

of said marriage, and the party is desirous of retaining his or her right of membership, and the committee report favorably thereto, Monthly Meetings are left at liberty to retain such member, without requiring a written acknowledgement.

When any of our members accomplish marriage by the assistance of a Priest, or hiring minister, or are present at the marriage of one of our members, accomplished in that way, they should be treated with, in order to convince them of the impropriety of thus violating our Christian testimony against a hiring ministry, as well as the good order of our Society; and if not brought to a sense of their deviation, so as to make satisfaction to the meeting, they should be disowned.

That marriages of persons nearly related by consanguinity, may, as much as in us lies, be prevented, this meeting concludes, that no marriage between any so near akin as first cousins, shall be permitted amongst us. The term first cousins, fully applies to every description of grand-children, descended from one common parent. In case persons so related, should, notwithstanding, accomplish marriage, they should be treated with as other offenders. —

The committee having charge of the pasture lot reported as follows,
To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee to the care of the Pasture lot Report, that but little expense has been incurred the past year except in repairs of fences, the horses we believe are comfortably provided for, in addition to the pasture they are provided with hay and oats, — which we submit to the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the committee,
Joseph Turner

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The committee appointed to prepare an essay of an endorsement to be placed on the minutes and certificates of friends now in attendance from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings produced one which was approved, and the Clerk was directed to endorse it thereon and sign it on behalf of the meeting. — And the meeting concluded it would be right in future to dispense with the practice of placing endorsements on such minutes.

On entering upon the consideration of the state of Society, the meeting was again introduced into exercise, on account of still existing deficiencies, as exhibited in the Reports from our Quarterly Meetings. The support of our important testimony to a regular and faithful attendance of all our religious meetings, was strongly urged upon Friends. One thing only, it was shown, will ever be able to do this, which is an abiding confidence in and obedience to, the guidance and power of the Spirit of Truth. It was felt to be lamentable, that so great a deficiency should exist in the fulfilment of this duty, and the Apostolic injunction was impressively revived, "Brethren, I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that ye forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." A great concern, too, was felt and expressed, that parents may bring up their children in careful obedience to this duty. Were parents concerned, above all things, to live in obedience to the Divine principle, in the heart, they would experience an increased qualification to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and, under the concurrent operation of this Divine principle in the children, their labours would be blessed. The entanglements and deceptive allurements of this world, it was feared, draw many away from the attendance of our meetings. As we become disengaged from these, and as it