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EDITORIAL

The Editor regrets the late despatch of this *Journal*.

Let me begin on a note of joy. After fifteen years of careful research Edward H. Milligan's BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF BRITISH QUAKERS IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY 1775-1920 is now available. Handsomely produced by Sessions of York, EHM hopes his book will be the inspiration for further research. It is good to have so wide-ranging and well-illustrated a reference work to both consult and enjoy. A full review will appear in the 2008 issue of *J.F.H.S.* A flier is enclosed with this issue and please see the FUTURE EVENTS page for an event on the 14 February 2008.

From joy to sadness at the loss of both Geoffrey Nuttall and Gerald A.J. Hodgett. A Congregational Minister, Geoffrey Nuttall made a distinguished contribution to the study of early Quakerism amongst other areas of his formidable scholarship. The Memorial Service held for him on the 16 November in London proved a moving and inspiring occasion.

Gerald A.J. Hodgett gave long service to the Friends Historical Society. He was President in 1979 and Editor of this *Journal* from 1986-96. Gerald too was a fine scholar and brought high standards to his editorship of the *Journal*. He could combine a serious and careful Quaker approach to all matters he dealt with with a quiet and gentle humour and a practical generosity which our Society benefitted from. There is to be a Memorial Meeting for Gerald at Westminster Meeting

House on Saturday, 26 January 2008 at 12.00 noon. An obituary, prepared by Rowena Loverance, is included in this issue.

The Executive Committee wishes Heather Rowland well on her move from the Library at Friends House to the Library and Collections of the Society of Antiquaries in the New Year.

Will readers please note carefully the FUTURE EVENTS page which gives notice of several events in 2008.

J.F.H.S. Vol. 61 No. 2 begins with Melanie Barber's Presidential Address which explores links between the Church of England and Quakers in two distinct periods. Drawing on her considerable knowledge of Quaker connexions in the archives of Lambeth Palace Library Melanie opens up a new and fascinating field for Quaker historians. Eighteenth Century records allow an exploration of how successive Archbishops of Canterbury viewed their Quaker contemporaries and the strength of their Meetings and witness. Contacts and Quaker initiatives with leading figures in the Anglican hierarchy between 1920 and 1960 are explored through several Quakers, principally the tenacious and visionary Edith Ellis.

Justine Williams, a postgraduate student, examines the controversial impact between Quakers and their opponents and supporters in Cambridge in 1659.

James Robertson demonstrates how a newly found letter of William Penn can illuminate his career at a specific date and context.

Adam Kidson's postgraduate research enables him to explore Irish Quakers and their response, through the Peace Testimony, to serious issues they faced in Ireland between 1880 and 1923. The Irish Revolution has seen much recent study so it is good to have a Quaker exploration of this troubled period in Anglo-Irish history.

The Editor welcomes articles or short items for consideration in future JOURNALS. He is willing to read drafts and advise where appropriate. He would like to include annotated Quaker historical documents, of reasonable length i.e. not too long, from contributors who have the expertise and enthusiasm to prepare them.

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