

records, and that parents and heads of families, would, both by example, and advice, impress upon the susceptible and retentive minds of the youth, a reverent esteem, for the doctrines and precepts of the christian religion, contained therein; inducing them to believe, that the same experience of the work of sanctification, through the operation of the spirit of God, to which the holy scriptures abundantly bear testimony, is to be witnessed by believers in all generations, as well as by them in the first ages of Christianity. Our dear youth, thus educated in the belief of these important truths, as well as of the inward manifestation and operation of the spirit of God, may be prepared to receive his spiritual appearance in their hearts, according to our holy profession

Stock.

A stock having by experience been found useful for the occasions of the society, and particularly in the application from time to time made by our meeting for sufferings, it is desired by the yearly meeting that the same be occasionally renewed by a collection from each quarter; and that it be continued in the hands of the treasurer, appointed by the meeting, and be subject to be drawn out by its direction, or by the meeting for sufferings, as the exigencies of society may require.

The sums which may be thought necessary, are to be raised by each quarter, in the proportions which may, from time to time, be ascertained by the yearly meeting.

Taverns.

It is the concern of the yearly meeting, to caution not only the youth, but those of riper age, to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and other places of public resort, in order that they may not be exposed to evil company, and unprofitable conversation, or be betrayed into the use of strong liquors, by which many have been corrupted, both in

principle and practice, to the ruin of themselves and their families. And if any be in danger on these accounts, it is desired that they may be timely and tenderly treated with, in order to convince them thereof.

Considering the snares and temptations to which those are exposed, who keep houses of entertainment, and the corrupting influence of many who resort to them, it is the desire of the yearly meeting, that our members may avoid engaging in such employments for a livelihood, and attend to the paintings of pure wisdom for that end.

And it is also desired, that friends may endeavour, as far as their influence extends in the community, to prevent the unnecessary increase of taverns, and to be cautious of signing petitions in behalf of those who may apply for licences on that account.

Testimonies

Of denial and acknowledgment.

It is the judgment of the yearly meeting, that offenders, whether under dealing, or disowned, who incline to make acknowledgment of their offences, shall prepare the same in writing; which ought to be shewn, if under dealing to the committee appointed in their case; or if disowned, to the overseers. And if the purport is judged to be suitable to the occasion, the party may present it to the monthly meeting, and stay till it is read; and after time given for a solid pause, should withdraw, before either that, or any other business, is proceeded upon. The meeting is then to consider the case, and appoint two or more friends to inform the party of the result.

In all cases, those who are under dealing for offences, and who offer acknowledgments to monthly meetings previous to disownment, ought to particularize in such offerings, the matter or matters charged upon them.

And in relation to acknowledgments, from those who have been