

self be considered and dealt with as an offender against the law of Christ.

Rule 32. That absence from the established assembly of the Brethren for the Breaking of Bread, except from illness or other lawful reason is an offence against the Law of Christ, unless the said assembly shall tolerate the rejection of any element of the Truth of the Gospel or shall sanction doctrines, or practises, inconsistent with the Commandments of Christ.

X Rule 33. That none shall even for a legitimate cause, separate themselves from the assembly without first stating, in writing, to be addressed to the Rec. Brother the cause, or causes of impending separation and asking same to be considered with a view to their removal at a special meeting at which they consent to be present and take part.

Rule 34. That no Brother or Sister withdrawn from by, or out of Fellowship with another Ecclesia, shall be received in Fellowship until the cause shall have been investigated and found such as to warrant the reception of the said Brother or Sister but that this investigation shall not take place without first asking the said other Ecclesia to take part in the proposed investigation, that if the said other Ecclesia should refuse their co-operation in the said investigation, the matters in question shall be investigated without them, that if on the other hand they consent to take part in it, they shall after the re-investigation conducted in their presence, have equal voting power with the first Ecclesia, and that no decision shall be valid without the concurrence of a majority of the assembly so constituted of the two Ecclesias fused together in equality of numbers; if one Ecclesia exceeds the other in number, the equality to be obtained by arrangement.

Rule 35. That in case of another Ecclesia after either of these processes, receiving into their Fellowship any Brother or Sister, from whom we have withdrawn, or who may have separated from us, we shall not consider it a cause of separation from them regarding the case as one of difference of judgment as to the facts merely, we shall be content in that case to maintain our own withdrawal from the Bro. or Sister in question. Should they on the other hand, receive such, without re-investigation, or without asking our concurrence in any re-investigation that may take place we ourselves shall apply to the said Ecclesia for re-investigation in the form defined by the last rule, and only in case of their refusal, shall we consider that their action in the case has furnished a cause of separation.

Rule 36. That marriage with the alien is an offence against the Law of Christ. That those who maintain the con-