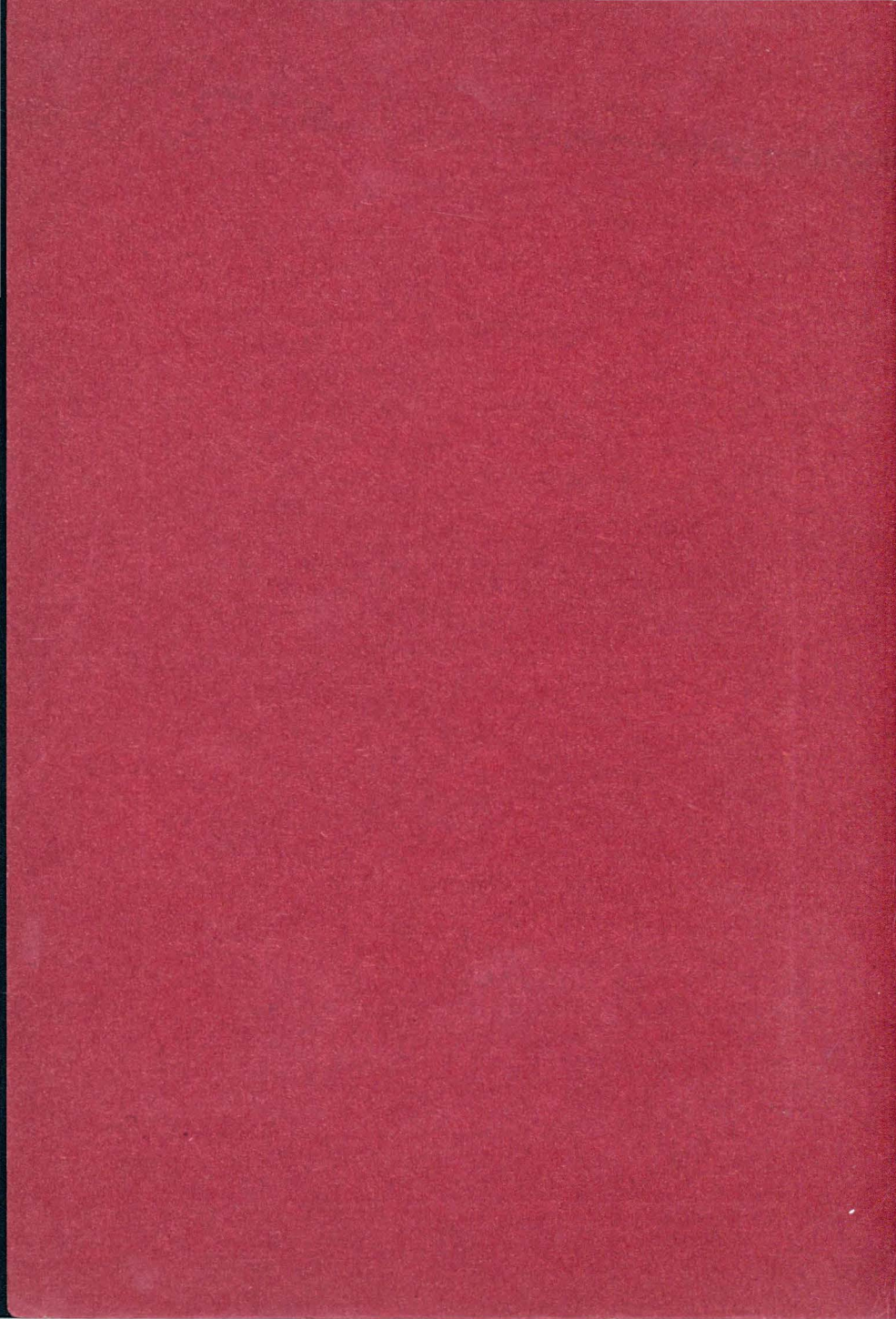


**MINUTES**  
of the  
**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**JANUARY AND APRIL, 1949**

**THEMES—**

January 7-8, 1949, "Revivals of Yesterday, Today?"  
April 8-9, 1949: "The Enduement of Power"





## PROCEEDINGS

The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in its 271st session Friday evening and Saturday, January 7-8, 1949.

### FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Noel Greenway.

Devotional led by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Hymn, "Standing On the Promises."

Prayer, led by Bro. Willard Lackey.

Hymn, "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Prayer, led by Bro. Jesse Jones.

Special number in song by Messrs. Dodd, Greenway and Dees.

Sermon—Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Text: Acts 8:5-15.

Benediction—Rev. Noel Greenway.

### SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Service called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harvey Hill, who turned the devotional service to Rev. Harold Dunlap of St. Louis. The congregation united in singing "An Old Account Was Settled" and "Send the Light." Prayer led by Brother Willard Lackey and O. B. Womack. Rev. Dunlap read Phil. 2:5-18. After appropriate remarks on the Scripture, Rev. Dunlap recognized the Moderator who took charge and entered into the business of the Quarterly Meeting.

Due to the absence of the Clerk, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, a Clerk Pro Tem was elected. Mrs. Ruby Dunlap was elected by acclamation.

Rev. D. C. Dodd read constitution and by-laws of the quarterly meeting.

Standing delegates seated.

Reading of letters from the following churches: Berkeley City, Leadington, Aulsbury Chapel, Parkview, Richwoods, First, Fellowship, South Side, and Third.

Letters were received and the delegates seated.

Appointment of Committee on Committees: Harrison Phillips, Arthur Francis, Olin Lincoln, Chas. Miller, Wm. Burcham.

An interesting report was given by Bro. Olin Lincoln on the growth and plans of the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention.

Rev. Harold Dunlap gave a verbal report of the Tri-  
umphant Sunday School Convention.

Southeast Missouri League Convention report given by  
Bob Hill.

Motion sustained that these verbal reports be received  
as information.

Report of Executive Committee of Quarterly Meeting  
given by Bro. O. B. Womack. Received by motion.

Report of following Woman's Auxiliaries read and ac-  
cepted: Fellowship, First Church, Third Church, Desloge  
Ladies Mission. The women were commended on their  
splendid work accomplished the past quarter.

Motion sustained that the next Quarterly Meeting  
meet with the Third Church in St. Louis.

Rev. C. B. Dees gave a verbal report of the Home Mis-  
sion Board. The Treasurers report was given by Bob Hill.  
Motion sustained that this report be accepted and put  
into writing so that it can be included in this minute. (See  
reports).

A devotional service was led by Bro. D. Dodd while  
the Committee on Committees met.

A wonderful praise service was enjoyed by all. Truly  
singing hymns and giving thanks to God is pleasing to  
our Lord.

Motion sustained to adjourn until business session this  
afternoon.

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### 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP HOUR

Devotional led by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Hymns, "The Promised Land" and "Revive Us Again"  
led by Bro. Dodd.

Scripture: Psalms 96. Prayer, led by Bro. Lackey.

Girls Trio from South Side Church sang "He Set Me  
Free." The Mixed Quartett sang "Hallelulah, What A  
Saviour."

Sermon—Rev. F. C. Zinn. Text: Hab. 3:3; Psalms 85:6,  
Joshua 3:5. Subject, "Revivals of Today." A soul-stir-  
ring message based on lesson in I Kings 18, of the faith  
of Elijah. Realizing our need of a revival, have faith in  
God, wait on the Lord and follow His leadings are surely  
timely thoughts for Christian people. Won't you accept  
the challenge of this message and go forward for Christ's  
sake?

Prayer at the altar led by Bro. Albert Halbrook.



Report of Committee on Committees read and received by vote.

Dismissal prayer and blessing by Rev. J. F. Miller.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P. M.**

Rev. Zinn led the congregation in singing "Nothing But the Blood" and "Press Along To Glory Land."

Devotional conducted by Bro. Elmer Stegall. Scripture, Psalms 8. Prayer led by Bill Hughes. Bro. Stegall recognized the Moderator at this time who resumed the business session at his time.

Report of Temperance Committee read and received for discussion.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote. (See reports).

Partial report from the Business Committee read and received by vote for discussion item by item.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote.

Quarterly Meeting recessed to give the women time to organize a Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Regular business session resumed with singing by the South Side Girls Trio.

Conclusion of Business Committee report read and received for discussion.

Item No. 4 adopted by vote.

Item No. 5 adopted by vote.

Item No. 5 adopted by vote. (See reports).

Motion sustained to recommit Item No. 6 to Business Committee for revision.

Report read from Denominational Enterprises Committee and received for discussion.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote.

Item No. 4 adopted by vote.

Item No. 5 adopted by vote. (See reports).

Item No. 6 of Business Committee adopted by vote.

Motion sustained to grant licenses to candidates if the candidates pass satisfactory examination before Executive Board.

Item No. 7 of Business Committee adopted by standing vote.

Reading of minutes.

The following were appointed as a Revision Committee to report at the next session: Rev. Jas. F. Miller, Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Minutes approved by vote.

Final benediction, Rev. Chas. Miller.

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## REPORTS

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### Denominational Enterprises

1. Seeing the need of our mission work we recommend the co-operation of our churches with the mission board of this quarterly meeting.

2. We further recommend this board be made a standing board of the quarterly meeting. Members to serve for three years; one to be elected each year and that they have the authority to make their plans and set their goal. We further recommend that the mission board members be paid three (3) cents per mile traveled.

3. We recommend the increased support to our Bible College.

4. We recommend we, as Free Will Baptists, join together in planning and in prayer for the National Revival Month of March.

5. That we continue our hearty co-operation and support of the Youth Encampment.

(Signed)

Edna Archambo  
Noel Greenway  
W. P. Wheeler  
Rev. Wm. Reeves  
Ada Nichols

(Adopted)

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### Temperance

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We beg to submit the following report with certain recommendations:

1. In view of the fact that a tremendous waste of vital products such as sugar, grain, etc., are being used in the making of intoxicating beverages, while thousands of people are going hungry, we recommend that a program be offered our people, especially the youth of our churches, the responsibility to save.

Let us challenge ourselves with the example of our Lord Jesus and His apostles to gather up and save. John 6:1-13.



2. Since medical science has agreed that nicotine is injurious to health we recommend that our people be exhorted to refrain from the use of nicotine in any way, especially in the smoking of cigarettes. For the sake of example let us adhere strictly to article two (2) of our Church Covenant.

(Signed)

Opal Hughes  
Minnie Hunt  
Lucy Shaffer  
Luella Phillips  
Della Getz

(Adopted)

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### Business

1. Pursuant to the request of the South Side Church, we recommend that Roger Reed and Bob Hill appear before the Executive Board for examination for license to preach the Gospel.

2. We recommend that the request of the Fellowship Church relative to the ordination service for their deacons elect be granted and that the service be set for Saturday night, January 22, 1949 at the Fellowship Church.

3. Inasmuch that a crisis is approaching our Foreign Mission cause which demands immediate action if we are to avert calamity to our mission interests, we recommend that this quarterly meeting send one hundred (\$100.00) dollars from its treasury to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

4. Inasmuch as the quarterly meeting sessions are now held quarterly instead of annually there are certain irregularities in the present constitution and by-laws which must be corrected. We, therefore recommend that a Revision Committee be appointed for this purpose: to bring in a complete report at the next quarterly meeting.

5. We recommend the minutes of the quarterly meeting be printed annually rather than quarterly. Minutes to be printed following the second quarterly session of each year.

6. We recommend that this quarterly meeting officially recognize the newly organized Woman's Auxiliary work and that they be given one hour on Saturday at each session from 1:30 to 2:30 for their business.

7. We recommend that the quarterly meeting give a standing vote of thanks to the church at Desloge for their

splendid entertainment of this session of the quarterly meeting.

(Signed)

Rev. D. C. Dodd  
Rev. Harold Dunlap  
Rev. C. B. Dees  
Rev. Bob Hill  
Mrs. Effie Matthews

(Adopted)

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Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Clerk  
Desloge, Missouri

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### **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—APRIL 8-9, 1949**

**Theme: "The Enduement of Power"**

The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting met with the Third Free Will Baptist Church in its 272nd session on Friday night, April 8, 1949. The introductory service was called to order by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Harold Dunlap.

The program theme was "THE PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM AND THE ENDUEMENT OF POWER" taken from Acts 1:5.

The devotional service was under the direction of Rev. Bill Hill. Congregational singing, "I Would Not Be Denied." Prayer by D. C. Dodd. The congregation then sang, "When I See the Blood." Brother Hill read from Mark 14: 32-38 for the Scripture lesson and made some very timely remarks and then led the congregation in a testimony service.

Rev. Charles Miller, pastor of the Berkeley City Church, brought the message of the evening reading from Acts 1:5, which was used as a text. The message affirmed:

1. That we get into the kingdom of God through the "new birth."
2. That, having been born again, we must bear the family resemblance.
3. Some of the resemblances are:
  - a. New life
  - b. New countenance
  - c. Pure speech
  - d. Gentleness of manner
  - e. Love in action for every member of the family



f. Devotion to our Father's interests.  
Brother Miller concluded by telling us that without the spiritual baptism one could have no hope for the future but that by the abiding and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit we may look forward to a most glorious homecoming in the future.

Closing hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."  
Benediction, Rev. Harvey Hill.

### **SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1949**

The service was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harvey Hill, with devotions being conducted by Rev. Roger Reeds of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The congregation sang "Revive Us Again," and Bro. Snell led in prayer. The first and last stanzas of "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" were sung, followed by Scripture reading Psalm 121.

The Moderator took charge and had the assistant Moderator read the constitution and by-laws of the quarterly meeting.

Standing delegates seated.

Reading of Church letters. Motion sustained to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Visiting brethren invited to seat in council.

Moderator appointed the following as a Business Committee: D. C. Dodd, chairman; C. B. Dees, Claude Conway, Chas. Miller, J. F. Miller.

Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Committees: F. C. Zinn, chairman; Bob Hill, Roger Reed, Mrs. Effie Matthews, Mrs. Sophie Ackerson.

Oral report of the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention by Brother Willard Lackey.

Report read from the Home Mission Board and received by vote. (See reports)

Financial report read from the Treasurer O. B. Womack. Received by vote. (See reports)

Invitation extended for next Quarterly Meeting to convene with the Southside Church for the next session. Invitation was accepted by standing vote.

Congregation joined in singing "O I Want to See Him" and "Standing On the Promises."

Partial report read from the Business Committee. Received by sustained motion for discussion item by item.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote. (See reports)

Report read from the Triumphant Sunday School Convention. (See reports)

### 11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP HOUR

Service was opened with the congregational singing of "Kneel At the Cross," led by Bob Hill. Prayer, led by Albert Tucker. Hymn, "Tempted and Tried." Prayer, led by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Hymn, "When I See the Blood."

Report of Committee on Committees.

Rev. Noel Greenway, pastor of the Parkview Church, took the stand to deliver the sermon using as a subject "The Enduement of Power," and as a text Acts 1:5.

Hymn, "In the Sweed By and By" with a fellowship handshake around the altar, followed by a praise service.

Benediction, Rev. J. F. Miller.

### 1:30 O'CLOCK

The afternoon time from 1:30 until 2:30 was given to the Woman's Auxiliary at which time their pre-arranged program was given and their business transacted. The program consisted of a devotional service followed by a religious playlet entitled, "Unto the Least of One of These." The playlet was rendered by a visiting group of women from the Fredericktown Auxiliary and was much enjoyed by all present.

The Quarterly Meeting business was resumed with the report of the Denominational Enterprise Committee. Report received by vote to be discussed item by item.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote. (See reports)

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted by vote. (See reports)

Motion made and carried that minutes be printed in book form and as cheaply as possible.

Item No. 3 of Business Committee adopted by vote.

Motion sustained that Sister Arlene Smith, upon examination by the Quarterly Meeting Board, if found eligible, be granted first year license to preach the gospel.

Report of Southeast Missouri League Convention received by vote.

Reading of Minutes.

Motion to give this church for their hospitality, and the ladies from Fredericktown for their playlet, a stand-



ing vote of thanks. Motion carried.  
 Minutes approved by standing vote.  
 Benediction by Bro. Crocker.

## R E P O R T S

### Southeast Missouri League Convention

We are glad to report the Lord has blessed us in our convention. Our attendance and interest has been very good. The spirit of the Lord has been with us. We are looking forward to a great convention April 16, 1949, at the Southside Church in St. Louis.

(Signed)

Rev. Bob Hill, President

### Triumphant Sunday School Convention

Condition—good. Number Sunday Schools—4 (Richwoods, Southside, Berkely, Third). Average attendance—108. Number officers—3. Next convention April 10, 1949, at Southside. Officers for the coming year: President—Rev. Harold Dunlap, Secretary—Mildred Dobkins.

### Home Mission Board

To the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting while convened at the Third Free Will Baptist Church on April 9, 1949.

We, your Home Mission Board, wish to make the following report: Since the last session of the Quarterly Meeting we have visited all the churches except one. Since the organization of this board, we have visited all of the churches one time, some three times. With the exception of one church, all have given free will offerings and one church has given three offerings.

Balance prought forward from last meeting.....\$125.42  
 Offering from Itinerary:

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$ 10.50.
Leadington .....	8.35
Fellowship .....	16.17
Desloge .....	7.00
Richwoods .....	5.00
Berkely City.....	12.25
Desloge .....	12.25

Total .....	\$ 71.52
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Disbursements—Travel expense:

C. B. Dees.....	\$ 11.20
Bob Hill.....	15.80
C. B. Dees.....	8.40

Total .....	\$ 35.40
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Balance in Treasury.....\$161.54  
Chippewa Trust Co. of St. Louis, Missouri.  
(Signed)

Bob C. Hill, Treasurer

### Temperance

We, the committee on Temperance submit the following:

That our speech and action be becoming to the followers of Christ. That we abstain from ungodliness and worldliness lusts and live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, and as Daniel the prophet, we should purpose in our hearts that we will not defile our bodies.

Daniel 1:8 "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the kings meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Titus 2:12 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world."

I Cor. 9:25 "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

II Peter 1:6 "And to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance patience and to patience godliness."

Rev. 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

(Signed)

Effie Matthews, Chm'n.  
Christine Fryman  
Minnie Jackson  
Paul Stone  
Roger C. Reed

### Denominational Enterprises

We, the committee, submit the following:



Item No. 1—That the churches encourage and support the young people to attend the Youth Camp, and if possible, for churches or Auxiliaries to sponsor at least two or three who are unable to bear their own expenses.

Item No. 2—We suggest that the churches of this Quarterly Meeting continue to support the Home Mission Board by keeping these steps in mind:

- 1—Study the need
- 2—To pray about it
- 3—To finance it.

Item No. 3—We suggest to the pastors of the churches to keep the National League Conference, which convenes in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before their youth.

(Signed)

Bob Hill  
Lloyd Burcham  
Willard Darnell  
Alice Durbin

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### Executive Board

#### Part 1—

We wish to submit the following: After having examined Brother Wm. Crocker and Brother Bobby Wright, we find they are well qualified, therefor we recommend the request of the Third Church be granted and they be granted Ministers License for one year.

#### Part 2—

To the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting when convened with the Third Church April 7-8, 1949:

Three members of our Board, Rev. D. C. Dodd, Rev. C. B. Dees and Deacon O. B. Womack, met with the Fellowship Church on the night of January 11, 1949 for an ordination service.

After a devotional service, Rev. Dees brought the message. Text—Phil. 2:1-18. Subject, "Light in the World." Apraise service followed.

The following men were ordained: Robert Dodd, Othel Horton and Gerald Getz. The charge was given by Rev. D. C. Dodd. The ordaining prayer was led by Brother Womack with laying on of hands of the presbytery.

(Signed)

O. B. Womack, Secretary

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### Treasurers Report

Balance January 8, 1949.....\$430.03

Money received.....	29.50
Balance .....	\$459.53
Disbursements:	
Eunice Edwards.....	\$ 5.72
Foreign Missions.....	100.00
St. Francois County Journal (Programs)	6.50
Gem Publishers (Supplies).....	3.70
Total .....	\$115.92
Present Balance.....	\$343.61
(Signed)	
O. B. Womack, Treasurer	

### Business Committee

We wish to submit the following:

1—We recommend that the request of he Richwoods Church be granted and Brother Messex be ordained.

2—We recommend the request of the Fellowship Church be granted and Brother Bob Wilfong's license be renewed for another year.

3—Whereas, it is the opinion of the Business Committee that a change in the nature of our Quarterly Meeting Programs is feasible for the best interest of the work, and whereas our attenion has been called to the fact that valuable time has been lost in other Quarterly Meetings because of a lack of ready material for the delegated body, we therefore recommend to the Quarterly Meeting now in session to charge the Quarterly Meeting Board with the responsibility of arranging the Quarterly Meeting Programs for the next year.

(Signed)

D. C. Dodd  
C. B. Dees  
Claude Conway  
Chas. Miller  
J. F. Miller

Adopted April 7-8, 1949

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Clerk  
Desloge, Missouri



