

discipline, of which the person is a member, they are at liberty to mention the matter therein, and if the monthly meeting, after deliberate consideration, should unite in believing that a gift in the ministry has been committed to him or her, a minute expressive thereof should be forwarded to the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders, where the case being solidly weighed, and the sense of the monthly meeting concurred with, information thereof should be furnished to the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, of which the party is a member. Which meeting should inform the monthly meeting, to which such friend belongs, of the judgement of the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders therein. And until the approbation of the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders is obtained, no such friend is to be received as a minister, nor permitted to sit in the meetings of ministers and elders, nor allowed to travel abroad as a minister.

When any approved minister apprehends it to be a duty to travel in the service of truth, beyond the limits of their quarterly meeting, he or she is to open their concern in the monthly meeting to which they belong, and obtain a certificate or minute (as the occasion may be) of its unity and concurrence, directed to friends within the parts proposed to be visited: and it is required, that when the service is accomplished, the said meeting be informed thereof, and the certificate returned without unnecessary delay.

No minister is to appoint a meeting beyond the limits of the quarterly meeting to which he or she belongs, without the concurrence of their respective monthly meetings. And if a minister is concerned to appoint a meeting within the verge of the quarter, if to wait for the approbation of the monthly meeting appears to interfere with the proper time for appointing such meeting, the united sense of the elders of the monthly meeting of which he or she is a member, or of those of the monthly meeting within the compass of which such

such appointment is proposed, may be accepted as sufficient privilege.

When any minister is religiously concerned to make a general visit to the meetings of friends, either within or beyond the limits of the Yearly meeting, and has obtained a certificate for that purpose from the monthly meeting of which he or she is a member, the certificate must also be laid before the respective quarterly meeting: and if the concern is concurred with, an indorsement must be entered upon the certificate, and signed, if for a man by the clerk of the men's meeting only; but if for a woman, by the clerks of the men's and women's meetings.

The ministers and elders of each monthly meeting are required to meet once in three months, at such time and place as the monthly meeting may direct, in the capacity of a preparative meeting of ministers and elders; when after a time of solid retirement, the queries addressed to such meetings are to be read and considered, and distinct answers made to them in writing; which when signed by the clerk, are to be conveyed to the ensuing quarterly meeting of ministers and elders, by two or more friends to be mentioned in the report, as representatives; here, also, if in the course of enquiry, any deficiency has appeared, care should be taken that it be remedied.

And in the quarterly meetings the same queries are also to be read, together with the answers which are brought from their preparative meetings. In these meetings the state of the members is to be weightily considered, that where occasion requires it advice and counsel may be seasonably extended; and once in the year those answers compressed in a written report and signed by the clerk, are to be forwarded to the Yearly meeting of ministers and elders, by four or more friends appointed as representatives: in this meeting the queries are also to be read, with the answers from the several quarters, and the state of this part of the society being collected and considered, advices adapted thereto, may, if requisite, be issued to the subordinate select meetings. Here all such ministers as apprehend they are required to go in truth's service beyond sea, after obtaining a certificate of the concurrence of the