

ought to inquire the cause. If, after tender and brotherly examination, it should appear that their circumstances are such as to render it clearly advisable that a farther payment be offered to the creditors, or that the state of the debtor's affairs should be laid before the creditors, and the question submitted to them whether a payment should be made at that time, or deferred to a future day, let advice be given to them accordingly ; and, on their refusal, after the continued extension of tender care, the Monthly Meeting is at liberty to disunite them.

When any in profession with us are about entering into partnerships in business, they should keep in view the propriety and safety of connecting themselves with members of our society ; but should any Friend become a partner with a person not in membership with us, and a failure in the performance of engagements, or neglect of the seasonable payment of just debts on the part of the said partnership, should give reasonable occasion for a procedure at law ; in such a case, a creditor, who may be a member of our Society, shall be at liberty to proceed accordingly—it appearing very improper that the usual course of justice should be obstructed by any of our members connecting themselves with those who are not in profession with us.

All should consider well the ground on which they become endorsers, or joint sureties ; lest, for want of due consideration, they involve themselves and families in ruinous circumstances, and risk their own peace of mind.