

Baltimore Quarterly Meeting respecting our Discipline respecting on the subject of Marriage, Report, that they have given to the whole of that part of our Discipline a careful revision, and have agreed upon a Discipline upon that subject, which they have instructed Benjamin Hallowell to report to the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

Mary Farguhar,

Roger Brooke

Elizabeth Smedley

Eli Matthews

Lydia Parry

John Talbot

Maunah Jones

Phineas Tanney.

After engaging in the consideration of this subject for some time the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment friends again assembled.

The meeting having proceeded in the consideration of the proposed change in our Discipline, after deliberate and weighty consideration, the following was adopted as the whole of our Discipline upon the subject of marriage in place of the former, and the meeting for sufferings were authorized to have such amendments as have been made to our Discipline since its last publication, collated & arranged; and printed with the other parts, a sufficient number of copies ^{of the corrected Discipline printed} for the use of our meetings and the general information of friends; and distribute them amongst our several Quarterly Meetings.

Marriage, being a divine ordinance and a solemn engagement, for term of life, is of great importance to our temporal and spiritual well being; yet it is often too inconsiderately entered into, and from motives inconsistent with the evident intention of that unerring wisdom by which it was ~~spiritually~~ primarily

ordained, which was for the mutual assistance and comfort of both sexes, in temporals and spirituals; that their endeavours might be united for the education of their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and for the discharge of their duty in their various allotments in the world.

When the parties differ in their religious sentiments, the most interesting band of union is wanting; even that which should increase and confirm their mutual happiness, and render them mutual helps and blessings to each other: under these unhappy circumstances the reciprocal obligation into which they have entered becomes their burden, and the more so as it may not be of short duration. The prospect of felicity they might have flattered themselves with in the beginning, they have found themselves disappointed in, by the daily uneasiness accompanying their minds, and embittering their enjoyments.

The perplexed situation of the offspring of such alliances is also to be lamented; attached by nature to both parents, their confusion often renders them unfixed in principle, and unsettled in practice; brothers and sisters are trained up in lines diverse from, and in some instances, opposite to each other; thus differing in principle, they are frequently divided in affection, and, though so nearly related, are sometimes at the greatest distance from that love and harmony, which ought continually to subsist between them.

To prevent falling into these disagreeable and disorderly engagements, it is requisite to beware of the paths that lead to them - the sordid interests and ensnaring friendships of the world, the contaminating pleasures and idle pastimes of earthly minds; also the various solicitations and incentives to festivity and dissipation. Let our dear youth likewise avoid the too frequent and too familiar association or intimacy with those from whom may arise a danger of entanglement.