

1877 for consideration next year and that it be printed in the Extracts
Signed on behalf of the Committee

Gerald H. Reese.

10 month 31st 1877

Proposed change in the Book of Discipline approved by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, held at Keshewell, Frederick Co Virginia, 5th Mo. 21st 1877, Women's Meeting concurring.

After the 27th paragraph of the Book of Discipline, add the following, viz: "As there are many persons, not in membership with us, who manifest an interest in our Religious Society, it is concluded that when any such person feels it right to unite in marriage with one of our members, he or she shall be at liberty to make application to the men and women overseers of the Monthly Meeting to which the member belongs, when, if the overseers are satisfied, the proposal of marriage may be laid before the Monthly Meeting in the usual form; and the Monthly Meeting shall have the same care and oversight of the marriage, and proceed in the same manner as prescribed by the Discipline when both parties are members of the Monthly Meeting, but in no case shall these proceedings confer the right of membership upon such persons, or their offspring."

And that the following clause of Discipline, "addition al to paragraph 24 on page 58" be repealed as no longer necessary if the above mentioned proposition be approved by the Yearly Meeting viz: "And to permit their marriage certificates to be recorded in the record books of the Monthly Meeting of which one of the parties is a member, in cases where the marriage has been accomplished by our ceremony."

Second proposed change

Instead of the 25th section, page 58, in our Book of Discipline the following rule be substituted, viz: "When any of our members accomplish marriage by the assistance of a priest or healing minister, or are present at the marriage of one of our members accomplished in that way, they should be admonished in order to convince them of the impropriety of thus violating our Christian testimony against a healing ministry, as well as the good order of our Society."

In all cases of deviation in regard to marriage Monthly Meetings are left at liberty to let the committee appointed

1877 to visit the offenders be the medium of communication between them and the Monthly Meeting, without requiring a written acknowledgment."

Approved by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting held at Goose Creek, Loudon County Virginia, 8th month 20th 1877, with the concurrence of Women Friends

Hugh R. Holmes

Clerk

That portion of the Law of the State of Maryland in relation to marriage, passed in the year 1868, was read and the Committee in care directed to have it printed with our Extracts, viz:

"Any person within this State may marry according to the ceremony used by the people called Quakers, providing the contracting parties shall sign a certificate to the effect that ^{they} have agreed to take each other for husband and wife, and that the said certificate has been attested by at least twelve witnesses; and, provided further, that the said certificate shall within sixty days, be recorded, either among the records of the Society to which either of the contracting parties may belong, or in some court of record in the city or county in which the said marriage may be accomplished."

"Approved February 18th 1868"

The Committee on the Treasurer's account produced the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and Thomas Russell therein named is appointed Treasurer viz:

To the Yearly Meeting meeting:

The Committee on the Treasurer's account report: That we find, upon an examination of his vouchers, he has paid the following sums:

To Cash paid for Van at Meeting House	10.15
" " " " Sundries	14.38
" " " " Printing Friends Book Association	50.00
" " " " " Extracts	227.50
" " " " Half insurance on Meeting House	30.00
" " " " Binding Friends Discipline	13.76
" " " " Printing for Educational Committee	11.00
" " " " Building Committee Jacks Mo. Meeting	429.92
" " " " Recording Minutes	17.35
Making the sum of	804.06