

4. He must give them the Rules of the Society the first time they meet.

5. As some of our people have in different parts of the kingdom, been imposed on, in various ways, by Swindlers, who professed themselves Members of our Society, let no person be received into any Society, without a certificate, signed by one of the Itinerant Preachers in the Circuit from whence he professes to have come. 1797.

II. Of the Exclusion of Members from the Society.

1. The far greater number of those that are separated from us, exclude themselves by neglecting to meet in Class; and use the other means of grace, and so gradually forsake us. With regard to others,

2. Our rule is fixed, and our custom expressed in the preceding Rules of the Society, where it is said, "If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, —we will admonish him of the error of his ways; we will bear with him for a season; but then, if he repent not, he hath no more place among us."

3. No person must be expelled from the Society for any breach of our Rules, or even for manifest immorality, till such fact or crime has been proved at a Leaders' Meeting.

III. Of permitting Strangers to be present at the Society-Meetings and Love-Feasts.

1. Let every other Meeting of the Society be for the Members of the Society only; and let no strangers be admitted. At other times some may be permitted to be present: but the same persons not above three times.

2. Let all the Members of the Society show their Tickets; and if the Stewards and Leaders are not exact, others must be employed that have more resolution.

3. Let no person attend any Love-Feast, without a Note from the Preacher.

4. Let no Love-Feast be appointed but by the consent of the Superintendent; nor any Funeral Sermon be preached, without his consent, and for those only who die happy in the Lord.