

1842 A minute was received from Women's Meeting for Lydia H. Price, a Minister, from Birmingham Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania. And one was produced to this Meeting for Jacob Tappan, an Elder, and companion for Lydia H. Price, from the same Monthly Meeting.

The change of Discipline proposed in the Report from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting last year and referred by Minute to this Meeting, claimed its attention, and the following on the same subject is contained in the Report now received from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, viz:

"The following subject was directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting for its consideration, and if approved by that body to be annexed to our present Discipline under the heading of 'Moderation and Temperance', viz: In our testimony against Intemperance is a full and entire declaration against all intoxicating liquors, of whatever nature or kind, and as the use of fermented drinks have that tendency and may lead to greater transgressions, our members are advised to abstain from these as well as from distilled spirits, that as a Society we may stand clear of this great evil, but if any of our members shall so far disregard these wholesome admonitions as to deal in fermented, or malt liquors, or shall accustom themselves to the use of these as a drink, is affectionately recommended, that concerned friends endeavor by loving entreaty to dissuade them from a practice often attended by greatly demoralizing consequences, and which is so inconsistent with the testimonies of our Society. Friends are also tenderly advised not to furnish material, nor have their property so used as to violate our testimony against Intemperance.

Also that the fourth Query be changed so as to read, 'Is our testimony against distilled and fermented liquors maintained agreeably to our Discipline.'

Also from Fairfax Quarterly Meeting

"The following was received from Goose Creek Monthly Meeting, viz: The committee appointed to consider the proposition for an alteration of the fourth Query, having deliberately considered the subject, propose to amend the 1st clause of the 4th query as follows: viz: Is our testimony against the improper use of distilled, spirituous, and other intoxicating drinks maintained agreeably to our Discipline. In response to the book of Discipline 2^d paragraph, page 51, it will be observed that our members are affectionately exhorted to abstain from the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors of every description, which being considered this Meeting approves the action of Goose Creek Monthly Meeting and the Clerk was directed to forward the proposition for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting."

From Centre Quarterly Meeting

The following proposed changes in our book of Discipline on 'Moderation and Temperance', was brought up in the Report from Centre, which being considered in this Meeting was united with and directed to be forwarded in the report to the Yearly Meeting, as follows:

1st In the 2^d clause on 'Moderation and Temperance', where it reads, 'the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors' we propose that the word 'unnecessary' be left out, and the words 'as a drink' added to the end of the sentence.

2^d In the 3^d clause on the same subject where it reads, 'distilled spirituous liquors', be changed to intoxicating liquors. Also in the same clause where it reads, 'whenever it is as a common drink themselves', we propose that the word 'common' be left out.

3rd And we further propose that the fourth Query be so amended, where it reads, 'Is our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors', would read all intoxicating liquors."

And from Prairie Grove

"The subject of a change in the fourth Query contained in our book of Discipline, so as to read 'all intoxicating drinks', instead of 'distilled spirituous liquors' (which came up from Marietta Monthly Meeting) was considered in this Meeting, and its judgment was, that the change was eminently proper as tending to raise the standard of Temperance, and it is referred to the Yearly Meeting for its favorable consideration."

Which after a free interchange of sentiment was referred to the following committee, to unite with a like committee of Women's Meeting in further considering the subject and to report to a future sitting, viz:

Richard T. Bentley

William Ward

Nathan Smith

Job Dickard

James C. Gannett

Robert J. Roberts

David Lytle

Wm. H. May

Nathan Stone

James Underwood

John P. Matthews

Lindsay M. Vail

Wm. Russell

Joshua Russell

Saml. L. Bridgman

Asa H. Gannett

Ellis S. Gassner

Wm. May

Henry Tiddings

Wm. Blackburn

Wm. Russell