

These somewhat surprising results have occurred notwithstanding the terrible depletion from "marriages out."

The rule of invariable disownment was practically in force until the middle of the nineteenth century, and since then voluntary separation after "marriage out" has continued as a cause of diminution. But for two hundred years the rule was continually in force, and the marriage registers show many hundreds of names of those who ceased to be members on account of "marrying out."

The Dublin books, the transcript of which was made by our late friend, Samuel J. Scott, and which are models of conscientious work and beautiful penmanship, are melancholy records of what the Society lost through the rigidity of its marriage rules. The number disowned under this head, between the years 1800 and 1860, amounted to 174 in Dublin alone.

In some cases, but they were a small minority, members who had "married out" were, after making due confession that they had done wrong, received again into membership, but there can be little doubt that if the more tolerant spirit of the present day had existed formerly, the Society would now be much more numerous.

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To be concluded.

Friends on the Atlantic.¹

COST OF VOYAGE.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held on the 20th of 11th month, 1772 :—

"A Bill was brought in for the Passage and Accommodation of our Friends, Samuel Emlen and Thomas Thornbrough to New York, amounting to £63."

¹ Interesting details of the voyages of Irish Friends may be found in A. C. Myers's *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750*, 1902.