & Governors

1735 with regard to Kings, & all that are in Authority, to lead a peaceable & Quiet Life in all Godliness and honesty.

1736

1736 By accounts from the Several Counties, We do not Understand but that Friends are Clear from the Practise of Runing of Goods, or Defrauding the King of his Customs or Revenues: We Earnestly Recommend the Continuance of that Necessary Duty & Desire that Friends Every where may be Careful to Discourage such Practises, which are not only unjust but also inconsistent with that gratitude which we as a People ought to Express towards a Government to whose Lenity & Goodness we are Obligated for the Priviledges we Enjoy.

1737

1737 Finally Brethren, We Recommend you to the Direction & guidance of the Unerring Spirit of Truth within, & the Excellent precepts and Instructions of the holy Scriprures without which if you Shall Diligently take heed unto, you will

not fail of being perfectly Instructed in the great Duties of worship towards God the Father and author of all our Mercies of Fidelity & Gratitude to the Government, Which his Merciful Providence has Set over Us, of Love & Peace among your Selves & of justice & Benevolence & Benevolence towards all men.

1735

1735 Agreed and Concluded at the Yearly Meeting held in **Newport on Rhoad [Rhode] Island** that whereas there is a Matter referred to this Meeting Relating to friends Signing Commissions to Support the Military Affairs, it is the Judgment & Conclusion of this Meeting that it is Contrary to our Principles & whosoever has or Shall presume to Sign such Commissions acts Contrary to our Principles, & the Ancient Testimony of Friends.

Signing Commissions for military Affairs

133

Kings & Governours
[rest of page is blank]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 132, 133; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 54

134-135
[missing]

136
[blank page]

137

Law
N"17" Concerning Law.
1675

As the Meeting doth not Enjoin, Impose upon, or Advise any Friends in Sufferings to take Course at Law for a Remedy, so neither can we Impose upon them not to Use the Law in any Case; But a Freedom is left to the Sufferers to Use such means as Consists with the Unity of Friends, & their own peace and Satisfaction in the Truth & in the bearing a Faithful Testimony in Righteousness.

That Friends do not Judge nor Reflect upon one Another in those Cases; a Freedom being left upon Urgent Occasions, to take such Course for Relief & Ease to the Oppressed as may not be Prejudicial to Truths Testimony.

That if any Friend or Friends apprehends a Necessity to Endeavour for Relief by the Law of the Land to stop the Destroyers &c They first advise about their Case with their Respective Monthly or Quarterly Meetings; or at least with some of the Principal Friends Relateing thereto.

That Friends who Suffer be advised not to Let out their Minds into too much Expectation of outward Relief by Friends here in point of Law; But that they Patiently & Principally Depend upon the Lord. And his Power to plead their Cause.

1676

That Friends be Careful of Entangling themselves in the Law, because of some Small Irregularities in Proceeding, but if the Law be materially Transgressed, and the Severity of it Exceeded by our Persecutors; That Friends in Gods Wisdom Use their Liberty, upon Serious & good advise among themselves, So as the Truth & its Testimony may be kept Clear Over all.

1693

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 136, 137; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 55

138

Law

1693

1693, 1696, 1697.

1696

See Arbitrations, page, 9, 10 & 11, 12

1697

1698

1698

See Kings & Governours, page, 129

1720

1720, 1725, 1737.

1725

See Arbitrations, page, 13 & 15

1737

1744

1744

A minute of this Meeting in 1720^a advised

^a See Arbitrations page, 14

That Persons Professing with us have proved so base & unworthy, as When they have run themselves into Debt, to Remove themselves or their Effects to prevent Justice. Whereby those Creditors who are Friends have been Deprived of an opportunity of the Common Method of Friends specified in the Minute aforesaid; ^b It is hereby Declared that the last paragraph of the said Minute, which prohibits Friends to Sue or arrest One another &c Is not intended to prevent such evil Persons in those Practises from being Dealt with by a Legal Process, as the Nature of the Case may require; of which Circumstance the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings are the proper Judges, So it is not Doubted but they

^b refers to a minute in 1697 See Arbitrations p, 12 & 14

will do Justice to the parties Concerned therein.

This Meeting Doth Request every Monthly Meeting to appoint and Depute proper Persons out of their Several Meetings, for Such [^]friends as may have Occasion, to advise with in the Intervals of Monthly Meetings and if they See Cause, to give Liberty to Recover as above.

139

Law

[*rest of page is blank*]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 138, 139; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 56

140

[*blank page*]

141

Love

N"18" Concerning Love.

1703

1703 See Discipline, page, 100.

1718.

1718 See Yearly Meeting, page. 415

1730

1730 Among all the Gospel precepts, We find not any thing more strongly & Frequently recommended by Our Lord Jesus Christ, & his Apostles, to the Primitive Believers, than that they Should Love one Another. And as We are Sensible that nothing will more Contribute to the Peace & Prosperity of the Church than a Due Regard to this Advice, so We Earnestly Desire that it may be the Care & Concern of all Friends, Every where to dwell therein, and in the Unity of the Holy spirit to maintain Love Con=
=cord & Peace in & among all the Churches of Christ.

1734 1734. See Scriptures, page, 319

1735 1735. See Discipline, page, 101, 102

1736 1736. See Disputes, page, . 109

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 140, 141; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 57

Marriage

N^o 19th Concerning Marriage

1675

1675 It is our Living Sense & Judgment in the Truth of God, that not only those Marriages of near Kindred, *against* Expressly forbidden under the Law, ought not to be *Marriage* Practised under the Gospel; But that in as much as *with near* any Marriage of near Kindred in the times of the Law *kindred* was in Condescention and upon such Extraordinary Occasions as upholding their Tribes & that the nearer their Marriages were the More unholy they were account=
=ed: We in our Day ought not to approach our near=
particularly kindred in any such respect, particularly First Cou=
first Cousins =sins; being Redeemed out of those kindreds Tribes and Earthly Lots. (for the Upholding of which Marri=
=ages within the Kindred were once Dispensed with) And brought to that Spiritual Dispensation which gives Dominion over the Affections & Leads to those Marriages which are more Natural & are of better report. And tho some through weakness have been Drawn into such Marriages (which being done must not be broken) yet Let not their Practice be any precedent or Example to any Others amongst Us for the time to Come.

{ That such Friends as have with Serious ad=
{ vice, Due Deliberation, free & mutual Consent, as in *to break or* the Sight of God, & Unity of his Blessed Truth, absolute=
Violate any { Engage- =ly agreed Espoused or Contracted upon the account of
ment { Marriage, Shall not be allowed or owned among
not to be { us in any Unfaithfulness or Injustice one to another
allowed { to break or Violate any such Contract or Engagement,
{ which is to the Reproach of Truth, or Injury one of
{ another: And where any such Injury breach or Viola=
=tion of such Solemn Contract is known, or Complained of, or Enmity & Strife Occasioned thereby

We

Marriage

1675 We advise & Counsel, that a few Faithful Friends,
Both men & Women in their Respective Meetings
to which the parties belong, be appointed to En=
quire into the Cause thereof; & in the Wisdom &
Council of God, to put a Stop and Speedy End thereto &
bring Gods power & the Judgment thereof over them
that have offended in this case, until they come to
Unfeigned Repentance.

And further we advise & Exhort that no En=
agements made, without honest Endeavours to obtain
Consent of or Due regard first had to the Counsel & Consent of Parents
Parents to Relations & Friends be Countenanced: that so all foolish
be first had & Unbridled Affections, & all Ensnaring & selfish Ends
be not so much as found among you on any hand.

It is our Judgment, that for better Satisfaction
to be twice to all Parties, & that there may be Due time for Enquiry
proposed at of Clearness of the Persons Concerned, It is Convenient
least to the that Marriages be at least twice propounded to the
meetings Meetings that are to take care therein, both to the Mens
See page, 148 & Womens Meetings, where both are Established before
and accom they are Accomplished; & when things are Cleared,
plished Pub that the Marriage be Accomplished in a grave &
lickly Publick Assembly of Friends & Relations.

1690

1690 Advised that Parents & Guardians of Chil=
outward dren in the Fear of God take special care to prevent
Estates to be those under their charge, from being Engaged or
Settled be Entangled with any upon the account of Marriage,
fore Engaged before all things relateing to their outward Estates
be firmly agreed on both parts that so no Breach
may be made upon the account of Outward things,
to the hurt or Prejudice of young People.

And We do also in the Name of the Lord
Advise & Exhort all young & Unmarried

People

Marriage

1690 People among Friends, that they do not make
young any Motion of Procedure one with another upon
people to the Account of Marriage without first acquainting
Consult their their Parents or Guardians therewith, & duly waiting
parents & upon them for their Consent & agreement therein, &
wait their We do also advise; That in the first place all young
Consent Persons Concerned, Seriously wait upon the Lord
& in the for Counsel & Clearness in this Weighty Concern, before
first place they make any Motion or Procedure with any in
to wait up Order to Marriage, that the Lord may be in their
-on the Lord & Eye, so as they may not be led by any forward,

brittle or Uncertain Affections in this great Concern
to their own hurt, Grief of their Friends and Dishonour
of the Truth.

And Let it be the Godly Concern

Monthly & of both *Monthly* & *Quarterly* Meetings to be Careful
Quarterly & Mindful of the Preservation & good of Children in
meetings this matter, as here proposed & Signified, & not omit giv=
to be Careful =ing due & faithful Warnings & Admonitions in this
herein great & Weighty Concern.

1691

Advised that great Care be taken about

1691 Marriages for the Consent of parents; Due & Orderly
Concerning Publication thereof & Solemnizing [^]of them in a Meeting
Orderly appointed for that End & purpose, or on week day Meet=
Proceedings ings, which Method is Convenient & Commendable, as
it has been lately made appear in the [^]Eye of the Government
and well Resented.

See 1675) And that Friends be reminded of this Meetings
p 145) former advice, against Marriage with near kindred &
against Marrying by Priests; & with Persons of the World,
near kin Unequally yoking with Unbelievers; -- and against
by Priests too early & Unsavory Proceedings in Second Marriages,
mixt marria after the Death of Husband or Wife; Contrary to the due
ges & too Method or Practice of Faithful Friends [^]in Truth & tending to the
early a 2^d Dishonour & Reproach thereof
time

1692

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 146, 147; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 59

148

Marriage

1692

1692 Advised That all as Profess the Truth among
to be propos^d Friends, Do publish their Intentions of Marriage
to two Mon= at two Sundry two Weeks Meetings, in such places
thly Meetings where they are Settled, before they Solemnize the
or to two Same, that Convenient time may be allowed
two weeks friends Concerned for Enquiry, & Satisfaction Concern=
Meetings. =ing the Consent of Parents & Guardians, & their Clear=
=ness from all Scandal and Precontracts; That friends
may own & Stand by their Proceedings befor the Gover=
See 1691 =ment & all in authority, which Otherwise they can=
page 147 &=not, if they Proceed not in the due & Orderly Pub-
1675, p.146 =lication & Method of Truth, Settled among friends,
being a matter greatly Enquired into truly Warran=
=table, and to be Stood by.

1695

against And that all Diligent Care & Caution be

1695

marrying had that no Friends or friends Children, be betrayed
with those in Affection or Otherwise Nor Join in Marriage with
not of our those who are not of our Christian Profession and
Profession Society nor without the privity & Consent of Pa=
nor reents, Guardians, or Lawful Tutors Intrusted with
without Con= them; nor with any near kindred Contrary to the
set of Parents Law of God, & wholesome advice already given them
nor with particularly by a yearly Meeting Epistle 1675,
near kin and Otherwise by the Faithful Servants of Christ.

1707

1707 We being Sensible of the hurt that may hap=
=pen by Persons Under the Profession of Truth, in
drawing out the Affections of one another, without
the knowledg & Consent of Parents or Guardians,
Do for Preventing such mischief, Deliver it as
our Sense & Judgment that in Case any Person
reputed a Quaker shall Endeavour to Entangle the
affections of any Young Woman Professing Truth
or

149

1707 Marriage

or Shall make suit unto Her in Order to Marriage,
if any without the privity & Consent of her Parents or Guardi=
Endeavour= ans first had & obtained whether such Parents or Guar=
to Entangle= dians be friends or not, that such Persons ought not to be
the Affections allowed or permitted to proceed in any Meeting of Friends
of a young Woman in order to the accomplishing such intended Marriage,
Woman until they Shall have Removed the Offence, & given
without Con= Satisfaction both to such Parents or Guardians, & to the
sent of Parents Meeting of Friends to which they do belong, by an
not to be allow^d Open & Due Acknowledgment of the Offence, & Condem=
=nation of themselves therefor, & Shall have Obtained
the Consent of such Parents or Guardians.

And it is further Advised, that after Parents &
Parents not Guardians have suffered their Children to Engage one
to break off Another in affections, they do not break off upon any
on Worldly Worldly Account, but will wait upon & Seek the Lord
accounts for their Children, in proposals of marriage, before they
give any Encouragement there unto.

1708

Advised to be Carefully and Zealously Concerned for
our Ancient Christian Testimony against Mixt Marri=
=ages that none of your Children may be Corrupted &
Alienated from the Truth thereby.

1709

1709 With Respect to a Proposal of Marriage between
Second Second Cousins. This meeting Declares, it is not Safe
Cousins for Friends to Encourage any such Marriages, in any
of our Meetings.

1710

1710 We advise, that a Due Care be upon all Parents & Guardians, of Children and Youth to watch over them and Tenderly to Exhort them to Seek the Lord in that Weighty affair of marriage & to wait upon him in the Light, for Counsel and Direction of his holy Spirit in that Great Concern, that his Blessing may be upon them;
In

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 148, 149; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 60

150

Marriage

1710 In order to which Let None make the Earth and
not to make the World the World, the ground of their Choice, For that
the Ground will not procure the Blessing, but the Contrary; &
of Choice will Grieve the Lord, may spoil Famelies, & bring
an Excercise on the Church of Christ.

1715 See plainness, page, 226

1718

1718 A Testimony against Runing into Excessive
against Sumptuous & Costly Entertainments at Marriages
Excessive Dinners; a great Part of which would be better
Sumptuous Employed in Relieving the Necessities of the Poor.
Entertainmen

1719

1719 In order to put a Stop to an Undue Liberty
Endeavours; in Contracting Marriages with such as are not of
to be used to prevent Our Society; It is Advised that all Parents &
mixt Marriage Guardians of Children, do take Special Care as
much as in them lieth to prevent their Children
from runing into such Marriages; and that friends
of Each Particular Meeting as also of the Monthly
& if any Meeting to which such persons belong, do in the
Do so marry Wisdom & Power of Truth, Use their Endeavours to
they are to put a stop to the said Evil; by admonishing such as
be Dealt with may attempt to marry as aforesaid, to Desist before
they accomplish the Same: But if th^ey Refuse to
take Counsel or privately go on to Marry as aforesaid,
that then such Persons be Dealt with, according to
the good Order of Truth & Judgment fixed upon all
such as take such an Undue Liberty.

1722

1722 Parents who have Children to Dispose of in
advice to Marriage, are tenderly Advised, not to make it
Parents their first or Chief Care to obtain for them Large
Portions or Settlements of Marriage, but rather
be Careful that their Children be joined in Mar=
=riage with Persons of Religious Inclinations,

Marriage

1722 Suitable Dispositions Temper Sobriety of Manners
and Diligence in Business; which are things Essentially
against Necessary to a Comfortable Life in a Married Estate -
Mixt Marri= and Carefully to guard against all Mixt Marriages &
=ages Unequal Yoking of their Children therein.

1723

As Parents have a Natural Right to approve of
1723 and Consent to the Marriage of their Children so this Meet=
*Children=*ing doth Earnestly Desire, That Friends Children would
to advise Consult & advise with their Parents and Guardians in that
with parents Great and Weighty Point, so Essential to their happiness and
or Guardians Comfort, before they Let out their Minds or do Entangle their
Affections: The too frequent Examples that have happened
to the Contrary hereof have Caused Lamentation in honest
Parents, & great affliction to themselves.

1724

Advised that care and Enquiry be Seasonably made
1724 to Prevent Ill=
*to prevent*designing Persons in their Endeavours to Entangle
*ill designing=*the Affections of our Youth in Relation to marriage; the unhap=
*persons from*py Disobedience of Some therein having frequently brought
Deep Affliction on their tender Parents, and Misery on them=
*Entangling=*selves: And on this Occasion, We ^{again} tenderly Desire, that Pa=
*the affections*rents or Guardians do not make Earthly Riches a Chief
of youth View or Cause of Consent in Marriage.

1727

1727 The Advice in the year 1695, repeated

1730

1730 We also Recommend the good Order of Friends Relateing
to Marriage, that it be Carefully preserved and duly main=
=tained in the first and Earlyest proceedings leading
thereunto, as well as the Orderly Solemnization thereof
and if any Persons, Contrary to the repeated advice &
Established Order of Friends should under any pre=
tence Whatsoever presume to take one another in any
Meeting for Worship, without the Consent of the

monthly

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 150, 151; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 61

Marriage

1730 Monthly Meeting to which they belong; such
the good proceeding being of a Clandestine Nature tending

Order of Friends Relating to Marriage to be Maintained to make void the just Care of Friends in that Case, which is of good Esteem among the People; We advise that the Monthly Meeting doth not fail to Testify against the Practice, as well as against the Persons Concerned therein.

1734

1734 And, We do Exhort Friends Every where, that in the great Concern of Marriage, whereon much of the Comfort & happiness of Life Depends, they be mindful to proceed in the fear of the Lord, and have an Eye to him for Counsel & Instruction in their Choice; -- The neglect of which has been the ruin of many Families, and tended much to the reproach & Dishonour of Our holy Profession.

1738

1738 See the printed Epistle of 1738

1741

1741 This Meeting having Deliberately Considered the great Exercise brought upon our Society by those who divers in Profession with Us, Who Contrary to our Principles and that Wholesome Discipline Established amongst Friends, Do Marry by the Priests with those not in Communion with us, and some who ^{both} Profess with Us, Join in Marriage in the same manner; It's therefore Earnestly Requested of all friends that they Use their utmost Endeavours to prevent all such Marriages whensoever the Party's Intentions may come to their knowledge; And that all monthly Meetings where Such Marriages may happen, Immediately Deal

153

Marriage

1741 Deal with the Offenders for their Outgoings, and Endeavour in the Wisdom of Truth to bring them to a true sense of their Disorderly Practice, and if the Labour of Friends should have so good an Effect, that they in sincerity give a Testimony under their hands, Condemning their said Practice, to the Satisfaction of the Monthly Meeting; In such Case Friends are Desired to Use tenderness towards them; But if the Christian Care of Friends do not prevail to bring them to a true sense of their Error, then the Monthly Meeting is hereby Directed to give forth a Testimony against such, for the Clearing of Truth & Friends.

And it is the Sense of this Meeting, That where any Marry Contrary to the Rules of Our Society as aforesaid, their Collection shall not be Received by any Meeting; Nor they be Relieved in the manner of Poor Friends. Nor be Admitted to sit in Meetings of Discipline, Until they are Restored into Unity with the Monthly Meetings to which

they formerly belonged: Yet it is not hereby Intended to hinder the Charity of Friends in their Private Capabilities, to Extend it when & to whom they shall see meet.
1744

1744 This Meeting having Deliberately Considered the great Exercise brought upon our Society by divers in Profession with us, who Contrary to Our known Principles, & the Wholesome Discipline Established among us, are Joined in Marriage by the Priest, with Persons either of our Own, or of other Perswasions, Do Earnestly advise, that all Friends use their Utmost Endeavours to Prevent such Marriages whensoever the Party's Intentions may Come to their knowledge.

And it is the Sense & Judgment of this Meeting, That where any do Marry by the Priest or in any other Manner Contrary to the Established Rules of the Society, they shall be Dealt with in a Spirit of Christian Love & tenderness, agreeable

to

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 152, 153; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 62

154

Marriage

1744 to our known Discipline: and that after those who the Commission of Such Offence, & during such Do Marry dealing, their Collection shall not be Received in any Nor shall they be Relieved in the manner of manner Poor Friends, Nor be admitted to Sit in Meetings Contrary for Discipline Until they are Restored to our Rules, into Unity with the Monthly Meeting to be Dealt with which they belong.

And we Earnestly Advise all Friends that you Watch Diligently over one another To deal in for good, & that you deal in due time with due time Such Offenders & all others that walk Disorderly with such Disorderly Endeavouring to Reclaim & Restore them & all others by Brotherly Admonition & Counsel; But where Walkers after Patient waiting; you find that your Continued Labour of Love hath not its Desired Effect. That you neglect not to testify against and Disown such persons; thereby preventing the Reproach & Dishonour, which might be brought upon our holy Profession, through their Misconduct & that the End & Design of Friends in settling a Wholesome Discipline among Us may be Answered. ---Which is Substituted in Lieu of the Minute made in 1741, respecting Marriages by

Priests,

1745

1745 See Meetings for Discipline, p:178

1747

This Meeting on Receiving a minute

1747 Relating to Marriage of Persons near of kin,
against having taken into Consideration the yearly=
marriage Meeting Minute of 1675, made against such
with first Marriages, & particularly of First Cousins,
or second Cousins

Do

155

Marriage

1747 Do Declare it to be our Sense and Judgment, That no Month=
p, 145, 147 ly Meeting [^]or other meeting whatsoever should pass, First Cousins in order
See 1709 in for Marriage. And this Meeting Earnestly Desires all Friends
p, 149 whenever they know or hear of any first [^]or second Cousins Designing
or Intending to Marry, that they Immediately advise them
against it.

1748

1748 This Meeting in Consideration of the Expedience of
having all our Marriage Certeficates Stamped with one
five Shilling or Crown Stamp, as Marriage Certificates
are Required by Law to be, Desires that all Monthly
Meetings be very Careful to See the Same be done; and
also orders that a Copy of this Minute be sent to the
Several Counties that it may be duly Observed.

1749

1749 Upon a Proposition Received Relating to the Marri=
near of kin age of Persons near of kin; This Meeting appointed a
p, 145, 147 Committee to Consider the same, Who brought in the following
148, 149 Report to which after being twice Read, the Meeting
agreed, viz^l

We your Committee appointed to Consider
the paper Relating to marriage, met accordingly &
having Considered the Same and Examined the Scriptures
Referred to, are Unanimously of Openion, that the
Yearly Meeting Minutes 1675, and 1747 are to be
Strictly Adhered to.

NB: Signed the 19th: 3^d mo: 1749 by 43 Friends -----

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 154, 155; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 63

156

Marriage

1770

1770 At our yearly Meeting h^eld at Newport on RhodIsland
 The Quarterly Meeting of RhodIsland Desired the advice
 and Judgment of the yearly meeting, Wheather it be not
 an inconsistency in friends Conduct in allowing their
 members to undertake to Joyn people in marrage after
 the manner of the world - - - - -
 The above Referance being Referred to Committee, they
 made Return, Which after being Read & Duly Considered
 was approved by the said yearly meeting and is as followeth
 (viz) We the Committee of the yearly ^{meeting} now sitting being
 appointed to Consider the Referrance from the Quarterly
 meeting wether it be not an Inconsistency in friends
 Conduct in allowing their Members to Joyn people
 in marrage after the manner of the world-----
 It is our Judgment, that it is an Inconsistency,
 And it is the mind of this Meeting that if any member
 be found in the Practice thereof for the future,
 he be Dealt with as a Transgressor-----

1772

1772

The following matter were[sic] Concluded upon
 at a Yearly Meeting of friends held at
 Newpor on Rhod=Island in the 6^{mo} 1772

Its our Sence and Judgment that our Discipline
 forbid the Marrage of Brothers Children, Sisters Child[ren]
 Half Brothers Children half Sisters Children, And a
 first Cousens Child and all persons whomsoever
 nearer than a Second Cousin, ----And that they are
 advised to Desist therefrom, & if any notwithstanding
 Should proceed in Marrag together, nearer than
 Second Cousins being previously cautioned and avised
 against it, The monthly meeting where Such may belong
 give forth a publick testimony against them,
 and not to Receivee Such into Unity again untill such
 meetings be well assured that they have found a place
 of Sincear repentance & are Received in the truth,--

157
Marriage

1773

1773 It is our present Sense and Judgment upon the Query
 brought from RhodIsland Quarter, Wheather it be ~~not~~
 Consistant with Truth for any friends to marry with a
 Deceas^d Wives Sister or a Deceas^d Husbands brother,
 That friends be carefull to give timely advice and Adm=
 onition against Such a Proceedure, and If any Should
 be Reluctant thereto & proceed in marriage, that Such be
 without Delay denied Membership and Testified against

as having Committed an heinous Transgression and that
Such be not admitted to membership again in the Society
untill friends Shall be well assured that they are Received
in the truth---

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 156, 157; R. Harding 12/4/2019

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 64

158

[blank page]

Meeting Houses

N"20" Concerning Meeting Houses

1691

1691 Advised, That all and every your Meeting
All Meeting houses and Mansion houses where Meetings are
Houses to or may be; Entered upon Record as the Law Directs
be Enter^d each particularly; We having Seen both the Service
According to and Safety thereof, and the hurt and Danger that
Law may Come by the Omission.

1703

1703 Advised, that Friends in the Several Quar=
=terly & Monthly Meetings take Special Care that
Titles to be the Titles of Friends Meeting houses & Burial grounds
Made, be made Secure according to Law: This Meeting
Inspected Understanding there is a Deficiency in this respect
Secure in Some places.
& Secure

1737

1737 It having been Represented to Us that in di=
=vers parts of the Nation, Losses have been sustained
Titles to be to Our Society, by not timely Looking into and Se=
Inspected & =curing the Titles of Meeting houses, Burial grounds,
Secured and Charitable Bequeasts; We have thought fit to Re=
=commend it to the Care of Quarterly & Monthly Meetings
to make timely Inspection in what hands and trusts
the Same are Secured, & if they find Occasion by
And to keep the Death of any friend or Friends to add Some Others
Records to the trusts, so that Friends may not be Deprived
thereof of the Benefit of such Meeting houses & Burial Grounds
And that each Quarterly meeting keep exact Records
of all Such Trusts & Conveyances.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 158, 159; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 65

Meetings for Discipline

N^o 21" Concerning Meetings for Discipline.

1675 – –

1675 It is our Judgment and Testimony in the Word of Gods Wisdom, that the Rise and Practice, Setting up and Establishment of Mens & Womens Meetings in the Church of Christ in this our Generation, is according to the Mind & Counsel of God, & done in the Ordering & Leading of His Eternal Spirit: And that is the duty of all Friends & Brethren in the Power of God, in all parts to be Diligent therein, and to Encourage and further each other in that Blessed Work, & particularly that Friends & Brethren in their Respective Counties Encourage their Faithful & grave Women in the Settlement of the Said Meetings.

1676 – –

1676 The Power of God is the Authority of the Men's & Women's Meetings, & of all the other Meetings. All the faithful Men & Women, in every Country City & Nation, Whose Faith stands in the Power of God the Gospel of Christ, & have Received this Gospel, & are in the Possession of this Gospel, the Power of God, They have all Right to the Power of the Meeting; for they be Heirs of the Power & the Authority of the Men's & Woman's Meetings.

1691

1691 Advised, To Encourage the faithful Womens Meetings & the Settling them where they are wanting, & may with Conveniency be Settled, knowing their Service & what need there is also of their Godly Care in the Church of Christ in divers weighty respects proper to them.

1693

1693 To avoid Contention & Strife in all Meetings it is the advice & Sense of this Meeting, ———

1st That

Meetings for Discipline

- 1693 1st That all Friends have A Care of Gods Glory & be tender thereof as hath been often Advised.
- 2nd To keep the Authority of your Meetings in the Power of God, & Unity of his Blessed Spirit, whereby they were Erected & Settled, & Continue your Godly Care & Services therein, for those good Ends for which they were first Instituted.
- 3^d To keep out all Contention Personal Reflections & Smitings out of your Meetings; & keep down & out of all heats & Passions, & Doubtful Disputations.
- 4th Suffer no turbulent Contentious quarrelsome Spirit or Person to be Concerned among you in Ordering your Affairs, that they may be all Managed in the peaceable tender Spirit and Wisdom of Christ Jesus.
- 5th Suffer no Divisions or Schisms or making Parties, among yourselves, One against another; for that will greatly tend to weaken your Meetings and Loose their Power, and to Cause them and you to be Slighted.
- 6th Both our Mens & Womens Meetings and our Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, & Yearly Meetings, & Meetings for Sufferings, were set up in the Wisdom, Counsel, & tender Love of God, & in the Same peaceable Wisdom to be kept, and Encouraged for all those good Ends for which they were Intended and Appointed.

See Records, page, 279.

1696

- 1696 Let all your affairs be Managed in your meetings in the peaceable Wisdom & Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ; not striving, but bearing one with & for another that the Power of Christ may rest upon you & Rule in all your Assemblies.

1697

165

Meetings for Discipline

1697

- 1697 Advised, That monthly and Quarterly Meetings keep up our Christian Order, and Religious Discipline in the Church; That all Disorder & Looseness may be prevented.

1700

- 1700 Keep all your Meetings, as well those for good Order, Charity and Christian Discipline, as those set a part Entirely for the Worship of God, in His Love, & in the Name, Power & peaceable Spirit of his Dear Son Jesus Christ; which is the alone true Authority of all Our Meetings, For without Him We can do nothing: And in His Blessed Power

Stand fast in Righteous Judgment, over all unruly & Disorderly Spirits, that would break in upon the good Order and Discipline Settled among us as well as over all those that Seek to Lay waste the Testimony of Truth and Cause the Offence of the Cross to Cease.

1703

1703 Our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings being set up and Established by the Power and in the Wisdom of God, which is the Authority of those Meetings; All Friends are tenderly Desired & Advised, Carefully to keep to & in that Authority; and therein manage all the Business and affairs of the said Meetings, in Discharge of their *not to Depend upon the y^rly Meeting for direction* Duty to God & His Church; and not expect or depend upon this Meeting for particular Direction from time to time how they shall proceed in the Management of the *but upon the Power & Wisdom of God* Concerns of those Meetings relating to Truths Testimony and Service; But wait for & depend upon the Power & Wisdom of God, for Counsel & Direction in such Matters and Cases as may Come before them; which will be to the great Ease of this Meeting, & Dispatch of the proper Concerns thereof.— And Let the Mans part & Natural Wisdom & Attainments be Subject to the Power and Spirit of God, which will truly Edify the Body in Love Righteousness and Peace.

And

Book; Book of Discipline 1; Image 67; pp 164, 165; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 67

166

Meetings for Discipline

1703 And if any Decline or Let fall any Branch of *Such as Decline to be dealt with* their Testimony that such may be in the Wisdom and Authority of Truth Dealt with & therein Mercy & Judgment Excercised in their proper Places.

1704

1704 We tenderly Recommend and Desire that those Friends that are Concerned in the Management of the Affairs of the Church in Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, be Careful to act in the Wisdom of God, that they may be Exemplary therein to those that are young; ^{those yt are worthy to be Esteemed members of those meetns be Diligent in attendng ye same;} & that they will Encourage such young Men & Women as they are Sensible are Qualified, and made Capable thro' waiting upon God, to Serve Truth in your Respective Meetings, that they may Come up and stand in the Life of Righteousness to be Serviceable in the Church,

helpful to Ancient Friends and fitted to Sup=
=ply their places as such Shall be Removed.

1705

1705 'Tis Advised and Desired, that in all month=
=ly & Quarterly Meetings, Friends take great
Care to manage the Affairs of Truth in a Calm
Meek & gentle Spirit without heats Discord &
Contention, "For if any seem to be Contentious,
we have no such Custom in the Churches of God.
1 Cor: 11:16 "And the Apostles advice also was."
That nothing should be done though Strife or vain
Glory; But in Lowliness of Mind Let each Esteem
other better than themselves; and do all things with=
=out murmerings & Disputeings, Philip 2, 3 & 14 which
Apostolick Counsel & good Order We desire may be
kept to and Carefully Observed.

1706

1706 Advised, to keep all Meetings, both those for Di=
vine Worship & those for good Order & Discipline
in the Church;

in

167

Meetings for Discipline

1706 in the Name and Power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which Divine Power we all ought to wait to feel to
prepare and Sanctify our Minds & Spirits that we
may be Duly Qualified for our share & part of our
Service therein; and in the Same Heavenly Power &
Dominion Labour to keep out Strife & Contention,
and Stand over all forward & Contentious Spirits,
not in your own, but in the Meek spirit of the Lamb
of God.

See Questions, page, 270

1707

1707 Our Womens Meetings being set up and approved
in the Love of God, and by His Wisdom & Power, and
Womens Meetings to be Encouraged of manifest Service & helpful in the Church, It is the Ear=
=nest desire & advice of this Meeting, they may be upheld
and Encouraged where they are Settled, by Monthly &
Quarterly Meetings, & that in such Counties and Places wh=
=ere they are not, it be the Care of the Quarterly Meetings
to Endeavour they may be Set up & Encouraged in
proper & Convenient places, where they may be most
Serviceable and helpful.

1709

1709 This Meeting Desires that the Accounts of the Pros=
=perity of Truth &c that are brought in writeing from
the Several Quarterly Meetings to this Meeting, Be Signed
at or by Order of the Quarterly Meetings.

1713

See Preachers, page, 252.

1715

1715 Agreed, That no Monthly Meeting shall be allowed
no Monthly Meeting to Divide it Self into two Seperate Monthly Meetings,
Meeting to either by Reason of the Decrease of Love, or any other Dif=
*Divide it-*ference among them in that Meeting, without the Consent
-Self or Concurrence of the Quarterly Meeting.

And Let none Excercise Rule or Government in the
Elders & Church as Elders or Overseers but such who are unblam=
Overseers=able in Conversation & Examples free from Covetu=
ousness

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 166, 167; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 68

168

Meetings for Discipline

1715 Covetuousness, over-reaching Oppression & Extortion, &c
Persons of good Report, even among those that are
Elders without; following those things so Earnestly Recom=
&=mended by the holy Apostle, Paul & Peter, Phillip^{us}, 2, 3.
Overseers Let nothing be done through Strife & vain Glory,
..but in Lowliness of Mind Let each esteem other
..better than themselves, 1, Pet^t 5:2,3 Feed the flock of
“God which is among you, takeing the Oversight
“thereof not by Constraint but willingly, not for
“filthy Lucre but of a ready mind, Neither as
..being Lords over Gods Heritage, but being Ex=
“=amples to the Flock.

See Meetings for Worship, page, 186

1717

1717 Recommended, That Friends, but more Espe=
=cially such as are Concerned in Meetings of Busi=
=ness do Labour to know their own Spirits Subjected
by the Spirit of Truth, that thereby being Baptiz=
=ed into one Body they may be truly one in the
Foundation of their Love & Unity; & that therein
they may all Labour to find a nearness to each other
in Spirit, this being the true way to a thorough Recon=
=ciliation, wherever there is or may have been any
Difference of Apprehension; thereby Friends will
be Preserved in that Sweetness of Spirit, that is &
will be the Bond of a true Peace throughout all the
Churches of Christ.

1718

1718 Advised, that nothing be done through
Strife & Contention, or vain glory, murmuring or
Disputing, but in the Spirit of meekness Love and
humility carry your Selves toward one another:

And the Younger Brethren Endeavour to know their places, as Living Members of one Body, and preserve a Due Regard to their Elders in Christ Jesus.

1719

169

Meetings for Discipline

1719

*Wrath &c
to be kept
Down* 1719 Advised, in a particular manner when Assembled for the Affairs of the Church, that the Wrath of Man which worketh not the Righteousness of God, may be kept down, together with Exaltedness of mind; and that on the Contrary, the meekness & Wisdom of the Lord may Govern all Friends, & they in that Carry on and perform the Affairs of the Church, where= by the many & great evils which attend Wrath and Exaltedness will be Suppress & prevented.

*Epistles &
accounts
to be Read
& approved
before
Signed* And it is Desired that the Epistles & Accounts of the Affairs of Truth Sent to this Meeting from yearly Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, may if possible be Read and approved in the Respective Meetings. from whence they are sent before they be Signed on behalf of the Meetings.

And See Yearly Meeting, page, 415

1722

1722 Advised, To a Cementing in a very Close & Brotherly Fellowship one with another in the Divine Spirit, &c therein watch against all Occasion of Discord or breach of Unity, in any Quarterly, Monthly or Particular Meeting, to the End Sion may Continue a quiet Habitation the Glory & Presence of God rest & remain on Her, & the Spirit & Doctrine of the Gospel may be Lived in and Maintained.

And we also Recommend, that such Friends as are Concerned in the Affairs of the Church, in the Quarterly, Monthly, or particular Meetings, be careful to act therein. in the Wisdom of God, whereby they will be Exemplary to the Young, who may be Esteemed Members thereof & attend the Same; & as such young Persons are found to be Qualified with a real Sense of Truth upon their Spirits, & Subjection thereunto! & thereby made Capable, to Come up to a Service in their Respective Meetings;

Friends

Meetings for Discipline

1722 Friends are Desired to Encourage and bring them forward therein, whereby they may be helpful to the Ancients, & brought up in a Life of Righteousness to walk and act to the Praise of Gods holy Name, & Stand=
=ing in their Lot will Supply the place of the Elders in such Meetings, through the Same Spirit, when they are Gone.

1724

1724 Advised That Friends in Meetings of Business watch over their own Spirits, that no indecent warmth get in, whereby the Understanding may be hurried & hindred from a Regular Judgment on the Affairs before the Meeting.

1726

1726 The former Advice in 1722, to avoid all Occasions of Discord, repeated. —

We Earnestly Reccommend

to you whatever your places & Stations in the Church may be, that in the most weighty & Serious Manner, you often call to Rem^{em}brance, in all humi=
=lity of mind, what it was that brought us to be a
{ People, & what is and will be. That which will preserve
Us, such, That the foundation on which a true Christi=
=an is built is the Spirit of Christ; Let this therefore Di=
=rect you in all things, both Respecting your private
Conversation & whatever you do for God in his Church
this is the only true means to preserve you holy and
Blameless in the one, as well as Serviceable & Useful
in the other: in this every one will have a single Re=
=gard to the Service that Comes before him in Monthly
& Quarterly Meetings without partiality or respect
,,of Persons: — Hear the Causes Between your Breth=
,,=ren, & Judge Righteously between every man & his
,,Brother; & the Stranger that is with him. Ye Shall
,,not Respect Persons in Judgment, but you shall
,,hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be
,,afraid of the face of man, for the Judgments is Gods,
,,Deut: 1:16:17 — And in the Management of Such
affairs they will find their own Spirits rightly.

Seasoned

Meetings for Discipline

1726 Seasoned and prepared for every work & Service to which they may be called; and all Disorderly Proceedings arising from the heat of our own Spirits will thereby be shut out; & thus the Church will be preserved on her Ancient Solid & Permanent Foundation, to the

Glory of God, & her own Quiet and Comfort.

1727

Ordered to acquaint the Quarterly Meetings,
1727 That 'tis the Mind of this Meeting, that all Minutes
and Epistles from this Meeting be Entered & kept by
them in a fair Book, that all Friends of their Counties
or Meetings may have recourse to them as Occasion
shall Require.

This Meeting Understanding it to
have been the Ancient & Constant Sense of Friends in
the Exercise of the Discipline that is Established among
amongst Us, That any Person Denied by a Monthly Meeting
is adjudged as Disowned by Friends, & to Stand
and remain in that State till by his Repentance, or
the Reversal of such Censure by a Superior Meeting
he is Reconciled to Friends, or reinstated in Membership
among them: with which this Meeting hath Unity,
And therefore Ratifies and Confirms the Same.

See Morning Meeting of Ministers, p, 195

1730

1730 And forasmuch as Divers failures in Respect
*See Correspondents p, 77 Insolvents to *Insolvency have happened by Persons of other
Stations in the Church, This Meeting Declares it as
their Judgment, that no Such Persons shall appear in
Publick as Ministers, or sit or act in any affair of
our two weeks Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, till
they have given such Meetings they belong to Satisfaction: — And that Friends in their Respective
Meetings take Due Care to Deal with all
Such Persons in a regular way agreeable to the
Discipline of the Church,

already

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 170, 171; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 70

172

Meetings for Discipline

1730 already Established among Friends, by publickly
Manifesting their Disunity with such Person or
Persons agreeable to the nature & Circumstance of y
the Case.

'Tis Recommended to all Quarterly and
Monthly Meetings to watch Carefully over their
Members, that so where any Root of Bitterness
Shall appear, that would bring forth Envy, Strife
Emulation & hatred, and thereby Our ^{holy} Unity in the
Spirit be broken, they do Use timely & Earnest
Endeavors to prevent & remove the Same,

Whereby We may be preserved a People to the Glory
of God, & in that Perfect Love & Unity which will
Demonstrate us to be the Disciples of Christ.

1731

1731 Advised, that Friends every where in an
Especial manner, take care to keep up the good Order
& Discipline of Monthly & Quarterly Meetings in that
Spirit of Love & Divine Wisdom in which they
were at first Constituted, that therein every thing
may be Managed to the Praise of God, & the preser=
=vation of his Church & People within the Bounds
& Limits of his Blessed Truth. This We are Sensible
has been a means under Divine Direction to keep
many hurtful things out of the Church; & there=
=fore We are Sincerely Concerned that nothing may
weaken the hands of Friends in this good Work, but
that it may be Carried on for the Support of our
Christian Testimony in all its Branches.

1732

1732 Advised that young Friends who are sober and
well Inclined, be Encouraged to attend the Service of
Monthly & Quarterly Meetings; & that all Friends in
Such Meetings wait to feel the Power of Truth, that
their Minds being Seasoned with the Virtue thereof,
the Wholesome Discipline of the Church may be Main=
=tained & Continued from One Generation to another,
for the help of such as are weak.

and

173

Meetings for Discipline

1732 And for the Dealing with all Persons Offending, We
Dealing Recommend, That Friends in their Said Meetings be
*with Offen=*Careful to Labour in the Spirit of Love & Meekness, —
=ders Regularly & Impartially for the help & Reclaiming
of all such; & if after such Labour of Love there appears
no ground to hope for Repentance, & the Case be of a
Scandalous Reproachful Nature, that they Proceed to
Testify against such Practises, and those who are
Concerned therein. —

none to be
Disowned { That no Monthly Meeting Disown
without or Testify Against any of their Members, without
Dealing = first Dealing with Such offenders where such Offen=
=ders can be Conveniently Met with or Spoke to.

Papers to the Yearly Meeting, to be signed. See
Yearly Meeting, page, 416. —

1733

1733 This Meeting being Under a Weighty Concern & Excercise
to observe that the many Wholesom Advices recommended
from year to year, are in too many Places either Neglect=

Tythes &c =ed or not enough Practised, particularly those against
Justice Tythes, Church Rates so Called, & Priests Maintenance; also
Plainness keeping up to Justice in Dealing; Plainness of Habit & Speech
and Several other branches of Our Christian Testimony:

Monthly We therefore again Recommend to Friends in their Several
Meeting Monthly Meetings to take special Care to appoint proper
to appoint Prudent & Judicious Friends to Visit their Brethren in
Friends their Families, pursuant to former advice, viz^l in the
to Visit Epistles 1708⁺ & 1729,[#] herewith Sent you; And that such
Families Friends Labour faithfully in a Spirit of Love, & in the
Meekness of Wisdom, to Convince the Judgments of
their Respective Members, of the Necessity of Coming
up with their Brethren in Practice agreeable to
our Christian Principle that so the Several

Branches

+ See the Paragraph 1708. under the head Families, p, 117

See 1729 under the head Families, p,117. & Trading p—

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 172, 173; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 71

174

Meetings for Discipline

1733 Branches of the Testimony of which Truth hath
given Our Ancients & Us to bear may be maintain=
=ed unviolated: And We do herewith also send the
Minute of this Meeting of 1675⁺, 1703[✳] & 1706,[#] so far
as they are Relative thereto; & Desire you may
Record them in your Quarterly & Monthly Meet=
=ing Books, that you may have Recourse thereto
on all Occasions: And We also advise that the
Same be read frequently in our Meetings of
Business that Friends may be fully informed
of them. ———

And Dear Friends, as the Promotion of
Diligently Piety & Charity is the End and Intent of Our Mee=
to attend =tings for the Discipline of the Church, a weighty Con=
Meetings =cern Remains upon us, that Friends be Careful Dili=
for Discipline =gently to attend those Meetings, & when there, to act in
the Wisdom given them of God, with a real & Living
Sense of truth upon their Spirits, that so the Affairs
of the Church may be Carried on in Brotherly Love,
and in that sweet Calm & Christian Disposition of
mind which tends to the mutual co^mfort & Edification
One of another, & of the Church in General.

1734

1734 Whereas the Number of Friends attending the
Service of Monthly & Quarterly Meetings for the Disci=

younger—pline of the Church is but small in some Places, We
Friends Desire that Elders would give all due Encouragment
to be to Such younger Friends as they Observe to be Religi=
Encouraged =ous & Sober in their Conversations to attend the Ser=
vice of those Meetings that so being inured to the
management of the Affairs of the Church in the
Company of their Elders, they may be the Better
Qualified to Succeed them therein, & to Supply
their places & Service when Removed.

1735

+ See 1675 under the head Tithes, p, 365

✕ 1703 under the Same — p, 369

1706 under the Same — p, 370

175

Meetings for Discipline

1735

1735 Propositions to the Yearly Meeting to be signed,
See Yearly Meeting, page, 418
See also Discipline, page, 101 & 102

1736

1736 And Dearly Beloved Friends & Brethren,
youth to We Desire you to Encourage such youth as are Re=
be Encou =gular and Sober in their Conversation, to frequent Our
aged Monthly & Quarterly Meetings that they may see
&c the care which is taken for the Maintenance of Our
Poor, & the Preservation of Our Christian Discipline,
and thereby become more Useful in their Respec=
to attend =tive Meetings, & to the Church in General: And We
Meetings tenderly intreat that you would both by word &
for Worship Example excite them to a Diligent attendance of
Our Meetings for Worship, not only on the first
Days. but also on the Other Days of the Week.

See appeals, page, 3

1737

1737 And Dear Friends, that the Affairs of Our Society
may Continue to be managed in the Meek & peacable
Wisdom of Truth, Let the Elders of Each Monthly Mee=
=ting have an Eye upon the Younger, & Consider their
Conversations Qualifications & Growth in the Truth,
and invite such as are Sober & hopeful to the Meetings
for Business & the Affairs of the Church, that they may
Learn & Improve in the knowledge of the Discipline
of the Church, and become Instrumental to the Ser=
=vice of God, His Truth & People.

1738 —

1738 And as Much as in you lies, take Care that the
Business of your Monthly Meetings be managed by
Persons who are well Grounded in the Principles
of Truth; and beware of Committing the Manage=

=ment thereof to such as know not their Own Spirits
Seasoned by the Work of Truth in themselves;

But

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 174, 175; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 72

176

Meetings for Discipline

1738 But where you Observe any Young Persons of
a Grave & Solid Deportment, & Inclination to be
helpful in the Church, Discourage them not,
but Endeavour to bring them forward in the
Service of Truth, according to their respective
Abilities for so Weighty a work.

1740

1740 See Records, page, 281

1741.

1741 See Poor, page, 245

1743

1743 Agreed, That when a Quarterly Meetings
Monthly have come to a Judgment respecting any Differ=
Meeting=ence relative to any Monthly Meeting belong=
to Submit=ing to them, and notified the Same in Writeing to
to the Judg^m Such Monthly Meeting, the Said Monthly Meet=
of the Quart^r=ing ought to Submit to the Judgment of the Quar=
=ly Meeting=terly Meeting, And if Such Monthly Meeting may
Appeal Shall not be satisfied therewith, then the
Monthly Meeting may appeal to the Yearly Mee=
=ting against the Judgment & Determination of
their Quarterly Meeting.

And if a Monthly Meeting shall refuse to
take the Advise & Submit to the Judgment of the
Quarterly; ^{Meeting} and Notwithstanding will not Appeal
Against the Determination of the said Meeting
to the Yearly Meeting; in such Case it is our Ope=
=nion the Quarterly Meeting shall be at Liberty.
either to Dissolve such Monthly Meeting or bring
the Affair before the Next or Succeeding Yearly
Meeting.

And in Case a Quarterly Meeting shall
Dissolve a Monthly Meeting, the Dissolved Mon=
=thly Meeting or any part thereof in the name
of

177

Meetings for Discipline
of the said Meeting, shall be at Liberty to appeal to the

1743 next or succeeding yearly Meeting against such
if a Quarterly Meeting do Dissolve a Monthly Meeting Dissolution: But if the Dissolved Monthly Meeting,
or a part thereof in its behalf, shall not Appeal to
the Yearly Meeting; it is then our Opinion, that the
Quarterly Meeting shall join the members of the said
late Monthly Meeting to such other Monthly Meet-
ings as they may think most Convenient, & until
such time, shall take care that no Inconveniency
doth thereby Ensue to the Members of such Dissolved
Meeting respecting any Branch of our Discipline.

And if any of the Monthly Meetings to which the
Quarterly Meeting shall Join the whole or ^a part of the
any Monthly Meeting aggrieved may appeal late Monthly Meeting, do think themselves aggrieved,
they shall be at Liberty to Appeal against the Quar-
terly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting; And until such
Appeal is heard and Determined, The Friends added
by the Quarterly Meeting to them shall be Deemed
their Members.

And Dear Friends in the Love of Christ, We
Earnestly Beseech & Exhort you to watch Diligently
over the Flock of God, & to Deal in due time, and in a
Spirit of Christian Love and Tenderness, with all
to deal in due time with Disorderly Walkers such as walk Disorderly among you, in Order to
reclaim and Restore them by Brotherly Admonition
& Counsel; And where after Patient waiting you find
that your Christian Labour of Love hath not its Desired
Effect, You neglect Not to Testify against & Disown
such persons; & thereby prevent the Reproach & Dishonour
which may be brought upon our holy Profession ~~Pro~~
~~fession~~ through their Means; & that the End and Design
of Friends in Settling Wholesom Discipline among Us,
may be Answered; the want of this has, as We appre-
hend brought great Difficulties on some Meetings;
For we think it both Unseasonable and dishonou-
rable,

When

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 176, 177; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 73

178

Meetings for Discipline

1743 When Persons Apply to Monthly Meetings on account
of Marriage, Or for Relief in case of Necessity to Ob-
ject to them then such Offenses, as the Meeting through
Neglect of their own Duty, Did Long before Suffer to
pass Unreproved.

See Preachers, page, 258.

1744 On a Proposition for the Encouragment of
Womens Meetings Womens Meetings for Discipline, which this
Meeting taking into Serious Consideration, think
it our Duty to Recommend to the Several Counties
the following Minutes of former Yearly Meetings
Relating thereto; Desiring Friends in Each Month=
=ly Meeting Carefully to See the same put in Practise;
Viz^t 1675, 1691 & 1707.— (which see at Length in
pages, 163, & 167.)

See Law, page, 138

See Marriage, p, 153.154

See Tale-bearing, page

1745

1745 And Dear Friends We find it Our Concern
to Encou= =rage to Repeat the Exhortation, We gave last year, That
Womens Meetings Friends in all places ~~would~~ would Encourage the
Service of the Meetings of Faithful Women; and
that the Quarterly Meetings would help & Assist
Such Women Friends in Setting up Monthly Mee=
=tings wherein they may wait for Divine Wisdom
to give proper advice to those of their own Sex.

And that Proceedings in Relation to marri=
Marriages =age be laid before such Meetings of Women
to be laid & the Clearness & Conversation of the Persons
before them Concerned Enquired into by them: which Me=
thod, We Apprehend will render Our grave and
Solid Women Helpmeats to the Brotherhood in the
Discipline of the Church, & Conduce to the
Edification [^]& Comfort of the Body.

And

179

Meetings for Discipline

And Dear Friends, We Desire that your Several
Monthly Meetings where any School Masters or
Shool Mistresses of our Profession may reside, would not
Masters or be wanting to Admonish them, as much as in them
Mistresses lies, to bring up the Children of Friends Committed
to their care, in plainness of Speech, behaviour and
Apparel, agreeable to Our Profession; And that such
of them as have boarders in their Famelies, would
frequently Call them together, and accustom them
to a Solemn Reading of the holy Scriptures; & to press
and excite them to the Observation of the Christian
precepts therein Contained; and that they themselves
Walk before their Schollars as Examples of that Plain=
=ness and Simplicity which they Recommend.

See Appeals, page, 4.

1747 1747. See Discipline, page, 103.

See Marriage, page, 154.

1748 1748, See the Same, page, 155.

At our yearly Meeting held at **Smithfield** for
New England 6^{mo} 1778

Dear friends it is the Advice and Judgment of this meeting
that in Cases of friends Laying their Intentions of marriage
& Receiving Answers, The monthly Meeting be Selected
unless particular Curcomstances Should attend that may
make it appear necessary to admit Orderly persons
to be Present during the transactions of that business

And in Cases of Second Marriages it is our Judgment
that it is advisable for friends not to make or admith
proposals of marriage in less that twefve months
after the Deceas of former Husband or wife _____

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 178, 179; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 74

180-183
[missing]

184
[blank page]

185

Meetings for Worship

N^o 22^o Concerning Meetings for Worship.

1675

1675 That as it hath been our care and Practice from
the Begining, that an open Testimony for the Lord
Publick should be born, & a publick Standard for Truth &
Meetings Righteousness upheld in the Power and Spirit of God,
for by our open & known Meetings, against the Spirit
Worship to of Persecution that in all ages hath sought ^{to} lay
be kept up wast Gods Heritage; & that only thro' Faithfulness con=
as an open=stancy & Patience Victory hath been & is obtained;
Testimony so it is Our advice & Judgment, That all Friends
for the Lord gathered in the Name of Jesus keep up these Publick
Testimonies in their Respective places. and not De=
=cline forsake or Remove their Publick Assemblies
because of times of Sufferings, as Worldly fearful and
Politick Professors have done, because of Informers &
the like Persecutors; for such Practises are not Consistent
with the Nobility of Truth, & therefore not to be owned
in the Church of Christ.

1678

And by how much the more it is a day of Tryal & an

1678 hour of Temptation, Forsake ye not the assembling of your=
=selves together, but by so much the more be Zealous & Diligent
to be Zealous, in keeping all your Meetings; both Publick Meetings, and
& Diligent your Men's & Women's Meeting in the Lords Everlasting
*in assembling to-*your Men's & Women's Meeting in the Lords Everlasting
*gether in*Power by which they were set up; & as you are found
*times of*Diligent and Stedfast in the Work of the Lord, the God of
*Tryal*Peace will suddenly tread down Satan under your feet,
and plentifully reward into all your bosoms, your Patience
and perseverance with the durable Blessings, Peace & Joy of
that Kingdom, which was before the World began, and
never shall have End.

1689

Let every one be watchful against an Earthly
1689 Spirit getting up in any, for that will Choak the
good seed, & bring forth a Slighting or Neglecting
your Testimony,

in

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 184, 185; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 75

186

Meetings for Worship
1689 in your First Days and Week Days Meetings, and
bring a Decay of your Strength and Zeal for God &
his truth, and bring a Weakness upon you by Rea=
=son whereof such will not be able to stand in an
hour of Temptation.

1691

1691 'Tis tenderly Advised, for the Lords sake, & his
*keep up*Blessed Name and Truth's sake, That Friends be
*week: day*Diligent in keeping their Week=day Meetings as
*meetings*duly as on first Days, in his Worship & Service.

1696

1696 Agreed, that Friends be Reminded that Live
Distant from Meetings, to keep Meetings in their
Famelies to wait upon God, that their Children &
famelies may come to be seasoned in their Spirits
by the Truth and the Lord's Power, and that they
may have his Blessing upon their Famelies.

1697

1697 Advised, duly to keep up Week=day Meetings.

1706

1706 See Meetings for Discipline, page, 166.

1715

1715 Advised that all Friends be Careful to attend
Meetings for Worship and Business, at the times
& hours appointed as near as they Possibly may,
and not to Detain Meetings out of season.

1716

1716 Advised, to have a Godly Care of Judging or
Contradicting One another in Publick Meetings or
not to shewing any marks or ^{signs} of Division therein, among
oppose Ministers or Others: That being of a very Pernicious
*one ano-*Consequence, to bring blame or contempt upon the
=ther Ministry; a great hurt to ~~hurt to~~ Our Youth
and Others.

1718

187

Meetings for Worship

1718

1718 Advised, That all Friends be Exemplary in Season=
=able & Constant keeping to Week=day Meetings, as well
as First Days, and such as have Children & Famelies
in bringing them as much as may be with them,
that they may be good Examples to the Flock therein,
and not by their Indifferency & Neglegence be a
Stumbling block in the way of Others.

1723

1723 Advised That Friends keep their Children to a
Constant Seasonable & Orderly frequenting as Well
of Week=days. as of First Day Meetings; Instructing them
to have their minds stayed in the Divine Gift, to wait
upon the Lord therein, to Receive a Portion with them
of his Spiritual Favours; that they from the tendering vir=
=tue of the holy Spirit may be Engaged in heart and
mind to walk Worthy of so great Grace; & in an holy
Zeal to Honour God, Submit to bear the Cross, Endure
the shame, and become Publick Witnesses for him a=
=mongst the sons of men.

See Preachers, page, 253, 254.

1724

1724 Advised, That Friends, tho' meetings are some=
=times held in Silence, would not neglect their attend=
=ance, at those Meetings; For the hungry Soul will Labour
for bread, & the thirsty for the Water of Life, and the
Diligent hand will make Rich in that Treasure
that is of an Enduring Substance.

1725

1725 In your Religious Meetings for the Worship of
God. both on the First & Other Days of the Week be Di=
=ligent in Waiting on Him in his Spirit, whereby
you may Renew your strength, and Witness him
your sufficient help,

for

Meetings for Worship

1725 for sure many of us have cause thankfully to Remember his early Visitations in the assemblies of his People, where he broke in upon our hearts with his Power & Love, and did in the needful time administer help comfort & counsel, whereby we have in the Renewings thereof been upheld in a Faithful Testimony, and in the Discharge of our Duty to him.

1729

1729 We again Recommend the advice in the year 1723.

1732

1732 Advised that all Friends who are Masters and Heads of Families, be very careful in attending & bringing their Children and Servants to meetings, both on First Days & other days of the week.

1733

1733 And as the First Day of the week is set apart for the Publick Worship of Almighty God, 'Tis our Earnest advice that Friends Exhort and Encourage their Children & Families to be Diligent in the attending ^{meetings} for Worship; and to behave themselves there, with Seriousness and Gravity, as becomes the Professors of Christianity, & to be regardful of the good Counsel and Admonitions of those whose mouths the Lord may be pleased to open in the Work of the Ministry: and that Parents would be Exemplary to their Children in closely attending Meetings not only on the First Days but as much as in them lies on other Days of the Week also, in which respect, We cannot but with Grief observe, too many appear Remiss.

1734

Meetings for Worship

1734

And Dear Friends, We Desire that you would Excite & Stir up your Children to a Diligent attending the First Day & Week day Meetings, and be Exemplary your selves therein, not in a meer formal and customary

Caution attendance but in a serious & Diligent waiting upon *against* the Lord; for as *formality* formality in Worship Occasioned the Lord to Complain of his People in Days of Old, That they Drew near to him with their Mouths & with their Lips did Honour him, but had removed their hearts

far from him Isa:29.13. so we have Reason to fear that the same formality has been One cause of that great De= =clention from the Purity & Sprituality of Gospel Wor= =ship which is too Apparent among many of the Professors of Christianity.

And in as much as it hath Pleas'd the Lord to con= =cern some amongst us, as Instruments in his hand, to travel to & fro for the Preaching and Spreading of the Gospel, We advise that where Meetings for Worship are Settled, when any such are Concerned to Visit you. You would give notice thereof to your sober & well Inclined Neighbours, that they may have an opper= =tunity to hear the Testimony of Truth Declared; A means which the Lord hath been often Pleas'd to make Use of, for the gathering many out of the World unto himself, through the Power of the Word of Life Faithfully Preached.

1735 1735
As it hath Pleas'd the Lord in his great Mercy, & Goodness to favour the Faithful among his People, not only such Publick assemblies as these, but also in their small retired Meeting in the Country every where, with the lifting up of the Light of his Countenance upon them, by which they are greatly Encouraged to meet often toge= =ther to think upon his Name,
and

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 188, 189; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 77

190

Meetings for Worship

1735 and as he shall move any thereunto speak one
be Diligent unto another to their Mutual Edification and
in attending Comfort We take this Oppertunity to renew our
meetings former Advices, that Friends in their Several Coun=
for Worship =ties and Places, be Diligent in attending Religi=
=ous Meetings for the Worship of God, not only on
First Days but on other Days of the Week; and
as near as may be at the time Appointed; there
being by accounts brought into this Meeting
from some Places, a great neglect in this Res=
=pect, which we have Reason to believe is Owing
to a being overcharged with the Cares of this Life
the Deceitfulness of Riches & the Love of other things
which choaks the good seed, so that Love to Re=
=ligion and the Worship of God Decays and
grows Cold.

1736

1736

- See Meetings for Discipline, page, 175
 1738
 1738 See Preachers, page, 257
 1739
 1739 The advice in 1738. again Recommended,
 See the Printed Epistle.

191

Meetings for Worship
 1770
 1770
 At a yearly Meeting held at **Newport on Rhod [Rhode] Island**
 Received the following Proposal from the Morning meeting
 of Ministers and Elders, (viz) The following Proposal for
 the Stiring up the Neglegent & Maintainings good order
 and decency in our Society, being Considered in our Mor=
 =ning Meeting of Ministers & Elders, and apprehend there
 may be Service in puting it in Practice, do Refer it to
 yoar Consideration and Approbation if you think fit,
 Which Proposal is as followeth (viz) That when it shall
 appear upon due Inspection made that [^]when any Meember
 shall or do Neglect or omitt the due attendance of their
 Meetings thro' Sloth, Indolence, Love of the world or
 Luke warmness in Religion, that each Monthly
 Meeting take Care that all such be timely Viseted
 in Love, & acquainted with the mind and desire
 of friends in that Case, & admonished to faithfulness
 therein, And if notwithstanding the due Christian
 Labour and Admonition, he: she: or they shall Con=
 =tinue in the Neglect or omission, If a Minister his
 or her Publick Testimony be denied, And if an Elder
 he or she be Dismised from that station -----
 The above Proposial being ~~being~~ Referred to a Committee
 they made Return which after being Read and duly
 Considered was Approv,d by said meeting and is as followeth
 (viz) We being Appointed by the yearly Meeting now
 Siting to Consider of the proposal brought from the Mor=
 =ning Meeting of Ministers & Elders, having weightily
 Considered said Matter & it is our Judgment that the
 Same be Established as a Rule in our Society

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 190, 191; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 78

194

[blank page - follows page 191]

195

Morning Meeting of Ministers

N^o 23rd Concerning the Morning Meeting of Ministers

1675

1675 See Sufferings, page, 347

1697

1697 See Yearly Meeting, page, 413.

1706

1706 See Books – page, 28.

1707

1707 See Yearly Meeting, page, 414.

1723

1723 It is the Un^anⁱmous Agreement of this Meeting,

no Meeting of Ministers to Disown That it does not belong to the Morning Meeting, or any other Meeting of Ministers, to Disown any Minister or other Person, but that the Sole Right of so doing belongs to Monthly, Quarterly, Half Yearly, or yearly Meetings.

See further, page, 197.

1727

A Proposition from the Friends of **Wiltshire**,

1727 relating to the Extending a Care in Friends to young Ministers, &c being read; this Meeting Desires all Monthly Meetings to appoint Serious Discreet & Judicious Friends, who are not Ministers, tenderly to Encourage & help young Ministers, and advise others, as they in the Wisdom of God see Occasion: and where there are Meetings of Ministring Friends, such Friends so Chosen be admitted as Members of such Meetings of Ministers, and act therein for the good Purposes aforesaid.

1732

1732 See Books, page, 29.

1735

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 194, 195; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 79

196

Morning Meeting of Ministers

1735

1735 It is Our Unanimous Sense and Openion, That the *Meetings of Ministers* Morning Meeting of **London**, or any other Meeting of Ministers, have a Right as they see meet, in the *may advise* Wisdom of Truth, to Advise Exhort & Rebuke any *Rebuke &c.* of their Members, or any Ministers who may travel in the Work of the Ministry, as Occasion may Require without being accountable for the Same to any Monthly ^{or Quarterly} Meeting. – But if any member of the Said Meetings or any other Minister, should at any time be overtaken with a fault. & the Same be under

the Cognizance of the Morning, or other Meeting of Ministers, & the Monthly Meeting to which such Person belongs shall also Deal with him or her for the same; that then on Notice from such Monthly Meeting that they have taken the Case under their Care & Serious Consideration, all Proceedings of the Morning or other Meeting of Ministers against such Minister or Elder shall be finally Stopt.

And We are of Opinion, that the morning meeting, *no Power* or other Meeting of Ministers, have no Power to Disown *to Disown* any Minister or Other Person in any Capacity Whatsoever; the Sole Right of so doing belonging to Monthly, Quarterly, Half-Yearly or Yearly Meetings.

And it is our Sense & Opinion that Such Discreet and Judicious Friends who are Deputed Elders by the respective Monthly Meetings of **London**, are to be allowed Members of the Morning Meeting tenderly to Encourage and help young Ministers, & advise others as they shall see meet, in the Wisdom of God, for the good purposes Specified in the Minute of the Yearly Meeting: 1727.

Second Days Morning Meeting preceeding the Yearly Meeting, See Yearly Meeting, page, 418.

Part

197

Morning Meeting of Ministers

1723 Part of the Minute in 1723. Omitted viz:¹

— And that no Persons name from and after the Eighth Day of the Seventh Month next be entered in the morning Meeting Book of ministring Friends, as a minister till he or she produces a Certificate from the monthly or Quarterly Meeting to which he or She Shall Belong.

1770

1770 At our yearly Meeting held at **Newport** on **RhodIslan^d** [**Rhode Island**]

This Meeting Received the following Request from the Morning Meeting of Minesters Elders (viz) —

We Desire that you would take into Consideration, Wheather it might not prove Advantageous to our Society to have at Each General meeting a Select meeting both at the beginning and End of every Succh meeting, And a Committee appointed to have the oversight of Such meetings and make Report to the Select meeting then in being, And also to the yearly meeting of min[^]isters & Elders annually at **Newport** -----

The above Request being Referred to a Committee they made Return, which after being Read and Duly Considered was approv,d by Said meeting, and is as followeth (viz) We being appointed by the yearly meeting now siting to

Consider of the Request brought from the morning meeting of Ministers & Elders, having weightily Consider,d Said Request, And it is ^{our Judgment} that the Establishing Such Select meetings under Such Regulations as is Proscribed in Said Request may be of Service in our Society

1781

¹⁷⁸¹The Select Yearly meeting proposing to this meeting that the Said Select meeting may begin for the future on forth day at the tenth hour, in the week the yearly meeting is to held - According it is approved of and directed to be held at that time

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 196, 197; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 80

198

[*blank page*]

199

Mourning

N^o 24th Concerning Mourning

1717

According to the Primative Innocency and
¹⁷¹⁷Simplicity of Friends, It is the advice of this Meet=
=ing That no Friends Imitate the World in any Distinc=
=tion of Habit or otherwise, as marks or Tokens of mourn=
=ing for the Dead.

1718

¹⁷¹⁸ Advice against men and women imitating the World in making a shew of mourning for the Dead in their Apparel.

1724

¹⁷²⁴ A Caution against imitating the vain custom of wearing or giving mourning, and all Extravagant Expences about the Interment of the Dead.

1745

¹⁷⁴⁵ And Whereas a Custom hath of late prevailed with some among us, of wearing Mourning at the Funerals of their Relations, Contrary to the Ancient Practice and Repeated Advice of Friends; 'Tis Desired that friends every where would Discourage such a custom; And such Publick Friends whose Company may be Desired at Funerals, are Requested to signify to the Persons Concerned the Uneasiness & Difficulty they are put under by reason of such appearances, which by their Presence they may be supposed to Countenance.

202

[blank page - follows page 199]

203

Negroes

N^o 25th Concerning Importing Negroes

1727

1727 It is the Sense of this Meeting, That the Importation of Negroes from their Native Country and Relations, by Friends, is not a Commendable nor allowable Practice; and that Practice is Censured by this Meeting.

1760

1760 At the yearly Meeting held in **Newport on Rhode Island [Rhode Island]** it was Agreed & Concluded that the following Paragraph from the yearly meeting Epistle from **London** A.D. 1758 should be here Inserted.

We fervently warn all in Profession with us, that they be careful to avoid being any way Concerned, in reaping the Unrighteous profits arising from the iniquitous Practise of Dealing in Negroes & other Slaves whereby in the Original Purchase one man Selleth another as he doth the beast that Perishes, without any better pretention to a property in him than of Superior Force in Direct violation of the Gospel Rule, which teacheth every one to do as they would be done by, & to do good unto all; being the Reverse of that Covetuous Disposition, which furnishes Encouragment to those poor Ignorant People to perpetuate their Savage Wars, in order to supply the Demands of this most Unnatural Traffick, whereby great Numbers of Mankind free by Nature, are subjected to inextinguishable Bondage; & which hath been observed to fill their Possessors with Haughtiness & Tyranny, Luxury & Barbarity, Corrupting the Minds, & Debasing the morals of their Children, to the unspeakable prejudice of Religion & Virtue & the Exclusion of that holy Spirit of Universal Love Meekness & Charity, which is the unchangable nature & the glory of true Christianity, We therefore can do no less, than with the greatest Earnestness Impress it upon friends every where, that they Endeavour to keep their hands clear of this Unrighteous Gain of Oppression.

204

Negroes

In 1769 It is Recommended that friends who have Slaves in Possession to treat them with tenderness, impress Gods fear on their minds promote their attending places of Religious Worship and give those that are young at least so much learning they may be Capable of Reading

205

[*blank page*]

Book; Book of Discipline 1; p 204; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 83

206

[*blank page*]

207

Oaths

N" 26" Concerning Oaths
1693

Advised, That our Christian Testimony be faithfully maintained against the Burthen and Imposition of Oaths.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 206, 207; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 84

208-209

[*missing*]

210

[*blank page*]

211

Orphans

N"27" Concerning Orphans
1706

Recommended, That Friends who leave

1706 Children, Especially those who have Estates for them, do in their Wills appoint Faithful Friends to be Guardians to them, till they come to the age of Twenty one years; And that Monthly Meetings take Care such Guardians do Discharge their trust with Justice & Uprightness, as they will answer it at the great Day; & that Orphans be Admonished to be Subject to the Wills of their Deceased Parents, as the Said Meetings shall see Cause.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 210, 211; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 85

212-213
[missing]

214
[blank page]

215

Parliament

N^o"28" Concerning Applying to Parliament
1695

1695 Recommended to the Several Quarterly Meetings to take Care that timely Application be made in their respective Counties, by Sober Discreet Friends to Members of Parliament before their coming up to Sit, giving them right Information, and intreating them, that in their places, they would be pleased to Use their Endeavors and Interest for the Ease of our Suffering Friends when presented to them in Parliament This Method having been found of Service in some places, 'tis desired it may be Observed.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 214, 215; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 86

216-217
[missing]

218
[blank page]

Persecution

N"29" Concerning Persecution.

1675

1675 It is our advise and Judgment, That all Friends Gathered in the Name of Jesus, keep up those Publick Testimonies of Meeting together in their Respectives places, & not Decline forsake or Remove their Publick Assemblies because of Sufferings as Worldly fearful and Politick professors have done because of Informers, and the like Persecutors, For Such like Practises are not Consistent with the Nobility of The Truth, and therefore not to be owned in the Church of Christ.

See Meetings for Worship, page, 185

1678

1678 See meetings for Worship, page 185

1703 1703

See Sufferings, page, -351

1707

1707 Advised, That all walk with much Circumspection
to Live in fear & Humility before the Lord, under the Sense of Our
a grateful present Outward Liberty, And the temporal mercys
sense of the that have for Some Years Attended the Same; That
present our Love & Service for the Lord, & his holy Truth and
Liberty Church may have the preference of our Worldly Business in our thoughts, lest we should incur the Lords Displeasure, For an Ungrateful Neglect of our Duty and thankfulness to Him: For it has been sometimes the Lords Method to deprive his people of the favours they abuse, though he is a God Slow to Anger, and of Long Suffering towards his Children.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 218, 219; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 87

220-221

[missing]

222

[blank page]

223

Plainness

N"30" Concerning Plainness in
 Habit & Speeches &c.

1675

1675 See Conversation, page, 59.

1688

1688 See Conversation, page, 59

1691

1691 *In Language habit and Behaviour* Advised that Friends take Care to keep to Truth and plainness in Language, Habit Department & Behaviour, that the Simplicity of Truth in these things may not wear out nor be lost in our Days nor in our Posterity's: To avoid Pride & Imodesty in Apparel, & Extravagant Wiggs, & all other vain and Superfluous Fashions of the World.

1697

1697 *Dealing* It is the Advice of this Meeting that Friends every where keep to plainness both in speech Habits & Dealing, & not to Launch too far into the things of this World, by overcharging themselves with Trading & Debts beyond their Abilities to Discharge, but keep out of the Spirit of this World in all things, that none may be Ensnared & defiled thereby.

1700 & 1701

1700 & 1701 *Education of Children* Advised that a Godly care be taken for the due Education of Friends Children in the Nurture & administration of the Lord, & in plain & Modest Apparel, & in Truth's Language: And that all Parents be good Examples to them Accordingly.

1703

1703 *Apparel Furniture &c* This meeting being Under a deep Sense that Pride, the vain Customs & Fashions of the World prevail over some of our Profession particularly in Excess of Apparel, & Furniture, Doth

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 222, 223; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 88

224

Plainness

1703 Doth Earnestly Recommend, that all who make Profession of the Truth, take care to be Exemplary in what they wear & what they Use, so as to avoid the vain Customs of the World, & all Extravagancy in Colour & Fashion & keep themselves in respect thereof Spotless and Blameless adorning their Profession in all Modesty & Sobriety.

1708

1708 *Parents to* Advised, that Parents be Exemplary to their Children, in keeping out of the vain Fashions Customs

be Exemplary = toms, & Pride of the World, by adorning themselves
Modestly & in plainness according to the Simplicity
of Truth received by Us in the begining.

1709

Let all be Examples to their Children in Wis=
1709 = dom. Moderation, plainness in Language and habit;
& not Examples only but also to restrain them from any
to restrain Children thing that might be to their hurt either inwardly or
Outwardly; neither providing for them Costly and
{ Gaudy Attire unbecoming Godliness, nor letting them
have money to gratefy themselves therein.

Let the aged Remember & the Youth know that
when apparent Signs of the Plague of Leprosie appear=
=red on the walls in the Houses of Israel, twas the care
of the Priests Under the Law to have the Houses Clean=
=sed & the Lepers also: and surely Christ's Priesthood
should not fall short of their care to Endeavour to
Stop & Remove the Manifest Tokens of the Leprosie
of the great Sin of Pride, & all Superfluity of Naugh=
=tiness; & therefore let all Concerned be Earnestly Stir=
=red up to Sincere Obedience to the Light of Christ
Our great high Priest, that he may Cleanse the hearts
& houses of that growing plague which tends to the
Ruin of Famelies & Posterities.

225

Plainness

1712.

1712 Advised that none despise the day of small things nor
turn aside from the plainness, Simplicity & Life of the Truth
into the Wor^lds, Ways, Customs and Fashions of the World,
which are vain, and will perish with the Useing; God
having Redeemed his People out of the same, through
his Righteous Judgments in their inward parts; know=
=ing that Whatsoever hath been Condemned & overturned
thereby, is never to be Built up again by any that are
Lovers of the Truth as it is in Jesus.

1715.

1715 Advised, that all Friends both Male and Female
be careful that their adorning be that of a Meek & quiet
to follow Spirit which in the Sight of God is of great price; even
the [illegible] as the holy Men & Women of Old Professing Godliness with
Examples goods Works were adorned: Oh that our young Men & Women
of holy would follow their Examples!— But to our great grief
Ancients We find too many of our Young men instead of Observing
that Gospel Exhortation, to be sober Minded, have given
way to lightness & Vanity, & the pernicious Effects there=
=of have led them into Pride, so that Some have Cut off
Extravagant good heads of hair, & put on long Extravagant & gay
Wigs Wigs, which they that are not of profession with us,
See as a Mark of Declention from our Primitive

Plainness.

And Likewise that our Young Women would Cease from that Unseemly & and immodest appearance of their high heads, & wearing their Gowns set up like the Proud Fashionmongers of the World.

Certainly both Males & Females who take such undue Measures, Flee the Cross of Christ, & if they do not repent & Return, they will thereby suffer great loss: But in the Bowels of Christian Compassion We warn & Exhort all such to Come into that Subjection that the yoke of Christ may be their Delight, & their Souls may reap the Comfortable fruits of bearing the Same.

And

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 224, 225; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 89

226

Plainness

¹⁷¹⁵
Caution And Caution given against false Liberty and
against Sinful Ease in the Flesh which is too apt to grow
false among some Professing the Same Truth with us, in
Liberty this Our Day, for want of due watchfulness, and

Obedience to the Light of Christ, & keeping low &
Pride mixt Humble before the Lord, by Reason whereof many
Marriages Evils get in amongst Us; Viz: Pride of Apparel
Bowing making of mixt Marriages with Persons of Contrary
Flattering Judgment; bowing & giving Flattering Titles to
Titles Men; the saying ye or you to a Single Person; and
&c Calling the Days of the week & the Months by heathen
Names, to the Declining of Truth's Testimony, & giving
Occasion of Stumbling to such as are Seeking after
the knowledge of the Same as it is in Jesus.

1718

¹⁷¹⁸
Testimony A Testimony against an Undue Liberty which
against too many under the Profession of Truth run into to-
undue the great Grief of Faithful Friends, by reason where-
Liberty of the way of Truth is evil Spoken of, & our holy Pro-
fession greatly Reproached, by many men among Us
putting on Extravagant Wigs & wearing their hats and
Clothes after the vain fashions, unbecoming the gravi-
ty of Religious People; & too many Women Decking them-
Vain selves with gaudy & Costly Apparel Gold Chains, Locketts,
Fashions Necklaces, & gold watches Exposed to open view, which
gold Chains Shews more of Pride & Ostentation than for Use & Service;
necklaces besides their vain Imitation of that Immodest Fashion
gold watches of going with naked Necks & Breasts, & wearing hooped
naked necks & Breasts hoop= Petticoats, Inconsistent with that Modesty which should

=ed petticoats adorn their Sex, & Did adorn the holy Women of Old.

And in like vanity of Mind Divers amongst Us
Furniture run into great Extravagancies in the Furniture of
their Houses; together with great Declention in
Speech Some of both Sexes from that Plainness & Simplicity
of Speech so Constantly used in holy Scripture
and

227

Plainness

1718 and Recommended & practised by our Ancient Friends
as well as by the Faithful in this Day.

Now this Meeting having been Under a Deep Sense
of the Love of Christ, Doth Earnestly Recommend the lay=
=ing aside of those things beforementioned, & whatso=
=ever else is a hurt to themselves, & brings a Reproach
Upon Us, For Certainly it does not become the gravity
of our Profession, or any under it to run into every
new vain fantastick Mode or Fashion; but to keep to
that which is Modest, decent plain & Useful, and
therefore Friends Every where are Desired to Stand
witnesses against these & all Other things that tend
to lay waste our Ancient Testimony.

And that Parents in the tender years of their
Children would not adorn them with gaudy appa=
not to adorn =rel which Practice Cannot come from the Spirit that
Children leads out of the vain Customs of the World; but must
with gaudy proceed from Pride in the Parents: & Children being led
apparel into such Vanities & Fineries Come Gradually to be in Love
with them, which is apt to Encrease with their years to
that Degree, until it may be found very Difficult to
Reclaim them.

1732

1732 And it is Evident that the Simplicity & Distin=
=guishing Plainness of our holy Profession is too much
lost amongst Us, respecting Language, Apparel & Be=
keep under =haviour. We therefore Earnestly Exhort all to keep un=
the Power =der the Power of the Cross of Christ, which will Crucify
of the Cross =der the Power of the Cross of Christ, which will Crucify
to the World & the Vanities of it, & bring up in a true
Life of Self-Denial agreeable to the Gospel & Example
of our Elders.

1735

1735 And Forasmuch as a true Christian Practice &
every Branch of it, is the Fruit & Effect of the in=
=ward Sanctification of the heart, by the Spirit of
Christ, for which we are frequently to wait,

on

Plainness

1735 on him in all humility & lowliness of mind;
 We tenderly advise that every thing tending to
 Obstruct or divert the minds Either of Children
 or those of more advanced years from this good
 Excercise, may be carefully avoided & taken
 out of the Way; & it being evident that the Glory
 & Vanity of the World, & the Pleasures & Diversions
 of it, are of this nature & tendency, We therefore ad=
 vise, that all Parents & Masters in the first place be
 good Examples to their Children & Famelies, in
 an humble & Circumspect Walking, & with all
 plainness of habit & Speech, which is agreeable
 to the Cross of Christ the Examples of Our Ancients
 Friends, & the frequent Advices of this Meeting; &
 also that they be very Careful not to Indulge their
 Children in the Use & Practise of things Contrary
 thereunto; For we are Sensible that by such habits,
 of how little Moment soever some may think them
 the tender Minds of Children while very Young Lift=
 =ed Up & Drawn aside from the Simplicity of Truth
 A Foundation is early laid for those Undue Liberties
 So Justly Complained of; For a Love & Delight in
 those things imprudently Indulged at first, grows
 up with them & becomes Strengthened more & more in
 into Confirmed habits, & thus some have become Ene=
 =mies to the Cross of Christ & forsaken & Opposed the way
 of Truth, which Possibly might have been prevent=
 =ed by Parents doing their Duty in being good Exam=
 =ples, & not Cherishing Seeds of Vanity & folly in their
 Children; but on the Contrary Prudently Discouraging
 every Appearance of evil in them; which Necessary
 Duty, We Earnestly Recommend to their Serious Con=
 =sideration & Practice.

1736

1736 See Conversation, page, 62

1737

1737 See Famelies, page, 118

1739

Plainness

1739

1739 'Tis also ^{Our} Concern to Exhort all Friends, both Men
 and women, to watch against the growing Sin of Pride,
 and to beware of adorning themselves in a manner Dis=
 =agreeable to the Plainness & Simplicity of the Truth. we

make Profession of, Oh! that they would Duly Consider that severe Reproof which the Lord by the Mouth of his Prophet= pronounced against the haughty Daughters of Sion Isaⁱ:3^d when He Describes even the particularities of their Dress= =ings & Ornaments so Displeasing to the Lord, & drawing down his Judgments upon them. if those things in that time were so offensive in the Eyes of the Lord, how much more are they so now in a People Professing the Plainness & Simplicity which the Gospel of Christ Recommends! —I Will saith the Apostle Paul that Women adorn themselves in modest apparel with Shamefacedness & Sobriety, not with Broidered hair or Pearls or Gold or Costly array, but which becometh Women Professing Godliness with good Works, 1 Tim^o: 2, 9, 10.— Where he plainly Sheweth that such Adornings are Contrary to the Profession of Godliness. — The Apostle Peter also is very ^{^fall} in his Exhortations on this subject, Whose Adorning Saith he, Let it not be that outward Adorn= =ing of plaiting the hair & of wearing of Gold, & of putting on of Apparel, but Let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not Corruptible, even the Ornament of a meek & Quiet Spirit which is in the Sight of God of great price; for after this manner in the Old time the holy Women also who Trusted in God Adorned themselves, 1 Pet^r:3, 4, 5. plainly intimateing that those who of Old were holy & Trusted in God, placed not their Delight in such Orna= =ments. — Oh ! that ye would weigh and Consider these things; Let your Moderation be known unto all men, and grieve not the holy Spirit of God but be ye fol= =owers of him as Dear Children, walking Circumspectly not as fools but as wise redeeming the time because the days are evil.

1743

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 228, 229; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 91

230

Plainness

1743

1743 And Whereas we have with Deep Concern Ob= =served by Accounts from Divers places, that there ^{is} a great Declension from that Simplicity, in Speech Behaviour & Apparel which our Worthy Ancestors, were led into. and as we find by Experience, that the same spirit of Truth which led our Ancients to lay aside every thing unbecoming the followers of Christ will still lead in the Same Path all who submit to it's Guidance, We Earnestly Entreat Friends every where to watch over themselves in these respects & that Parents & Masters of Famelies would

Labour to Convince those under their Care, how inconsistent the gratifying a vain & worldly Spirit is with a Christian Life; & the plainness & purity of the Gospel: the Examples of Our Blessed Saviour & his followers, & of virtuous and holy Men in all Ages, Ought to make a due Impression on every Considerate Mind, & Especially on such as have had the Advantage of an Education in Plainness agreeable to Such Example.

Let not any such as Degenerate in these Respects Excuse their own weakness under a pretence of the Misconduct of some who have appeared Outwardly plain: an Objection of very little weight, for did they rightly Consider they would Clearly See, that the very reason why Deceivers sometimes put on plain Apparel is, because true Men have been accustomed to wear it.

We also tenderly advise that Friends Especially those who should be Exemplary to others under their care, take heed that they Exercise plainness of speech without respect to Persons in all their Converse among Men; & not balk[?] their Testimony by a Cowardly Compliance, varying their Language According to their Company: A practice of very Ill Example to Our Observing Youth;

and

231

Plainness

1743 And Rendering those who Use it Contemptible & Looked upon as a kind of Hypocrites even by those with whom they so Comply, Such a mean Spirited Practice Seems to be Cautioned against by the Apostle where he advises; 1 Tim^o:3, 8. — That the Deacons be grave, not Double Tongued; — A Caution Plainly Importing that Double Tonguedness is Inconsistent with the Gravity of the Gospel.

Book; Book of Discipline 1; pp 230, 231; DigitalDivide, V. Otieno 2/4/2020

Website Image; Block 6, PDF page 92