

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hull House, Chicago Second Month 26th – 1927

On account of the funeral service of one of our very much loved members, Marie Poulson, the meeting met at a later hour in the afternoon.

The Assistant Clerk not being present Elizabeth Smith is appointed for the day.

Reports from Clear Creek and Chicago Monthly Meetings show that Alice B. Flitcraft, Josiah J. Tomlinson, Marie Frederickson, Charles C. Smith, Thomas A. Jenkins, Lulu Mills, Ida J. Mills, Clarence Mills, Edna Wolf & Jno. N. Wilson are the appointed representatives to this meeting. Seven are present.

Humphrey Baynes is present from Blue River and reports that Loren Payne and himself were appointed as representatives but no written report

Clear Creek reports eight new members. Highlands Meeting has received two or three new members.

We are very much pleased to have with us three young Friends from the Young Friends Associations at Waynesville, Ohio and Pendleton, Indiana. Floramond Reed represents Waynesville and Charles Jordan and Marshall Huntzinger represent Pendleton Association. All are members of Indiana Yearly meeting. They bring us messages of greeting and encouragement. The group at Waynesville have continued with increasing numbers from young people of both branches of Friends. They are sending a young lady to school at Friendsville Academy. They have at least four entertainments a year. Each entertainment in charge of one of four groups into which their membership is divided. Their Y.F.A. appoints one to have charge of meeting for worship.

Pendleton organized a Young Friends Association last Summer during Yearly Meeting. Hold meetings every two weeks. Have their meeting for business and study for an hour and then refreshments.

During a discussion of Peace and the attitude of christian organizations and individuals toward Peace vs. War — we were told that the word “Pacifist,” against which term so many seem to revolt or to threaten, — means Peacemaker. The term “Radical,” so often hurled at those of good intent, means “Those who go to the root of the matter.” It has recently been said by a minister (not a Friend) that the Friends are the most Christian of all the religious bodies. “We must live lives of service if we are to live up to this statement.

Highlands Friends had the pleasure of a visit from Frederick B. Saintly, over a recent week end.

Chicago Meeting has had some interesting discussions on their group. They had Frederick Libby with them once. He also was at the University of Chicago with two talks.

The Student Centre at the University of Chicago has continued to be of interest. Have had some meetings recently to consider plans and a modest start is to be made.

The need and desirability of placing our Friendly Literature and especially the Friends Intelligencer where our views might become better known along side of other denominational and religious papers was presented. A rather free discussion brought out the suggestion that the Intelligencer be placed in School and Public Libraries where they will be appreciated. We are united in recommending to the Friends Papers Committee of the Yearly Meeting that they use some funds to this end. If this special committee has not sufficient funds appropriated for this purpose, we feel that it may well be the concern of the Advancement committee to assist in any way they can. In the same way, the Bulletin of the National Council for Prevention of War might be judiciously placed. Many are seeking facts. The war group of our nation are making a strong effort to promote military training and "War preparedness." Peace lovers should have their facts before the people who are seeking.

With limited time for this session we adjourn for luncheon and then to listen to a very interesting presentation by Norman Barr, — a Presbyterian minister and an active worker in "The Fellowship of Reconciliation," — upon the subject of "Cain, Moses and Jesus." Under these three distinct types the speaker set forth the dominant motive for attempted ruling of civilization as Force — Law and Love. "The kingdom of God is within you, not outside."

Having transacted the business coming before us in good spirit and life we conclude to meet at Highlands meeting House in Fifth month next.

Clarence Mills clerk
Elizabeth Smith
Assist. for the day.