1875 To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to consider the proposed alterations in our Book of Discipline report:

That we have met, and deliberately considered the several subjects embraced in our appointment, as follows:

1 The following
The propositions from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting reported last year, in relation to the action of Men's and Women's Meeting in dealing with offenders and recommending members, we do not unite with, viz:

"That in the administration of Discipline, Men's and Women's Meetings may separately have the power of receiving, disowning and discharging members, without specifying the cause of disownment, in all cases each Meeting giving the other information of their action, reserving the privilege in such cases as either may desire the assistance of the other."

2 The proposition from the same Quarter relating to the receiving of minors into membership, when only one of their parents is a member, we unite with, viz:

"Children who have but one parent a member of Society, may have the right of membership during their minority if approved by both parents, and when minors are thus received into membership, the Monthly Meeting is to have their names recorded, and when they attain their majority, the minors are to report to the Monthly Meeting whether they have chosen to remain members or not."

3 The proposition relating to members who have absented themselves for five years, we unite with, viz:

"When any of our Members absent themselves from our Meetings for a period of five years, without assigning a sufficient reason for such absence, Monthly Meetings should attended the needful care in such cases, may then have the privilege of discontinuing them as members."

4 The propositions from Baltimore Quarter, relating to funerals, we unite with, viz:-

1875 I Friends are appointed to be careful on these solemn occasions, to act in strict accordance with the principles of plainness and simplicity, as professed by us.

II That burials may be accomplished in an orderly manner, Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint a committee or committees, to be taken out of their several branches as occasion may require, to attend to the burial of those of our society, and also of others not in membership with us who are to be interred in our grounds. Permission for the interment of the latter is to be obtained from this Committee, which is to see that they are conducted in a manner becoming the solemnity of the occasion, and according to the order of Friends. The Committee may allow the meeting to be held at the Meeting House, if so desired by the friends of the deceased. This Committee is also to take care that our burial grounds are properly enclosed and kept in good order.

III Friends are affectionately admonished to be careful to avoid costly casket or coffins and other unnecessary expenditures. We believe if those in affluent circumstances would attend to the limitations of truth in these respects, the family would be most salutary on those less able to bear these unnecessary expenses. Paragraphs numbered 3, 4, 5 and 6 to remain unaltered.

5 The subject referred to us relating to the action of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting in laying down its Preparative Meeting, we have considered, and we do not unite with the action of that Meeting. We recommend that the subject be referred to Baltimore Quarterly Meeting for further care.

6 The proposition referred from last year, in relation to changing the 6th & 7th Epistles, we unite with, and recommend the following as a substitute:

"We Friends are careful to bear a testimony against every form of oppression. The education in Friends' families suitably provided for, and instruction in useful learning."

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Jos Kilbert