

monthly meeting, indorsed by the respective quarter, are to communicate their prospects of duty relative thereto, and produce the said certificate, and if upon solid consideration, the same are united with by the said meeting of ministers and elders, a certificate thereof, signed by the clerk should be granted.

None of the said meetings of ministers and elders are in any wise to interfere with the business of any meeting for discipline; nor is the yearly meeting of ministers and elders to suffer its adjournments to interfere with the sittings of the yearly meeting for discipline.

And, finally, if any acknowledged member of our meetings of ministers and elders shall at any time be thought, by negligence, unfaithfulness, or otherwise, to have lost his or her service in that station, so as to become burthensome and the subject of uneasiness (yet not so as to be under the care of a meeting of discipline, on that account, or for misconduct) it is advised, that a timely and tender care be extended to such person, according to gospel order; first by the individuals concerned, and then by the preparative meeting of ministers and elders to which he or she may belong; should these labours prove unavailing,

report of the case should be made by that meeting, to the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders, where a few friends should be deputed to assist the said preparative meeting in a further extension of labour with the party: if this also prove unavailing, and on report thereof to the said quarterly meeting, it appears that the said preparative meeting has fully discharged its duty to the individual, the case should then be transmitted to the monthly meeting for discipline of which the party is a member, and left under its care, and he or she ought from that time to refrain from attending any such meetings, until they shall be again recommended or appointed as at first.

Moderation and Temperance.

It is a consideration claiming our serious regard, that our worthy ancestors, having their views directed towards an enduring inheritance, and their affections established upon

things above, sought not after the splendor of this world. In minds thus bent upon seeking a more glorious inheritance than temporals can afford, the love of this world had but little influence; they were conspicuous examples of temperance and moderation. A defection from this simplicity of heart and heavenly mindedness, leading into the inordinate love and pursuit of the things of this world, hath prevailed with too many amongst us, and produced the fruits of pride and ambition. These have introduced many imaginary wants, from which our ancestors were preserved by their simplicity. To satisfy these wants, some have been excited to enter into a larger extension of trade and commerce than they had stock and ability to conduct. Vain ambition, and an emulation inconsistent with the truth, have led many into extravagant expences. Reduced by these means in their circumstances, yet unwilling to lessen their appearance in the world, some have resorted to indirect methods to procure a temporary support, which have too frequently ended in failures and bankruptcies.

Whilst, therefore, we hold it to be an indubitable truth, that moderation and temperance are inseparable from the christian religion, we affectionately beseech our members to abstain from all appearance of evil in relation thereto: And particularly as respect the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors of every description. Is it not affectingly to be observed, that a baneful excess in drinking spirituous liquors is prevalent amongst many of the inhabitants of our land; how evident are the corrupting, debasing, ruinous effects consequent upon the importation, distillation, and retailing of them, whereby intemperance, is greatly aided and encouraged, to the impoverishment of many, distemp'ring the constitutions and understandings of many more, and increasing vice and dissoluteness in the land, with which many religious & attentive minds have been long painfully exercised.

It is the fervent desire of the Yearly meeting, that friends in all