

that an acquaintance with the letter of our discipline, will be insufficient to produce the desired effect, unless in the exercise thereof, we are careful to move and act under the immediate influence of the spirit of Christ, in the pure love of the gospel.

May we therefore, in our meetings for the exercise of the discipline, humbly seek to be clothed with the spirit of wisdom and charity; this will direct the mind of a dependance on our own strength and abilities, endue us with patience and condescension towards each other, and being preserved in fellowship agreeably to the declaration of our Lord, "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren," a qualification will be experienced in our several stations and movements to build up one another in that faith which works by love, to the purifying of the heart.

Nor can we conclude, without desiring in an especial manner, that our youth of the present and succeeding generations may be early and fully instructed in our religious principles, and in the nature and design of our Christian discipline, and through divine assistance be enabled to adorn our holy profession by a conversation and conduct consistent with godliness and honesty; thereby avoiding the reproach which many through a defection in principle, or a degeneracy in practice, have brought, both upon themselves, and the religious body of which they profess to be members.

Appeals

Whilst the Yearly Meeting, in granting the liberty of an appeal, considers it as a precious privilege, it is affectionately desired that all may be careful how they encourage persons of improper dispositions to trouble superior meetings, therewith.

If any be dissatisfied with, or think themselves aggrieved by the judgment of a monthly meeting, they may, after a copy of the testimony of disavowment is delivered to them, notify the first or second monthly meeting following (but no other) of their intention of appealing to the ensuing quarterly meeting; which notification, the monthly meeting should enter on its minutes, and appoint four or more friends, to attend the quarterly meeting, with copies of the proceedings relative to the case, signed by the clerk, there to shew the reasons whereon that judgment was founded. The quarterly meeting is then to refer the same to a solid committee of friends noticing the propriety of any objection made by the appellant against persons thus nominated (omitting those of the monthly meeting from which the appeal comes) and to confirm or reverse the said judgment, as on impartial examination, shall appear to be right, taking care to inform the party of the result.

If an appellant, on being informed of the judgment of a quarterly meeting, shall be dissatisfied therewith, he or she may notify, either that or the next quarter (but not afterwards) of their intention to apply to the Yearly meeting for a further hearing: the said quarterly meeting, after recording such notification, is in like manner to appoint at least three friends, to attend the Yearly Meeting, with copies of the records of both monthly and quarterly meetings in the case, signed by their clerks; here it is to be finally determined, and a copy of the determination is to be sent to the quarterly meeting from which the appeal came. Notices of appeals are to be forwarded from subordinate to superior meetings in the regular reports of such meetings.

It is our earnest solicitude that friends may maintain the discipline of the church, in the spirit of the Gospel, which breathes