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To: Blue River Quarterly Meeting
Chicago Quarterly Meeting

Report of the Planning Committee for the Second Annual General Meeting of Friends in and adjacent to Illinois

The committee is pleased to report that it has completed its duties, that the meeting was held on Saturday October 22 1949 in the Clear Creek Meeting House. The committee requests that it be discharged.

The General Meeting opened Saturday morning with an inspiring address by Cecil Hinshaw on the subject "Some Classic Experiments with Truth". This talk keynoted the day, giving us all more spiritual insight into our own responsibilities. After lunch, the meeting broke up into smaller discussion groups, where the subject of the morning stimulated lively discussions and further exploration.

The days thoughts, discussion and messages were brought into focus in the concluding address that evening by Howard Brinton. His subject "A Discipline for Experimenters Today" was challenging intellectually and spiritually moving.

We believe that God was with us at Clear Creek, and that those who attended were helped to understand our mutual problems, and given leadership and direction in how to solve them.

The committee wishes to extend its thanks, and the thanks of those attending the conference, to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting for its splendid hospitality. We were taken care of excellently and made to feel most welcome.

This was the second of the two annual conferences originally suggested by Evanston Monthly Meeting. The committee believes that both were spiritually worth while, and that they have helped to draw Friends together. We suggest that a committee be appointed to study further continuance of these meetings, and that this committee report back to the evening session. Such an early report is needed so that if the recommendation is to continue (as we hope it will be) a new planning committee can be appointed at this session. Later appointment will scarcely give time to organize properly.

I wish that I could be with you today. I hope that I have spoken the committee's mind, but have not been able to review this report with them. If any of the other members are present, perhaps they will be willing to amplify this report verbally. The committee members are: Edna Wolf, Co-chairman, Russell E. Rees, Francis Hole, Alfred Ames, John D. Wilson, Martha Chilton and Lester Figgins. They were an excellent committee, making my work as co-chairman easy. I especially wish to mention Lester Figgins, who came all the way back from his new pastorate in Ohio, to be with us in McNabb.

On behalf of the 1949 Planning Committee,

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