

of this meeting to recommend the subject to the consideration of the meeting for sufferings, to adopt such measures, (if any) in regard thereto, as in best wisdom, may appear right.

The committee appointed at a former sitting, to take into consideration the subject brought up from Warrington Quarterly Meeting, in relation to the circumstance of our members attaching themselves to the association called "Odd Fellows", produced the following report; to wit:-

To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:

X The committee to whom was referred the application which came up from Warrington Quarterly Meeting, for advice in relation to our members joining the society called "Odd Fellows", Report, that they have twice met, and deliberately considered the subject committed to them; and after a free interchange of sentiment, they are united in proposing as follows: That the fifth article of our Discipline relative to "conduct & conversation", be changed to read thus: "It being obvious that the convivial entertainments, and the vain ostentatious processions of those called 'Free masons' and of other associations, are altogether inconsistent with our religious profession; if therefore, any of our members shall join therein, they are to be treated with as in other cases of disorderly conduct, and if after tender admonition and brotherly labor, they cannot be dissuaded therefrom, they are to be disowned."

"We also recommend that the annexed minute of advice and caution be handed down in the extracts, and recommended to the attention of our members."

Signed on behalf of the committee,

Philip C. Thomas. Benjamin Hallowell,

John Sewell, Edward Jessop.

William Leaver.

Minute of advice and Caution.

The Yearly meeting under a tender solicitude for the preservation of its members in purity and simplicity, and particularly those in the early walks of life, is concerned to extend a solemn caution against any entangling alliance with the various associations that have sprung up in our land. Many of these exact money from their members under the specious pretence of benevolence, draw them frequently from their families and business, and into places and practices calculated to lead the mind from the enjoyments of a holy life. Friends are therefore, affectionately & earnestly cautioned against becoming, or continuing members of any such association; or of any, requiring of its members a pledge of secrecy.

It is not the characteristic of goodness to seek concealment.

The Divine Master himself has plainly declared, that no man lighteth a candle, and putteth it under a bushel. And Overseers and other concerned friends, are encouraged to extend timely counsel and admonition in all cases where any of our members are likely thus to be led astray."

Which was approved by the meeting and the clerks were directed to have it, together with the appended minute of "Advice and Caution", printed in the extracts from the minutes of this meeting, and also a suitable number of copies printed separately for insertion in the book of Discipline.