

2. To take the oversight and inspection of all writings, proposed to be printed relative to our religious principles or testimonies, and to promote or suppress the same at their discretion; also to print and distribute any writings already published by the society, or which may be offered for inspection as aforesaid, and approved: and in all cases where expences are incurred, in the execution of the duties assigned them, they are to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly meeting for such sums ^{may be} as ~~are~~ necessary.

3. To inspect and ascertain titles to lands, or other estates belonging to any of our meetings; also to attend to the appropriation of charitable legacies and donations; or to give such advice respecting the same as may appear necessary.

4. To receive from the several Quarterly meetings their annual accounts of sufferings, and also such memorials concerning deceased friends, as those meetings may have concurred with: that when examined and approved, they may be laid before the Yearly meeting.

5. To extend such advice and assistance, to any individuals under sufferings for our testimonies, as their cases may require; and if necessary, to apply to ^{the} government, or persons in authority, on their behalf.

6. To correspond with such other Meetings for Sufferings, as are or may be established by any other Yearly meeting of our religious society, on the common concerns of the society.

Approved ministers, and members of any other meeting for sufferings, corresponding with this, may also be permitted to attend its sittings, when they are so inclined.

Meetings for worship.

It is the fervent concern of the Yearly meeting, to press upon the consideration of our members, the awful duty of pure and spiritual worship. It is not enough that, after the example of our forefathers, we meet together in one place,

in outward silence: rejecting those forms and ceremonies which were invented by the wisdom, as well as that worship which is performed only in the will of man; it is not enough that with a commendable diligence, we attend all our religious meetings; unless also, like them, we wait in humble reverence for spiritual ability to worship acceptably the Lord of heaven and earth. May we therefore humbly and diligently wait in the spirit of our minds, for the coming of Him who told his disciples, "without me ye can do nothing;" that we may experience the influence of his spirit to enlighten and quicken the soul to a true sight of its condition; that feeling the spirit of supplication, we may approach the throne of grace, and under a renewed sense of the father's mercy and goodness, may be enabled to offer the tribute of worship and the sacrifice of praise.

This is the important purpose of our assembling together in silence; and though at times there may be amongst us but little instrumental ministry, or even none, let not this produce any abatement of diligence in the duty. Instrumental ministry in the life and power of the gospel, is a great favour to the church; but the distinguishing excellence of the christian dispensation, is the immediate communication with our heavenly father, through the inward revelation of the spirit of Christ. May therefore, the deportment of our members, while engaged in this most solemn duty, be such as to demonstrate, that they are earnest, in the great duty of waiting upon, and worshipping God, in spirit, that serious and tender hearted enquirers may be encouraged to come, & partake in our assemblies, of that inward and spiritual refreshment and consolation, which the Lord is graciously pleased to impart to the souls of such as are humbled in his sight, & approach his holy presence with reverence and fear,