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Meeting 39 in  
Chicago. (The  
first Feb. 23,  
1901.)

For the 39<sup>th</sup> time Blue River Quarterly Meeting convenes in the city of Chicago. This time, as last year, we meet jointly with Chicago Quarterly meeting. Their Friends are our friends, and we are bidden to unite in spirit and in speech.

Reports are at hand from Blue River Monthly meeting, Clear Creek monthly meeting and the 57<sup>th</sup> Street monthly meeting. The last the host meeting on this happy occasion. According to reports, the following-named Friends were appointed to represent their respective meetings.

Blue River:

Helen Brooks and Brooks Baynes

Clear Creek

Charles and Rosaline Whitney

Lucretia Franklin     Laura Smith

Walter and Mary Griffith,     Edna Wolf,

Turner and Kathryn Mills

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Blanch Krauel Alberta Chawner, Anna Hill,

Harold and Alice Flitcraft

Neither of the first group is present. The first three of the second group and all of the last group are present. Helen Brooks, in manifestly good spirits about the Highland meeting, writes regrets.

Bliss Forbush's  
Minute

A visitor's credentials are read in behalf of Bliss Forbush, who is with us from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Park Avenue. His minute of certification is signed by the meeting's clerk, Norris W. Matthews. He is Executive Secretary of Baltimore Monthly Meeting. The commendation of his letter is cordial. He is welcomed among us most heartily.

State of  
Society

Clear Creek reports more vocal expression by the younger members, and a slightly better attendance. Blue River reports interest not lagging, their youth is being educated professionally, their community spirit is wide enough to enable them to cooperate with another parish for a Christmas program as well as to contribute money to Spanish orphans. Meanwhile the "Friends Circle" is intensifying the life of the meeting itself.

Likewise it is believed the Orthodox Friends of Salem are serving usefully their individual community. Between the two groups of Friends there is a wholesome bond of fellowship which brings them together from time to time as when a united stand is desirable.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago Meeting, tho it has spared some of its prominent members to work in Europe, flourishes nevertheless, and in part by the strength of new members from the University of Chicago campus and in part thru the Service Committee which it loyally supports.

Nothing new on Funds	After the reading of the Minutes, it was reported that as yet there is no report on Funds. Certain legal requirements must be observed before the money can be turned over to the newly-appointed trustees.
Committee on Clerks	Also, the following persons were appointed to nominate clerks: Chas. Whitney, Lucretia Franklin, and Alice Flitcraft.
Certificate for the Balderson's	The clerk is authorized to sign certificates in triplicate in behalf of Robt Balderson and wife who are sailing for Germany to contribute their services in food distribution to Jewish sufferers. The letters already bear the names of their monthly meeting clerks.
\$10 for Mt. Pleasant Meeting House A Memorial Fund Committee address – 42 So. Warren Ave., Columbus, Ohio	Interest becoming centered on a Quaker Memorial Fund to restore the old Mt. Pleasant Meetinghouse in Jefferson County, Ohio, \$10 were appropriated. It is believed this project will give a common meeting ground and go far toward knitting the various Friendly families together. Many memberships filtered thru that meeting as the central west was settled, and much of the early life in our own quarterly meeting is traceable to it. From nearby came the Hoyles and the Wilsons to Illinois.
Queries for Boys and Girls	Instead of reading queries from our own Discipline, the nine queries were read which have been published for boys and girls by the New England Yearly Meeting. Neither group listening had heard them before.
	We conclude and Lewis A. Taylor, the clerk of Chicago Quarterly meeting, proceeds with the business of that body. The joint session has been most pleasant. Albert T. Mills, Clerk
	<b>Memoranda</b> Heavy snows recently fallen made travel slow on many Chicago streets. In the Loop, streets were clear. Many snow barriers elsewhere lined the gutters, and ice on some pavements made traffic hazzards. However delays in travel were inconsequential. Jim Bumgarner came up from Champaign to be with his mother between semesters. She is now working domestically in Chicago. Several representatives from McNabb gave up coming when Walter G. Griffith became decidedly worse. Lucretia Franklin drove up Friday in time for Monthly meeting. She brought Jim and returned Sunday afternoon with Bliss Forbush who would speak on Quaker Lane that evening. The meeting for worship sat from two to three p.m. Saturday. Silence was broken by seven or eight messages. One of these conveyed the information that there are 450,000 more mental cases hospitalized than all others together. One out of 10 adolescent is a prospective mental case. Action there should be. And to support it there should be the faith Emerson expressed in the lines, “In the mud and scum of things There, alway, alway something sings.” The business session made a tardy start because one Friend talked too long. Three was the hour fixed. Because of the choice of Lewis Taylor, our business was

transacted first. We used about 40 minutes. Their time was cut shorter than expected because of a dramatization by the Juniors which occupied 15 minutes. Tea was served at 4:30. Subjects which concerned both groups in common were the proposal to help rehabilitate the Mt. Pleasant meeting house (They appropriated \$10 too); the queries in new phrases; and the Salem Friends. Sylvester Jones thinks a pilgrimage should be promoted for June to give encouragement to both groups of Friends there. What will I do if war comes in 1941 was seriously considered in panel discussion by young Friends between five and six. Several declared that they will not fight. One recalled sight of his father suffering abuse during pacifist refusals during the last draft. Several would do Friends service work. One would want to help the legal department.

After dinner in Woolman Hall Bliss Forbush discussed the uniqueness of the Quaker Faith. And Sunday he occupied the Forum hour on Quaker Worship. Both addresses were well received.

We missed the Cope's. They are in Spain on a mission of funding under the auspices of Friends' Service. Also the Baderson's were missed. They are on their way to Germany to be ministers of mercy to persecuted Jews. It is reported that Rufus Jones thinks lands in Alaska should be offered refugee Semites.