

And in order to engage the attention of monthly meetings more closely to this subject, it is further enjoined, that committees be appointed, at least once in three years, to examine the records.

The following forms of the records are proposed, being both simple and explicit.

Births

Names of the Children	When born	Names of the parents	Their residence	Occasional notes

Burials

Names of the deceased	When dec.	Age	Where buried	Later residence	Occasional notes.

Books.

It being a business assigned to the meeting for sufferings, to take the oversight of all writings proposed to be printed, which relate to our religious principles or testimonies, our members who may have it in prospect to publish any such writings, are to lay them before the said meeting, for its advice and concurrence. And if any of our members shall print or publish any writing against the advice of said meeting, or which shall have a tendency to excite disunity and discord, such persons should be complained of to the monthly meeting to which they belong, and if they cannot be convinced of the impropriety of their conduct, and condemn the same to the satisfaction of said meeting, they should be testified against, as opposed to the peace and good order of society.

It is considered incumbent on parents and heads of families to prevent as much as possible, all those under their direction,

from perusing those pernicious publications which are written for the purpose of weakening the authority of the christian religion, or exciting doubts concerning the authenticity of the holy scriptures, and those saving truths declared in them; lest the immature and feeble minds of such, should be poisoned thereby, and a foundation laid for the greatest evils. It is also enjoined on all the members of our religious society, that they discourage and suppress the reading of plays, romances and novels, which being written by persons of corrupt minds, have a necessary tendency to awaken and invigorate those impure propensities, "which war against the soul," and which it is the duty and interest of every christian mind to keep in a state of suppression.

Certificates.

Quarterly and monthly meetings are to take care, that all certificates or minutes which may be given to any Friends travelling in the service of the ministry be recorded, and upon the return of such friend, seasonably delivered back to the meeting; and that all certificates of removal brought by any friends intending to become residents, shall be lodged in the monthly meeting where the same are accepted, and also, that every meeting keep a record of all certificates which they give forth.

We feel it our concern to caution friends to be very circumspect how they remove themselves and families. It having been observed, that the dissolving of old, and forming of new connections, have in some instances been attended with effects prejudicial to a growth in the truth; both in the heads and younger branches of families, especially where the inclination to such removals have originated in worldly motives. And as the religious growth and establishment of children, being the most interesting, ought to be the principal engagement of the minds of parents, it is the affectionate desire of the Yearly meeting, that in putting them forward in a way of life, the probable effect it may have on their minds be the chief object in view. In these cases, we recommend to our members, both young and old, to give close attention to the pointings of divine wisdom, and also timely to consult experienced friends, previously to their fixing a resolution of changing their residence.