

The Committee appointed to consider the difficulties attending the application of our Discipline ~~especially~~ in regard to the minor Children of Separatists Report that owing to the great extent of the defection within our borders - the loss of the Records of all of the monthly meetings formerly constituting the yearly meeting except one & that in many places where meetings formerly existed there are now no meetings either for worship or Discipline nor any individuals ~~to whom the Society~~ can look for aid in the exercise of the Discipline. We are united in the belief that a change might be made in our present Discipline not inconsistent with our Christian principles which would furnish relief to the Society from the difficulties under which it now labours, arising from the peculiar circumstances noticed in this report - We are therefore free to propose for consideration the following ^{as a} Rule of Discipline.

all the minor Children of those who joined in the separations from communions and fellowship with the society of Friends in the year 1828 and who shall after they arrive at age & after the adoption of this Rule, attend the meetings of the Separatists; ~~all such~~ ^{shall} be considered as having thereby relinquished a right of membership with our religious Society and if any of these should afterwards become concerned to be again united to the society they are to state in writing to the monthly meeting within whose limits they reside that they have from religious convictions and a sense