

The subject referred to in the preceding minutes.

"The committee appointed at last meeting to unite
"with women friends in taking into consideration the pro-
"position from Alexandria Monthly Meeting in regard to an
"alteration in our discipline, produced the following report,
"which being considered was directed to be forwarded in our
"report to the next Yearly Meeting viz.

"To Fairfax Quarterly Meeting

"The committee appointed to consider the alterations
"proposed in our discipline on the subject of marriage
"all met except one member, and after deliberating se-
"riously on the subject agreed to make the following report
"viz: Believing that in the form the propositions on that
"subject were taken to our Yearly Meeting from our Quarterly
"Meeting last year, the alteration it was desired should
"be made in our discipline were not entirely understood,
"by that meeting we think it would be best to forward
"distinct propositions upon that subject to the next Yearly
"Meeting, and therefore propose that the discipline be altered
"to the following effect viz:

"On page 37 of the printed book of discipline omit all
"the first paragraph except the following viz: 'That the
"marriage of persons too nearly related, may as much as
"and has be prevented it is the conclusion of the Yearly
"Meeting that no marriage between any so near as first
"cousins, the children of half brothers or half sisters, or the
"brother or sister of a former husband or wife be permitted amongst us'

"On page 39 let the last paragraph read to the following
"effect, 'It is directed that if any of our members join in
"marriage with such as are not in membership with us,
"or in any other way than with the consent of the Monthly
"Meeting, they should be dealt with agreeably to our discipline
"by appointing a judicious Committee to treat with them in
"tenderness and gospel love in order for their help in the truth,
"and if this Committee believe that they are in a state of
"minds favorable to being retained members of society, and
"that such is their desire, the committee shall report ac-
"cordingly to the Monthly Meeting, and the Monthly Meeting
"is authorized to proceed in the case as in their judgment
"will most promote the welfare of the individual and the
"best interests of Society; - But if the committee is of the
"judgment that it would not be best for the individual
"to be continued a member of society, and the meeting concurs
"in that judgment, let a testimony of disavowment be
"accordingly prepared; - In all cases in relation to marriage
"Monthly Meetings are authorized to let the committee ap-
"pointed in the case be the medium of communication be-
"tween the individuals and the meeting instead of a written paper
"Signed on behalf of the committee by

"Henry S. Taylor
"William Stoddard
"Mary S. Nichols
"Mary E. Nichols."

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. -

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