

belongs, for assistance; such application can be made by a majority vote.

Sec. 12.— In any extraordinary case, such as a Church having become so divided or disarranged that a majority vote asking for help cannot be obtained, it shall be in the power of the District Meeting to which the Church belongs, as a matter of expediency, if in its judgment the Church be in a state requiring help, and is unable to help itself, to take charge of the Church, and in its care and labour for its good, exercise such discipline as it may think necessary.

Sec. 13.— Should any portion of the Church embrace or hold doctrines contrary to those which are set forth in the Treatise of our Faith, or become disloyal to the Constitution or polity of the denomination, even if such disaffected members shall include any or all the Officers, it shall be in the power of the District Meeting to acknowledge and sustain as the Church those members who shall be found loyal to the denomination; and further, if it be deemed necessary, it shall have the power to reorganize such members into a Church, which shall bear the name and date of the original organization.

Sec. 14.— In case of any disagreement in doctrine or polity, in allowing the liberty of conscience, such dissenting members may, by request, be allowed to withdraw from the Church without being considered as excluded members, so that in no case shall members be held in F. C. Baptist Churches by compulsion, or in violation of their consciences. It is always provided, however, that this provision shall not be so construed that trespassers or disorderly members shall take advantage of it to evade discipline or exclusion from the Church.

Sec. 15.— Disciplined persons who may feel aggrieved with the decision of the Church, shall have the right to appeal to the District Meeting.

Sec. 16.— In the case of adultery, or any high crime, it shall be in the power of the Officers of the Church, upon having sufficient evidence thereof, to exclude the transgressors from the Church.