

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Highlands Creek, 5th month 24th, 1924.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Clear Creek, Ill. 11th Mo. 23, and of the Quarterly Meeting held at Chicago, 2nd Mo 23 '24 were read. Those present expressed their appreciation in hearing this report of business transacted in other meetings.

Reports from other meetings show the following representatives to have been appointed:—

Clear Creek – Laura Smith, John N. Watson, Sadie Mills, Ruth Bumgarner, Marcia Mills, Ray Bumgarner and Howard Mills.

Chicago – Jeanette F. Stetson, Luella Flitcraft and Elizabeth Smith.

Highlands Creek – Addie Baynes, Ollie M. May and Humphreys Baynes

Jeanette Stetson of Chicago and those appointed from Highlands Creek were the only representatives present. Either written or verbal excuses were received from most of those not present.

A letter, addressed to this meeting, from our much loved and aged friend, Elizabeth Coale, was read. The good thoughts expressed by her led to much valuable discussion. There were many expressions of deep appreciation for this message and Ollie M. May was appointed by the meeting to write a suitable reply to the letter. An excerpt from the letter reads as follows:—

“It is now nearly three hundred years since George Fox startled the religious world in England by giving utterance to a truth which had been revealed to his inner consciousness at a time when he was in deep distress concerning his own spiritual condition. The revelation of this truth, that ‘God is the teacher of his people himself’ was destined to create a great revolution in the religious world. He was the son of a poor weaver and had no scholastic education, but was of a thoughtful turn of mind, not caring for the pleasures in which the other young men of his age indulged. Receiving no consolation from the priests and physicians whom he consulted regarding his condition, he carefully studied his Bible, meditating deeply over its contents, till this truth suddenly dawned upon him, and all his doubts and fears vanished and hope and joy took their place to such an extent that he hastened to tell his friends the good news. And yet this was no new truth, for in the Bible we find innumerable instances of its prevalence. God spoke to Adam in the first days. God spoke to Moses saying “so and so”. The prophets also exhorted the people in His name “Thus saith the Lord.”

Following this the letter gave keen discussion of present day problems, especially prohibition and peace.

Much was added to the meeting by the presence of Benjamin Rogers and Emma Stradling of Indiana Yearly Meeting, Carolyn Normant of Baltimore Y.M. and Luella Jones of Race St. Meeting, Philadelphia.

Benj. Rogers spoke commandingly of the way in which he has found the two "branches" of Friends cooperating in different localities, especially in New York State. Carolyn Normant spoke further of this subject, telling of the Geo. Fox programs being put on at different places by the two "branches" working to-gether.

Emma Stradling who is Advancement Com. Chairman for Indiana Y.M. urged that this community send delegates to the Richmond Young Friends Conference.

The 1st, 2nd, 3^d and 7th queries were read and discussed.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Benjaminville, Ill. In 8th Mo. next.

Elwood Brooks, Clerk
Chas Baynes. Asst. Clerk