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January 1, 1948.

Joseph W. McCracken,
603 North Meridian St.,
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

Enclosed is a suggestion as to the proposal to change the discipline in the provision as to the reception of ministers from other yearly meetings. It seems to me the simplest way is to strike out that whole provision, which is objectionable to me on at least three grounds. First, it seems to imply that we are the only yearly meeting qualified to decide when a man ought to be recorded as a minister. Second, it makes a distinction between men who come as pastors and those who come without pastoral relations, as if there were something sacrosanct about the pastoral position. Third, when a minister is received and the matter of approval of his ministerial status is referred to the Committee on Ministry of the yearly meeting, it is likely to be handled as was the case of the Clarks, just by correspondence and without any investigation -- not that any is really required in this case, nor in others that might be received.

There are other objections even more basic than these, but these are enough, it seems to me.

If you think this suggestion I have made is the right way to handle the matter, please return the paper to me and I will sign it and get it to the clerk of the meeting on ministry and oversight. If this is not the right way, in your judgment, I shall be glad to confer with you further.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.