

Book IX.
Title XV.

Concerning chastisement of relatives.
(De emendatione propinquorum.)

Bas. 60.59.2.

9.15.1. Emperors Valentinian and Valens to the Senate.

We grant the older relatives the right to correct minors in proportion to the character of the offense, so that those who are not induced to observe decorum in life by praiseworthy examples in the family may be compelled to do so by correcting them by chastisement. 1. We do not give unlimited discretion in punishing faults of conduct, but paternal authority¹ may correct, and by private punishment restrain, in erring ways of a youthful relative. If the deed is so atrocious that it exceeds the right of correction at home, the persons guilty thereof must be delivered over to the judge to be dealt with by him.

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C. Th. 9.13.1.

¹ [Blume] If there is no father, then the older member of the family in his place.