

Yearly Meetings by a Committee of the Quinquennial Conference, we have not felt that we could unite at this time in proposing a change in our Discipline. But in order to bring this important subject before our members, and in the hope that the Quarterly Meeting may be willing to request the representative of our Yearly Meeting on the Committee on the Uniform Discipline to lay these suggestions before its sub-committee for its consideration, we propose the following: —

Suggestions

1. Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and desiring membership in our religious society, should make application through the overseers, who shall forward the same without unnecessary delay to the Monthly Meeting with an expression of their judgment in the case.
2. The Monthly Meeting, if satisfied to receive the applicant, shall receive him as an Associate Member of the Monthly Meeting. Such membership confers the right of attending our Meetings for Discipline, but does not constitute a person a member elsewhere than in his own Monthly Meeting.

3. Monthly Meetings shall make special arrangements for the help and encouragement of Associate members, either through the Preparative Meeting or Ministry and Oversight, or by means of a standing committee appointed annually. Friends under this appointment shall take such measures as may seem necessary for the instruction of Associate members in the doctrines of the Christian religion as held by us and in our Discipline. When they are satisfied that an Associate member accepts our teachings and is prepared to comply cheerfully with our form of church government and rules of Discipline, they shall recommend him to the Monthly Meeting for full membership in the Society of Friends. If not so satisfied, they may, if it seem best, recommend that his name be dropped from the list of Associate Members.
4. When a person has been received into full membership in the Society of Friends public recognition of the fact may be made in such manner as the Monthly Meeting may direct. The following method is suggested: At the close of a public meeting for worship, let the