for carrying on war, or allow their children, apprenticed or servants to act therein, or are concerned in arming or equipping vessels with guns, or deal in public certificates issued as a compensation for expences accrued, or services performed in war, that they be tenderly dealt with, and if they cannot be brought to an acknowledgement of their error, monthly meetings are authorised to testify against them.

It is further the sense and judgment of the yearly meeting, that it is inconsistent with our religious testimony & principle, for any friend to pay a fine or tax, levied on account of their refusal to muster or to serve in the militia, although such fine or imposition may be applied towards defraying the expences of civil government; and where deviations in this respect occur, tender dealing and advice should be extended to the party, in order to their convincement and restoration; and if this prove ineffectual, monthly meetings should proceed to testify against them.

And finally dear friends, upon the calamitous subject of war, you are not ignorant of what adorns our profession. Let us seek peace and pursue it, remembering that we are called to love. Oh! that the smallest germ of enmity might be eradicated from our enclosure; and truly there is a soil in which it cannot live; this soil is christian humility. May we, therefore, be peaceable ourselves, in words and actions, seeking for that disposition, in which we can pray to the father of the universe, that he may breathe the spirit of reconciliation into the hearts of his erring and contending creatures.

Wills.

Knowing how quickly many are removed by death, it is weightily recommended by the Yearly meeting, that care be taken by each monthly meeting, that friends who have estates to dispose of, be advised to make their wills in time of health and strength of judgment, and therein to direct their substance as in justice and wisdom may be to their satisfaction and peace; laying aside all resentment, though occasion

may have been given, lest it should go with them to the grave; remembering, we all stand in need of mercy and forgiveness. Making such wills in due time, can shorten no ones day's; but the omission or delay thereof to a time of sickness, when the mind should not be diverted from a solemn consideration of the approaching awful period of life, has often proved very injurious to many, and been the occasion of creating discontents and animosities in families, which the more seasonable & deliberate performance of this necessary duty might have prevented.

We also recommend to friends, to employ persons of competent legal knowledge, to write their wills, as great inconvenience and injury to families have sometimes happened, through the unskilfulness of some who have taken upon them to write wills.

We further desire, that executors and trustees concerned in in wills, and settlements, may take especial care to discharge faithfully their respective trusts, according to the intent of the donors and testators; and that all charitable gifts, legacies, bequests and settlements of estates, by will or deed, intended and given for the use of the poor, the aged, the impotent, or for the education or apprenticeships of the children of poor friends, may not be appropriated or converted to any other uses than such as the donors or testators have directed. A violation herein, being an obvious perversion of justice, offenders in these respects should be dealt with, and unless they make due satisfaction, to the injured parties, and to the meeting to which they belong, should be disowned.

Women's Meetings.

As our womens' meetings for discipline were set up and established in divine wisdom, and by long experience have been found of advantage, not only to the society in general, but to the youth of their own sex in particular; it is earnestly desired that they may be encouraged to come up to the help of their brethren, in that part of the discipline of the church properly claiming their attention and care. On considering the nature