

## DIFFERENCES AND ARBITRATIONS.

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ACCORDING to Gospel order, enjoined in Scripture, brother ought not to go to law with brother, except from apparent and urgent necessity, as is hereafter expressed and limited. Therefore, should differences arise between any members of our Society about their temporal concerns, the party thinking that he has reason for complaint against any, is to speak to the person by whom he thinks himself injured or in danger of suffering in his just right in a calm and friendly manner, or if he live at a distance too great to do it in person, he should write, endeavoring by gentle means, in a brotherly way, to obtain it. If this orderly proceeding prove ineffectual, either himself, or, if he live at a distance, some friend to whom he may write and empower on his behalf, should take one or more of the Overseers or other judicious Friends, and, in like manner, make the claim; and the Friends accompanying the complainant are to use their endeavors to have the matter justly and expeditiously settled between the parties.

Should the case appear to be a plain one, or a debt against which no reasonable objection is made by the debtor, they are to advise the party complained of to make satisfaction, without carrying it either to arbitrators