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EDITORIAL

The Editor apologises for the long and frustrating delay in the appearance of *J.F.H.S. Volume 59, Number 1*. I apologise to both contributors and readers. With regret, circumstances have made it difficult for me to finalise the proofs on several occasions. This was especially so in 2001 when the Clerkship of Monthly Meeting required my considerable attention. I hope that the 2001 issue will be available before the end of this year.

Some members joined the Friends of the Wellcome Library & Centre for the History of Medicine in a joint meeting, held at the Wellcome Library, on 22 January 2002. Sir Christopher Booth spoke about the Quaker contribution to medicine, and David Sox on 'The Bartrams: Quaker "physicians" and flower hunters'. The meeting proved a happy and enjoyable occasion. Both speakers contribute to this issue.

This issue covers a wide range of Quaker history in both chronology and subject.

Farrand Radley's Presidential Address, now appearing in the tercentenary year, gives an affectionate and concise history of the development of the School on its four sites, with some interesting asides to add colour to the narrative.

David Farr, who has now spoken to the Society, presents a fascinating examination of a key, if neglected, figure at the centre of

events in the 1650s, with some important links to Quakers.

David Sox provides a carefully measured account of a controversial figure at the edge of eighteenth-century Quaker history.

Through the good offices of Alastair Heron, and the kindness of Sir Christopher Booth, the life and career of a major figure in British medical history can be celebrated in these pages.

Charles Stevenson takes us overseas with a broad overview and careful analysis of the development of Quakerism in Australia and the difficulties it encountered in taking root.

The perils of Quaker witness in a time of national controversy is explored, through a splendid blend of family and local records, in Metford Robson's account of what happened in Scarborough in March 1900.

Eva Tucker considers how experience of Quakerism informed the work of a major, if perhaps neglected, writer of the last century.

The Editor welcomes articles or short items for consideration for inclusion in the 2002 *Journal*, without which there will be no *Journal*! Contributors are advised to use the *MHRA* (Modern Humanities Research Association) *Style Book* in preparation of material, which is available from W.S Marney and Son Ltd., Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL. The Editor's decision is final as regards publication or revision.

Please note the 20 September 2003 in your diaries for marking the centenary of the founding of the Friends Historiical Society.

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