

states, by the proposed Act of Congress to repeal, as far as New York was concerned, the national law prohibiting the sale of liquor to Indians.

The bill had passed the House of Representatives, and was sent to the Senate before Friends had learned of it, then the New York Monthly Meeting's Philanthropic Committee took such action as led to filing of protests with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs by several Friends and friendly organizations.

A representative of the New York Friends also visited Washington in 3rd mo. and obtained the earnest co-operation of the Department of Justice in appearing before the Senate Committee, securing such influence and consideration, that under date of 4th mo 8th, Senator R. F. Pettigrew, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, wrote to Franklin Noble, the Chairman of the New York Friends Committee on Indian Affairs, that he and all the members of his Senate Committee were now opposed to the proposed bill, and would refuse to report it to the Senate. It is a satisfaction to thus know, that by the efforts of our Friends, a threatened evil has been averted from the Indians.

Occasionally, as at the last Monthly Meeting in New York, the annual report of the Registration Committee comes to the table accompanied by new applications for membership, resignations and certificates of removal. While this report declares neither marked increase nor decrease in numbers it indicates a healthy condition of the body.

The number of removal certificates presented means more than the surface fact that one Meeting may be strengthened at the expense of another. It is evidence that Friends are interested in the affairs of the Society and realize that they can be of most service in the Meeting nearest their place of residence.

We are glad to welcome the Friends

who have thus strengthened our Meeting. Our appreciation of their interest and helpfulness may perhaps be best manifest in our recognition of duty to the neighborhoods whose loss is our gain. In some instances these Friends have reluctantly withdrawn from Meetings easily reached by members of the various visiting committees.

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While the Society of Friends has made little effort to add to its numbers, it does not release from membership without "exercising care." Members may enter or withdraw at their own request, but in both instances the Meeting claims the right to be assured that the request is sincere and well grounded. The relationship of the Meeting to the member is parental. The wise, far seeing, sympathetic parent helps the child to weigh the call which promises to supersede home claims. Such a parent realizes that there may be occasions for "forsaking father and mother." On the other hand, occasions may rise when new considerations may be presented which shall tend to prove the existing bonds to be at once so strong and so elastic that no severance of ties is necessary or desirable.

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New York Monthly Meeting now convenes at 3 p.m., and of late is seldom adjourned until after 5 o'clock; last month both meetings, men's and women's, were in session until six.

While the increased business would seem to indicate that the Society is widening its sphere of usefulness, it is to be deplored that so many members are obliged to leave before the close of the meeting. Not only do these lose the benefit of the deliberations, but the Society is deprived of their judgment concerning important matters. How to facilitate action, and at the same time preserve that calm deliberation so characteristic of the body and so essential to right judgment, is a problem confronting us.