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And the Committee further made the

TO THE PERMANENT BOARD OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS (ORTHODOX):

The report of your Committee heretofore appointed to take up the questions arising out of the state of War existing between this Country and Germany so far as the same affected the members of our Meeting, respectfully shows:

(1) That they prepared and sent out a letter to the young men members of this Meeting in Maryland and Virginia, giving them the form of claim for exemption from military service as adapted to the enrollment of men eligible for military service, said form of exemption being based solely on that section of the Federal statute providing for an exemption for those having religious scruples against war.

A copy of the above letter is attached herewith, and marked "No. 1."

(2) Your Committee felt that a further letter should be sent to the Members of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, expressing the sympathy of this Board with them in the difficulties and perplexities to which many might be subjected in consequence of their desire on the one hand to perform some military service, or do some helpful work for their fellowmen engaged in the war; and on the other hand because of the testimony of the Society of Friends against all war.

The second letter was accordingly prepared by your Committee and sent out to the members of this Meeting after the Federal Registration of young men eligible for military service had been concluded.

A copy of this letter is attached herewith and marked "No. 2."

Your Committee feel that they have completed all of the important work for which they were appointed, and that they might with propriety be discharged from further service, but if it should be the wish of this Board that the Committee should not be discharged, then the size of the Committee should in their opinion be enlarged.

Respectfully submitted,

Alene Thomas
A. Morris Guey
W. M. Macdougall
John G. Thomas
Lucy D. Clark

on behalf of Committee

Baltimore, Md.
6-16-1917

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The same was read at our Baltimore Quarterly Meeting
line of our dear friends
and Louisa J. Brooke
and forwarded to
meeting.

A. Parker was appointed
for ensuing year.
adjourned.
John A. Parker
Clerk.

Minutes of the Permanent Board
17 to 11 mo 16, 1917, inclusive have
this day 11th month 20, 1917
Alene Thomas, Clerk