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EDITORIAL

The Editor apologises for the delay in the appearance of J.F.H.S. Volume 59, Number 3. I apologise to both contributors and readers.

A well packed room at the Quaker International Centre heard John Punshon's stimulating and thoughtful Presidential Address on Sunday 30 May. It will be published at the end of this year.

Enclosed with this issue is an appeal leaflet for the BeFriend a Book scheme which the Library at Friends House, London is launching. Many of us have used the Library in our researches and value it as a major repository of Quaker historical resources. I hope members of F.H.S. will feel able to give what support they can to this appeal. Leaflets were distributed to those present at the Presidential Address. If you already have a leaflet please pass the enclosed leaflet on to some one else who might be interested in responding.

Volume 59 Number 3 begins with Rosemary Moore's Presidential Address which brings a careful scholarship to the exploration of the biographical and historical background of the Quaker journeys of Isaac and Mary Penington.

Faith Rodger and Margaret Lawson have responded to the Editor's request to remind readers of the importance of the QUAKER TAPESTRY both as a record of Quaker history and spirituality and

as a most effective means of outreach to a wider public. If members of F.H.S. can offer support it would be greatly appreciated.

It is unusual to have two appeals in one issue but F.H.S. shares a common purpose and interest in the exploration of Quaker history and its continuing relevance for us.

Claus Bernet's short article remind us of the diverse character of Quaker spirituality drawing on an ancient tradition.

Sir Christopher Booth's article makes available further correspondence between members of the Fothergill family and Sir Joseph Banks.

David Sox shares with us his enthusiasm for the botanical artist, Sydney Parkinson.

Richard S Harrison's exploration of the Pim Brothers diverse business activities in nineteenth century Dublin is a major contribution to both Irish and Quaker economic history.

The next issue of the *Journal* should appear in early 2005 and will reflect the centenary year of F.H.S. in 2003.

The Editor welcomes articles or short items for consideration for inclusion in succeeding *Journals*. Contributors are advised to use the MHRA (Modern Humanities Research Association) STYLE GUIDE in the preparation of material, which is available from Subscriptions Department, Maney Publishing, Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL (e-mail maney@maney.co.uk) or online at the MHRA's website (www.mhra.org.uk). The Editor's decision is final as regards publication or revision.

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