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to take such steps as may promise to bring it about, and to present the matter to the attention of the Committee on Legislation, of the Five Years Meeting, viz.; Benjamin P. Moore, Miles White Jr., Samuel R. Neale and Thomas Mackenzie.

Then adjourned,
John Barry, Clerk.

11th mo 18th, 1910

At a stated meeting of the Permanent Board of Baltimore Yearly Meeting held Eleventh month 18th, 1910 - 18 members were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed in Third month last, concerning the form of oaths used in United States courts, made the following report. The report was approved and the Committee continued.

REPORT TO PERMANENT BOARD OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS (ORTHODOX).

BALTIMORE MAY 9th, 1910.

At a meeting held this day, of the Committee of the Per-

manent Board of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends (Orthodox) in the matter of oaths it was decided to adopt the following as the form of a Bill to be presented to the Congress of the United States.

A BILL.

TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO OATHS.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, that Section 1 of the Revised Statutes be amended, by adding to the words "The requirements of an Oath shall be deemed complied with by making affirmation in judicial form", the following clauses:

The form of the Oath which may be taken or administered in the Courts and elsewhere under the laws of the United States shall be as follows:-

1. "In the presence of Almighty God, I do solemnly promise (or declare), etc." And it shall not be lawful to add to any oath the words "so help me God" or any imprecatory words whatsoever.
2. The manner of administering oaths shall be by requiring the person making the same to hold up his hand in token of his recognition of the solemnity of the act, except in those cases wherein it shall appear that some other mode is more in accordance with the religious faith of the swearer.

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