

and taking each other by the hand, declare, in an audible and solemn manner, to the following effect, the man first, viz. - "In the presence of the Lord, and before this assembly, I take F. G. to be my wife, promising with Divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband, until death shall separate us;" - and then the woman in like manner, "In the presence of the Lord, and before this assembly, I take A. B. to be my husband, promising, with Divine assistance, to be unto him a loving and faithful wife, until death shall separate us."

After this declaration, the marriage certificate being first signed by the parties, should be audibly read by some suitable Friend, named by the overseers appointed to attend the marriage.

Marriage certificates previously to their being read and signed, shall be examined, and if necessary, corrected by the attending committee; the form of which certificate shall be as follows:

Whereas A. B. of _____ in the county of _____ in _____ son of C. and D. B. of _____ and F. G. daughter of H. and I. G. of _____ having in writing laid their intentions of marriage with each other, before a Monthly Meeting of the religious society of Friends held at _____ (where the parties are under the care of parents or guardians, unless in the case of unreasonable objections add,) and having consent of parents or guardians concerned, (as the case may be,) their said proposal of marriage was allowed of by the said meeting. Now these are to certify whom it may concern, that for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this _____ day of the _____ month, in the year of our Lord _____ they, the said A. B. and F. G. appeared in a meeting of the said people, held at _____ and the said A. B. taking the said F. G. by the hand, did openly declare, that he took her, the said F. G. to be his wife, promising

with divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband, until death should separate them. And then in the same assembly, the said F. G. did in like manner declare, that she took him, the said A. B. to be her husband, promising with divine assistance, to be unto him, a loving and faithful wife until death should separate them. And moreover they, the said A. B. and F. G. (she according to the custom of marriage assuming the latter name of her husband,) did as a further confirmation thereof, then and there to these presents set their hands.

A. B.

F. G.

And we being present subscribed }
our names as witnesses.

When a member is about to enter into marriage with a person not a member of our Society, the parties may lay their proposal of marriage before the Monthly Meeting, accompanied with the consent of surviving parents, if it can be reasonably obtained. After due care to inquire, by committees of both meetings, into the cleanness of the parties from other marriage engagements, and to ascertain that the party not a member, is one convinced of the principles of Truth, and whose life and conversation are not inconsistent with our Christian testimonies, and desires to become a member, the Monthly Meeting, may leave them at liberty to accomplish their marriage, as provided in other cases; and after the marriage, the parties are to be considered members of Society.

If any member of our Society accomplish his or her marriage without the approbation of the Monthly Meeting, a committee shall be appointed to visit the parties so deviating, and if it should appear, by the report of such committee, that no immoral conduct, or breach of our testimonies, has taken place in the accomplishment